

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on June 13, 2022, 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 7:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

DC Patrick LeDoux  
Lt Scott Fleming  
FF Jake Conroy  
FF Kyle Patterson  
Dave Hart

### **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 May 9, 2022, Regular meeting and May 24, 2022, Special meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment. He discussed the EMS Core services funds of \$6,342 that were received this month and was used to purchase three new Surface Pro laptops and wireless routers/gateways.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 23952-23978 totaling \$44,361.04; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$141,442.59. MOTION CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#### **2022 Budgets**

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements. Chairman Meredith discussed the District's reserve accounts for apparatus and operations and it was noted that there was no set policy for what those amounts should be, but the District makes an effort to save and earmark funds for our large capital expenses. Discussion ensued on the aid car purchase and Chief Culp reported that the purchase will be pushed out to 2023. The Board also discussed the District's increased operational costs, and levies. It was noted that the regular levy is limited to 1% increase plus new construction, and the 4-year M&O levy (2021-2024) has an inflationary factor of about 4% each year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **STATION USER AGREEMENT:**

Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild – Group Meeting & Fly-Tying Demonstration  
6/18/2022 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Approved

Secretary Wall reminded the Board that the memorial service for Tommie Brice will be held at the station on Saturday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

#### **Alarms :**

For May 2022, the District responded to 40 Aid calls, 21 Medic calls, 6 Fire Calls, and 5 Service calls for 72 total calls. The year-to-date total is 394 calls compared to 340 calls in 2021.





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Turn-out Times: May 2022 – The turnout time standard was achieved on 42 of 66 calls which was 63.6%. The 90% turnout time was 2:19.

### Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The 2022 Recruits are finishing their EMT School this month.
- Volunteer Staff has started Wednesday night drills twice a month at the station. The goal is to conduct group training with the volunteers and career staff on monthly fire topics.
- DC LeDoux and I are finishing the schedule for the 2022 Recruits that they will go through. They will be starting in July with Orientation and Hazmat Awareness and Operations and then move into Firefighter 1 in August. We are setting them up to have time at NORCOM and ride alongs with the Bellevue or Redmond Medic Units. The goal is to have them finish their IFSAC Firefighter I certification in August. We have also opened up this training to Snoqualmie and Duvall if they have any volunteers that need to attend.
- Firefighter Jon McKinnon has injured his knee while on a fire incident. We will be working with him on making sure all paperwork is completed and filled out.

### Career Staff:

- Firefighter Parker McKinnon is in New Mexico on deployment at the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire. He went as part of a team to help firefighters in COVID quarantine.
- I want to thank all crew members, both career and volunteer, for their continued hard work. Within the past few months, they have responded to severe incidents, and like always, they excel in providing the best care to our community.
- We will be working with Fall City Floats on a Safety PSA for river safety and are also working on a contract for services for overtime coverage if we have certain conditions on the river warranting a boat on the water.
- Lieutenant Bandy and Probationary Firefighter Hillier participated in being role-players for the Lieutenant and Captain promotional process for Eastside Fire.

### Training:

- Nine career staff will be testing for their IFSAC Firefighter II this week at Station 155. Engine 173 will be providing coverage during this time while the on-duty crew is testing.
- Training on the new CAD system will begin this week. The crews have been assigned videos to watch before live training begins. The CAD system goes live on July 12.
- Career and Volunteer staff are completing the WA State EVIP program. This is a new program in our District, so all personnel are taking the course. The Officers took the instructor course a few months ago for this change from the VFIS to WA EVIP.
- I want to commend the staff on training with other agencies on Special Operations and Fire Operations.
- Firefighter Fleming and Dumas attended a Wildland Drill in Duvall with Tender 152. This type of training allows our Red Carded Personnel to obtain continued training.

### Station/Equipment Projects:

- Engine-152 has a compartment door that was damaged while fueling at the county yard. It will probably take about two months before it will go into the shop for repairs. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for repair that will be filed with our insurance company.
- We have obtained the new computers and routers to upgrade our MDC capabilities on the backup units and the Tender. Ted Green is working on setting up the computers, and we are installing the routers in-house.
- Engine-252 has been having some issues with it going into Pump Gear. The concern is that the clutch plates within the transmission are warped, and this problem will continue to increase. I feel that this issue could be a significant problem if that transmission fails at a scene. This is not a





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new issue; a solution at the time was installing a transmission retarder switch to press before putting it into pump gear.

- We are working with Bothell Fire on the logistics of placing a brush skid on SUP152. If this option can be completed, Bothell, Snoqualmie, and Fall City would help supply personnel so that this unit could be deployed within the State. We are also looking at Tender 152 being able to be deployable as a support Tender within the State.

### Grants

- We are still waiting on WA DNR and FEMA for the announcement of awards for grants.

### Aid-Car

- The Vendor is working on final specs for the Aid-Car with the Commission's approval on the contract in August. The new Aid-Car would have a December 2023 delivery date. The chassis would not be ordered until October 2022, when Ford would open up orders to the vendors.

### COVID-19

- The District is finishing gathering information to submit a FEMA Public Assistance Grant for the COVID-19 disaster. I want to thank Melinda, DC LeDoux, for the hard work in collecting the information to be submitted.

### Community Involvement

- FCES Kindergarten classes will be visiting the station this week.
- We will be leading the Graduation Parade on Friday, June 17, at 2:30 for the High School, Middle, and Elementary Schools.
- We will participate in the Big Truck Event in Snoqualmie on June 23.
- Fall City National Night Out will occur in the afternoon on July 31, 2022.

Commissioner Hansen conveyed her appreciation to the Volunteers who helped out on Fall City Day.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

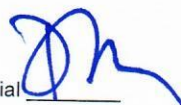
#### **Direction on Future Revenue Sources**

Chief Culp discussed the funding initiative which was identified within the strategic plan as a high priority. The M&O levy expires in 2024 and our objective is to determine the feasibility and options for potential revenues, whether it's from another M&O levy, a lid lift, or a fire benefit charge. Chief Culp discussed the current growth of new construction and the limitations of the 1% increase to the regular levy. Chief Culp also discussed the aspects of educating our community and involving them in the conversation. There is some cost to obtain the data and tools for the fire benefit charge in order to make some comparisons with the regular and M&O levies. Chief Culp requested direction from the Board.

The Board agreed that it was good to start having these conversations early and approved Chief Culp's request to proceed in laying out a plan to review the revenue options. Secretary Wall suggested having Attorney Snure attend a meeting to review the taxing structures for fire districts. Commissioner Belfield stated that having a good understanding of the complexities will be beneficial in our engagement with the community.

#### **Direction on Fire Training Consortium**

Chief Culp stated that over the past several months we have been looking at and evaluating our training structure and needs. He discussed training standards and professional development and provided some examples of what is customary and required for fire agencies. He discussed the IFSAC II certification and the benefits of having that for all of our members. He discussed how the firefighters training and certification levels effects the Washington State Rating Bureau's (WSRB) ratings and insurance. He further discussed the special operations training and having our volunteer academy in line with block training.



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Chief Culp briefed the Board on the three training options that were considered:

- 1) Hire a Training Officer; most expensive (\$140 - \$150k), not having the interoperability or opportunity to train with other departments.
- 2) Partnering with Duvall and Snoqualmie; lower cost than option 1, already have an established working relationship, training is done off-duty, increase in overtime costs.
- 3) Joining the North Training Consortium; benefits of interoperability with other departments, similar training structure as the South Training Consortium, allows the use of other training facilities within zone 1. Cost – first year (2023) approximately \$61,000. Reduction in overtime training costs – most training would occur on shift. Committed to the vision of professional development.

After a lengthy discussion, Chief Culp’s recommendation to the Board was option 3 to join the North Training Consortium. He stated that each partner in the North Training Consortium has one vote at the table and they would like to have a multi-year commitment with a one-year notice to terminate. Chief Culp stated that he would have Attorney Snure review the agreement.

The Board concurred with moving forward on joining the North Training Consortium.

Chief Culp will keep the Board apprised to when the final agreement is ready and then present it to the Board for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

W. Meredith

Chairman

Timothy H.

Commissioner

Kristopher J. Belfer

Commissioner