



**Snohomish County Chiefs' Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**May 22, 2024**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Dave Kraski	<b>President</b> North County Fire
	Shaughn Maxwell	<b>Vice-President</b> South County Fire
	Jim Haverfield	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> SCFD 17
	Eric Andrews	<b>Medium Agencies Director</b> SCFD19
	Keith Strotz	<b>Small Agencies Director</b> SCFD19
		<b>Immediate Past President</b>
	Josh Cole	<b>Paine Field Fire</b>

- A. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 1305 hours.
- B. **Adopt/Adjust Agenda** No adjustments to the agenda
- C. **Minutes**

Action: A motion was made by Chief O'Brien to approve the minutes. Chief Andrews seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

- D. **Old Business**  
**None.**
- E. **New Business**

**County/Statewide Administrative Badges for Incident Response**

Chief Josh Cole of Paine Field Fire requested the group discuss the administration of a program that would enable administrative employees to carry some type of countywide admin/support staff badge that would include both jurisdictional and agency identification.

This discussion stems from an issue that arose during an incident at Paine Field where Chief Cole's administrative support person was denied access to the scene.

His thought is that there could be a badge made in concert with DEM and/or the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office that would be "approved" and education/information would be provided to surrounding agencies.

Chief Andrews mentioned that it could be helpful to have some type of either county or statewide bar code that would be scannable by deputies or other command staff that would allow access to authorized personnel.

Chief Cole questioned whether there might be some type of statewide holographic sticker that might be applied to a badge.

Chief Andrews shared that there could be a situation where someone with experience in incident command may not be able to get to their home agency; they might be able to stop at a neighboring agency and still provide their expertise.

Chief O'Brien suggested perhaps sending a letter to County Law Enforcement chiefs to make them aware of acceptable agencies.

Chief Kraski will reach out to the Snohomish County Law Enforcement Chiefs Association to ask them to discuss various options relating to a potential solution.

### **SCEMS Request for Special Meeting**

The SCEMS taskforce would like the general membership to meet on July 15<sup>th</sup> to share their work to date. It is anticipated that the meeting would last approximately 1-1.5 hours.

Chief O'Brien asked for clarification from Chief Maxwell as to their funding request that was made at the last general membership meeting. Chief Maxwell shared that the SCEMS council voted to approve more funding. For trust and transparency SCEMS asked the SCFCA general members for their blessing before utilizing the approved funding.

Chief Andrews shared that he feels that if SCFCA has approved the SCEMS budget through the annual process, line items budget items should not have to be presented to the group, at large, for additional approval. Chief Maxwell mentioned that it was brought forward at the last general meeting as an exercise with the hope of building trust, but he does understand the perspective provided by Chief Andrews.

Chief O'Brien endorsed providing any additional funding necessary to see this project through to completion.

Chief Kraski will reach out to Dave DeMarco to confirm that July 15<sup>th</sup> will work for him.

## **F. Committee Updates**

The SCEMS task force has been working well together. They look forward to presenting their work, to this point, on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Colby Titland has requested that SCFCA members review the proposed IMS policy changes distributed via email on May 22, 2024. There will not be a significant overhaul, but details are included.

Jason Biermann with Snohomish County has requested to meet with the E Board on June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss coming up with future sustainable funding options. The meeting invitation was sent out by Susan Bjorling on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **H. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1333 hours. The motion was made by Chief Maxwell and was seconded by Chief O'Brien.

**Minutes prepared and submitted by: Susan Bjorling**  
Executive Assistant, Office of the Fire Chief  
South County Fire

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**2:00 pm**

**Attachments:**