



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
Board Meeting
1:00 p.m.
April 26, 2023

PRESENT:	Thad Hovis	President South County Fire
	Dave Kraski	Vice-President North County Fire
	Eric Andrews	Medium Agencies Director SCFD19
	Keith Strotz	Small Agencies Director SCFD19
	Jim Haverfield	Absent
	Bob Eastman	South County Fire

A. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 1301 hours.

B. **Adopt/Adjust Agenda** No adjustments to the agenda.

C. **Minutes**

Action: Chief Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. Chief Kraski seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

D. **Old Business**

Wall Wait Times – Bob Eastman

Wall wait times vary within the county. Chief Bob Eastman shared that South County Fire personnel have been developing a dashboard with 4 to 5 tabs. It evaluates year-to-date information, specific date information, and agency specific information. Average, median and 90% wall times during specific time frames will be able to be examined. It can also be viewed globally- all agencies, all transports and where they sit. It may also be able to sort by call type. It will be available in First Watch and SCF will be willing to share it with any interested agency. The target date for this project is June 30th, 2023.

Wall times will be measured but it will not be as accurate due to a variance in the type of information populated by agencies. It will be based on user input.

Providence has started to bring in NW Ambulance during peak times. Some of the EMTs will be utilized to care for BLS patients. This will allow units to be returned to service. They are also working on the development of a policy level document to be able to determine how and when level loading should be done. Reaching a point where all the facilities agree on system-wide/county-wide processes is the goal.

Consortium RFP Responses – Terry Peterson

Some members of the Executive Board will meet to interview vendors on April 27th, 2023.

E. New Business

Jeff Cole's Nomination to PTCC – Representing Large Group

Retired Marysville Fire Chief Darryl Neuhoff has recommended that Jeff Cole succeed him as the representative to PTCC.

Chief Andrews made a motion to approve the nomination. Chief Hovis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GMR Nurse Navigator Demonstration for Discussion – Terry Peterson

Chief Kraski shared that he does see the value in the Nurse Navigator program presentation provided by Sno911.

During the presentation Dr. Keay (County MPD) was assured that she would review and approve the protocols.

The program may provide a 4-5% reduction in call volume.

A cost proposal is being prepared and will be presented to the Executive Board at an upcoming meeting.

The funding model will likely include Sno911 assessments, but other options will be explored based on budget cycles for the various agencies.

The program is run on an annual contract basis.

Chief Haverfield would be interested in exploring how agencies across the country have mitigated potential risks and liabilities.

Chief Kraski shared that the Nurse Navigator Agency would incur the liability, indemnifying various fire agencies.

Vancouver, Spokane, and Seattle either have plans to or are currently utilizing the service.

Chief Andrews and Chief Strotz appreciate their personnel having opportunities to visit and establish rapport with their surrounding community members, but they also encourage consistency county wide and understand why larger agencies might find value in the program.

F. Committee Updates

Chief Andrews – TAC approved the new type code for weapons being involved in the injuries sustained that necessitate a 911 call or weapons being in the area of a call. The policies and the County Resource plan have been updated on the website.

G. Announcements/Good of the Order

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1328 hours. The motion was made by Chief Kraski and was seconded by Chief Strotz.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Susan Bjorling
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South County Fire

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2023
1:00 pm

Attachments: