

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on August 11, 2026, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen – Teams
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Fire Chief Will Aho
Assistant Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

Cpt. Scott Fleming - Teams
Lt. Noah Fleming
FF Marcus Noble
FF Greg Lussier

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the warrants and EFT transactions as presented. AC Culp noted that the District's scheduled second quarter vehicle maintenance had been completed and included in the payments.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses; Voucher No. 25601-25630 totaling \$100,544.99 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$175,556.98. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2026 Budget and Bond Fund Report

The 2026 Expense Budget and Bond Fund Report were provided to the Board for review. Discussion included overtime costs, wildfire mobilization, and year-end projections.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Jadon Cluett – FC Cascade Soccer - Team Meeting – 8/5/26 (6:00-7:00 pm)
Approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

WFCA Annual Conference – October 21-24, 2026

Snure Seminar – October 21, 2026

After discussion, Chairman Meredith provided a Motion to approve compensation and attendance to the WFCA Conference and Snure Seminar. Commissioner Hansen provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

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CHIEF AHO'S BRIEFING / EF&R MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT:

Chief Aho reported on the following:

- The EF&R/FD27 ILA extension will be included on the EF&R consent agenda for September.
- Chief Aho updated on the CBA negotiations process.
- He thanked the Commissioners, Chief Culp, and the Fall City Crew for a great National Night Out event.
- EF&R welcomed six recruit firefighters on August 3rd.
- FD38/North Bend RFA Planning Committee kick-off meeting on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. at North Bend City Hall. Handout attached.
- EF&R is working with the Finance Committee on the 2027/28 budget with the plan to have a draft ready to present to the EF&R Board at the September meeting.
- EF&R has had multiple crews deployed to Wildland Incidents throughout the state during this wildland season. This allows crews to gain valuable experience but adds work for the shops and payroll to keep up with the deployments.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CULP'S OPERATIONS REPORT:

Alarms:

- In July 2026, the District responded to 44 aid calls, 15 medic calls, 26 Fire calls, and 13 service calls, for a total of 98 calls. The year-to-date total is 573 compared to 581 in 2025.
- Turn-out times: July - The turn-out time standard was met on 54 of 91 calls (59.3%). The 90th-percentile turnout time was 1:54.
- Redmond Fire went to five MIH calls.
- In July, we transported 14 patients to the hospital.

Career Staff:

- Probationary Firefighter Owen Moriarty has completed post-academy and started shift work on July 28 with B-shift.
- Probationary Firefighter David Johnson will come off probation on 8/11/2026. His time as a probationary firefighter was filled with many fires and calls that gave him valuable experience as he continues his career.
- Fall City has not been able to deploy on any wildland deployments. The crews have not been able to pre-fill their backfill. We have missed 9 different callouts. I am looking at the possibility of working with Kirkland Fire to deploy our brush truck with their personnel so we can make some money on the deployment of the unit. We will continue to offer opportunities to Fall City if they can deploy.

Training:

- Having the two new members within the department continues to increase the quality of training that is already produced. I want to thank the crews for all their hard work.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- We have ordered yearly uniform replacement equipment for staff.
- We were able to sell the old skid unit to Cascadia Prescribed Burn Association for \$4,000.00.
- A-152 has gone in for a PM in Shoreline. A-252 has gone back in for some re-occurring issues.
- Landscaping was completed. Thank you, Melinda, for setting that up.
- The F-350 will go on Friday for the camper shell installation.

Community Events/Activities:

- We hosted the annual National Night Out on August 4, 2026. It was another successful event. We

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did not have the turnout as in prior years due to the smoke and air quality from the Eastern Fires.

- AC Culp will be installing new flag holders on Red/Fall Road to replace the ones that were taken down after WADOT updated the crosswalk signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2027 Budget Planning

Secretary Wall stated that she is currently gathering data and inputting information into the financial models. In addition, the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport) data uploads are underway and are expected to be completed by September 1. AC Culp discussed the GEMT funding and recommended those revenues the District may receive be put towards apparatus purchases or reserves.

Apparatus Replacement and Vehicle Surplus

AC Culp discussed holding off on selling the Ford Explorers at this time. He stated that EF&R has a need to purchase additional staff vehicles and it would make more sense to surplus to another fire agency. The Boat and Tender replacements were discussed. AC Culp discussed procuring one of EF&R's tenders for the interim time period.

Vehicle Use Agreement

Chief Aho stated that the vehicle use agreement between EF&R and Fire District 27 was prepared and signed by him and Chairman Meredith last week

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-1, Obsolete Equipment

The Board reviewed Resolution 2026-1, Obsolete Equipment. AC Culp discussed the bunker gear and extrication equipment that was included in the list on appendix A.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved Resolution 2026-1, Obsolete Equipment. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER:

Secretary Wall requested Board approval for compensation and attendance to FD38/North Bend RFA Planning Committee meetings.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved compensation and attendance to FD38/North Bend RFA Planning Committee meetings.
MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 3:41 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman

Kelly J.
Commissioner

Kristen Belfield
Commissioner