

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 October 14, 2025, 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 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen - Teams
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

Cpt. Scott Fleming - Teams
Lt. Joe Springer - Teams
Act Lt. Noah Fleming - Teams
FF Greg Lussier - Teams

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No's 25281-25282 Totaling \$6,066.24; Voucher No's 25283-25311 Totaling \$80,107.23; and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$202,062.73. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2025 Budget and Bond Fund Report

The 2025 Expense Budget and Bond Fund Report were provided to the Board for review.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Jadon Cluett - Soccer Team Film Review - 9/29/25 (6:15 - 7:30 pm)

Falls Little League - Board Meeting - 10/29/25 (7:00 - 8:30 pm)

Agreements were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Systems Design West

A letter from Systems Design West, the District's transport billing company was received and it indicated that their billing services would increase \$1.00 per transport effective January 1, 2026.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms:

- For September 2025, the District responded to 26 aid calls, 15 medic calls, 26 fire calls, and 11 service calls, for 78 calls. The year-to-date total is 760 compared to 786 in 2024.
- Turn-out times: September – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 46 of 72 calls, which was 63.9%. The 90th percentile turn-out time was 2:13.
- Redmond Fire went to two MIH calls.
- EFR responded to three calls while we were on another incident, one call while we were at training, and four calls due to them being the closest unit.
- In September, we transported 11 patients to the hospital.



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Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- 36 hours of E-Shift duty for August.

Career Staff:

- Congratulations to Lt. McKinnon and Alexis on the addition of Baby Rustin, who was born on 10/07/2025.
- The two new Recruits had their first evaluation on October 3rd and are doing well in the academy.
- Captain Fleming and two firefighters from South King Fire went to the Sugarloaf Fire as part of a Strike Team for 10 days.

Training:

	3rd Quarter	Monthly Average
Brookshear	88.95	29.65
Lussier	62.25	20.75
Springer	61.7	20.57
Patterson	57.75	19.25
Noble	60.2	20.07
N.Fleming	45.95	15.32
Dumas	51.25	17.08
McKinnon	45.45	15.15
S.Fleming	192.87	64.29
Hillier	50.5	16.83
	716.87	23.90

Station/Equipment Projects:

- We have purchased the Brush Truck from Woodinville Fire through ESFR, and it has gone to Shoreline for repairs. When it returns, we will outfit it with our current brush equipment and place it into service.
- Kirkland Fire Department has expressed that they would like to purchase our current brush skid unit.
- Engine 152 has returned from the Shoreline Shops after it went through its annual inspection. It passed its pump test and had the kingpins replaced along with bushings on the cab.
- Davis doors will be scheduling its annual maintenance and replacement of the weather strips and seals around the windows of the bay doors. Thank you to Firefighter Dumas for working on this.
- I want to thank Firefighter Patterson for leading the project of installing a new hose reel that will be used to wash the units outside.
- The septic has been inspected and pumped for the year. Thank you to Melinda for setting this up.
- King County EMS has approved a new AED/Defib for the BLS providers. Our current AEDs are no longer produced, making it increasingly difficult to find replacement items for them. The new AEDs are more expensive, costing around \$10,000.00 per unit. We need to replace two of our AEDs so they can be placed on the Engine and Aid Car. We currently have \$5,027.00 in BLS Core funds available for use. I have asked King County EMS if they have other funding to help with the purchase, and I am still waiting for an answer. We will be purchasing two units at this time to utilize our BLS Core funds before the end of the year, with the hope of securing additional funding from King County EMS. The Board concurred with the purchase of the two AED units.



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- EMS Transport Billing Update: Per our policy, we have increased our transport fees based on the Medical CPI-U from August 2024 to August 2025. Our new rates for 2026 will be \$1021.58 per transport and \$20.43 per mile. Currently, our rate is \$980.40 per transport and \$19.61 per mile.

The Board discussed the transport services that the District has been providing and reflected on its success over the past year and half.

Community Projects/Events:

- I want to thank Firefighter Lussier for preparing for Fire Prevention Week at Fall City Elementary in October. The crews spent several days at the elementary school over the past week.
- We will be having our annual Halloween event on October 31st at the station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Contracting for Services Discussion

Chairman Meredith stated that he and Chief Culp met with Chief Ben Lane and Chief Will Aho to discuss an Administrative contract for Fire Chief and Deputy Chief services. Chief Culp reported that in the Chiefs' meeting they had discussed a couple of different ideas similar to the Mercer Island and Duvall agreements. Chief Culp stated that he could potentially become an EFR employee but would still have oversight of Fall City. Chairman Meredith discussed the scope of services that they had outlined and stated that there could be potential for cost savings. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Belfield asked about next steps. Chief Culp stated if the Board desires to open up negotiations for an Administrative contract for the Chief Officers services, he could invite the EFR Chiefs to the next Board meeting.

Chairman Meredith made a Motion to enter into negotiations with Eastside Fire and Rescue for an Administrative Services contract to provide Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief Services to be defined by Fall City. Commissioner Belfield provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary Wall's Annual Performance Review

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

To be discussed in Executive Session

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2025-5 Obsolete Equipment

Resolution 2025-5 Obsolete Equipment was provided to the Board for approval. Chief Culp stated that the Skid Unit listed on the appendix was purchased for about \$6,300 plus tax and its estimated value is around \$6,000. Chief Culp stated that the City of Kirkland is interested in purchasing the unit.

Chairman Meredith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-5 declaring the Brush Skid Unit Obsolete, Commissioner Hansen provided a second. MOTION CARRIED

KC EMS MIH Funds – New Vehicle Purchase

Chief Culp reported that the District has \$70,829 remaining in its MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) fund from King County EMS. These funds need to be spent before year end. An estimated \$8,000 would be paid to Redmond MIH for Qtr 3, and Qtr 4 services that they provide to us, which will leave a balance of \$62,829 in remaining funds. Chief Culp stated that he is considering a restructuring of the MIH program and would like to purchase a vehicle for the program with the funds. He had received approval from KC EMS that the purchase would qualify under the MIH program guidelines. The vehicle purchase was expected to cost about \$54,000 and there would be some additional costs for a radio and upfitting.

The Board concurred with Chief Culp's request and also discussed selling the 2009 Chevy Tahoe to alleviate future maintenance cost on it.



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Chairman Meredith made a Motion to approve the expenditure of approximately \$62,000 for a new vehicle that will be earmarked for MIH use and authorized Chief Culp to facilitate the purchase including any needed equipment, and that the District expects to be reimbursed from King County EMS for the expenditure, and the District would surplus the 2009 Chevy Tahoe. Commissioner Belfield provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

2026 Preliminary Tax Levy Worksheet

The Preliminary Tax Levy Worksheet was provided to the Board for review. The tax levy amount was \$3,123,996; an increase of 3% percent and the new construction levy was \$17,387. With the addition of \$13,704 in refunds the total allowable levy was \$3,155,087. The levy rate was listed at \$1.4055. per \$1,000 of AV (assessed valuation). Secretary Wall stated that these numbers will change.

2026 Draft Budget

The 2026 Draft Budget was provided to the Board for review and discussion. Secretary Wall reviewed the line items of the budget highlighting the EMS, Tri-Med Contract, and Investment revenues. The salaries, overtime, insurance, and maintenance expense line items were also discussed. The salary line item currently showed a savings due to the vacant Deputy Chief position. Additionally, a line item for a potential EFR contract would need to be added once those numbers are solidified. The total revenues were \$3,674,425 an increase of 3.82% percent from 2025 and the total expenses were \$3,452,000 an increase of 2.65% percent from 2025. Secretary Wall conveyed that the draft would change once we have the final Collective Bargaining Agreement and EFR contract information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a 30-minute Executive Session with Chief Culp at 4:05 pm in accordance to RCW 42.30.110(g); to evaluate the performance of a public employee; and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), for planning and adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. An additional 2 minutes were needed to finish the discussion.

At 4:37 pm the Board convened back into the Regular Meeting. Chairman Meredith stated that some additional information was desired by the Board before finalizing Secretary Wall's contract.

No Action was taken on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

OTHER:

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting and Public Hearing to take testimony on the District's 2026 Revenue Sources for November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 4:47 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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