



## **Business Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Asst Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Joe Simmons, Captains Rob Thurston and Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

**Public Commentary:** No public

### **EXECUTIVE**

**Hospital overcrowding** – This issue is not improving and the Chiefs' Association is continuing to meet with hospitals looking for a solution.

**Online Conference with Brian Snure** – I am encouraging all officers and commissioners to log on to this webinar which will talk about changes needed in our compensation program. There was a court case in late 2021 that more clearly set the rules on compensating volunteers. We anticipate this being a significant change in how we compensate individuals. I sent information to your emails on the date and time.

**Sky Valley Awards** – I represented our organization at the Sky Valley Awards banquet. Unlike in years past, we gave our thanks to the community for showing their love and support for the Bolt Creek Firefighters. We did honor Capt Bob Delvecchio but with no plaques. I think this approach was well received by those in attendance.

**DEM** – They are working on an invoice for us to purchase two of the IMT trailers previously owned by the IMT group. We will be paying \$100 for each trailer. Darrington will be purchasing the command bus also previously owned by the IMT.

### **OPERATIONS**

**Station 53:** The electrical inspection was done and passed for us to cover the walls with sheetrock.

**AFG Grant:** Chief Walters is still working on the Environmental and Historic Preservation review for the AFG grant that we received for the exhaust systems in the stations. Walters is still working on the documents to send out to vendors in the next week or two and will be setting up appointments for them to come out and review the project.

**New Aid Car:** The Aid Car is now in service at Station 55, and we are working on a short

punch list of items that we need for it.

## EMS

**Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)**- All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team through January.

**Code Stat** is caught up, and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

**Continuing EMS Education**- Begun the 2023 OTEP training calendar for both BLS and ALS providers

**Medics**- There is an upcoming interview with a potential new medic.

**Vail Medics**- The majority of ski shifts have been covered, and Vail is content.

**District 5 Medics**- Open communications with D5 admin regarding their medic integration process and the dos and don'ts of using them for assistance during this period.

Open communication with SCEMS and D5 MPD delegate.

As patient advocates, we want the best and quickest care available while staying within the boundaries of the Paramedic Integration Process.

January ALS coverage 99% (7 hours not covered out of 744 total hours)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

**EVCC** - We hosted 23 EVCC students for their Wildland Field day, we have another EVCC Wildland class in April. This has been a good recruiting tool for motivated new members in the past.

**IMT** – Capt Coulson has a meeting with the Homeland Security Program manager to collaborate about forming our IMT, which will likely be named Homeland Security Region 1 IMT.

**Call Volume** – 1400 calls were responded to in 2022

**Training Center** – The recent permit has been paid and we are talking with WSDOT to make sure their permits are in line with having the existing driveway repaired and brought up to current standards.

**Recruit Academy** – Entering fifth week with 15 students still working hard.

## Secretary's Report

The audits are now complete. Waiting for the state auditor to schedule the exit interview, and waiting for a final determination of the amount due for the IRS audit.

Budget  
Currently at 15%.

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Minutes: Leigh moved to approve the January minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 53 through 81 for \$42,852.57, and vouchers 82 through 95 for \$35,785.88 from the expense account, and voucher 3 for \$2,554.00 from the Construction Fund. He also moved to approve an automatic withdrawal by the county of \$13,182.48 for the timber tax processing fee. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$121,837.27. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Action Items

Pat moved to approve Resolution 2023-01, Hazard Mitigation Plan. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously and the resolution was signed.

#### Discussion Items

The department was contacted by Snohomish County DEM regarding the deterioration of the levee on the Wallace River behind Moonlight Drive. A plan is under discussion for the possibility of flooding on May Creek Rd and Moonlight Drive.

#### New Business

Commissioner Christianson plans to attend the Sno Isle Commissioners banquet and meeting.

Next regular meeting March 8, 2023 in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

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