



# Snohomish County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Progressive Fire Protection Through Cooperation"

Established 1970

## Board Meeting

**September 25, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

### Officers

#### **President**

DC Dave Kraski

#### **Vice-President**

AC Shaughn Maxwell

#### **Treasurer**

Chief Jim Haverfield

#### **Immediate Past President**

### Directors

#### **Large Agencies**

Chief Kevin O'Brien

#### **Medium Agencies**

Chief Eric Andrews

#### **Small Agencies**

Chief Keith Strotz

### Liaisons

#### **Legislative**

Chief Michael McConnell

#### **Fire Commissioners**

Chief Don Waller

#### **Training/Safety Officers**

Chief Colby Titland

#### **Special Operations**

Chief Dave Ruddell

#### **EMS Council**

Chief Joe Hughes

#### **Fire Prevention**

Shawneri Guzman

#### **Washington Fire Chiefs**

Chief Michael McConnell

#### **Policy/Procedure**

#### **Committee Chair**

Chief Eric Andrews

#### **SNO911 Fire Tac**

Chief Eric Andrews

## **Call Meeting to Order**

## **Additions to Agenda**

## **Approval of Minutes**

Please see the minutes from the previous Board meeting attached.

## **Old Business:**

- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) – Richard Davis, CSD Law
- SCEMS JTF Review
- Zenkai /Filium Apparel – Potential Prototypes?

## **New Business:**

- SCEMS – Future Planning

## **Committee/Division Updates (as needed)**

## **Announcements**

## **Adjourn**

## **Attachments:**

Minutes – August 28, 2024



Chief Maxwell would like to see more work done around how operations will work.

The rules will change at the end of September and those new rules will affect the work that has been done.

Chief Andrews shared that he feels that this process has not been fair, and people have been attempting to manage it from outside the taskforce. He feels that money and time have been wasted.

Chief O'Brien is disappointed that the process seems to have stalled.

Chief Haverfield did share with the group he doesn't feel like this been derailed by the larger groups and he understands that they may want to slow down due to the large increases they'll see.

The goal was to get this completed by January of 2025, but the Executive Board did note that that was a goal and not a deadline. Chief Maxwell offered that he was willing to bump up the ftes for SCEMS in the interim, while various solutions are investigated.

Chief Strotz agreed that maybe this process has been moving a bit too fast. He'd be fine with moving this ahead to the 2026 budget cycle.

Chief Haverfield would like to see this done right, rather than quickly.

Chief Eastman shared that his board would ask the question "What are we getting for the increased cost (\$500,000k)?" and that, and other questions, have not yet been addressed.

What are the minimum requirements needed to run the County EMS office? (Taskforce will need to weigh in on this as to what the minimums are) SCF feels minimums should be established, to begin with, and then governance can organically grow with the organization, as necessary. Chief Eastman would like to see the group look at the RCWs and go by those minimum requirements.

Are they doing what they need to do to stay compliant?

What is the responsibility of County EMS?

What are the responsibilities of the various county fire agencies?

Chief Andrews feels that a mixed message may have been given to the Committee. He remembers the mission being given to the taskforce as "What type of county EMS office do we need?" He's surprised to hear that the mission is now, "What is the minimum?"

Chief Kraski concurred that there may have been some mixed messaging.

Chief O'Brien is advocating that the groups, SCEMS and SCFCA, should take their time.

Chief Kraski made a motion to delay the vote that had been scheduled for the September 9, 2024, general membership meeting. Chief Haverfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**E. New Business**

**Textile manufacturer Filium/Zenkai Apparel**

Chief O'Brien is familiar with a person who runs a business that manufactures PFAS-free cotton-based clothing. It sheds water. Vancouver Fire has been wearing their t-shirts. Chief O'Brien has been wearing one of the shirts to work out and he's found it to be great; no odor and it seems to launder well.

The owner of the company will join us at the General Membership meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Records and the Open Public Meetings Act**

The county fire chief's association is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Attorney Richard Davis will attend the next Board meeting to discuss the applicable regulations/RCWs with the group.

**F. Committee Updates**

None.

**G. Announcements/Good of the Order**

None.

**H. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1401 hours. The motion was made by Chief Strotz and was seconded by Chief Kraski.

**Minutes prepared and submitted by:** Susan Bjorling  
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**1:00 pm**

**Attachments:**