



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
April 1, 2024

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield
Thad Hovis
Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

President North County Fire
Vice President South County Fire
Secretary/Treasurer Snohomish County FPD 17 (absent)
Immediate Past President, South County Fire (absent)
Large Agency Director Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
Medium Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19 (absent)
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Joel Johnson
Mike Calvert
Dave DeMarco
Paul Gagnon
Grady Persons
Ned Vander Pol
Jennett Nielson
Glen Albright
John Cermak
Joshua Cole
Scott Dorsey
Ryan Keay
Lori Burke
Greg Osborne
Thad Frater
Don Waller
Chad Crandall
Bill Dane
Terry Peterson
Todd Anderson
John Chalfant
Bob Eastman
Jason Isotalo
Dave Wells
Ryan Lundquist
Michael McConnell
Colby Titland
Darryl Neuhoff

Darrington Fire
Everett Fire
Everett Fire
Everett Fire
Everett Fire
Marysville Fire
Marysville Fire
Mukilteo Fire
North County Fire
Paine Field Fire
SCEMS
Snohomish County Medical Program Director
Snohomish County Fire Marshal
Snohomish County FPD 4
Snohomish County FPD 4
Snohomish County FPD 4
Snohomish County FPD 17
Snohomish County FPD 17
Sno911
South County Fire
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Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
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Marysville Fire (Chief, Ret.)

- A. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at **1130** hours.
- B. Adopt / Adjust Agenda**

Adjustment to the agenda: President Kraski added a block of time (10 minutes) to allow David Meyers, Executive Director, Washington State Fire Fighters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee to provide an overview of the JATC Program.

C. Minutes

- **Discussion:** No discussion.
- **Action: Motion** by Chief Cermak to approve the minutes of the March 2024 meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Isotalo. **Approved** unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report

Discussion: There was no activity for the month of March 2024.

E. Old Business

Nurse Navigator Update (Terry Peterson/VP Maxwell)

Chief Maxwell shared that the launch of Nurse Navigator has not been without its difficulties. Calls were being redispached. GMR/AMR discovered a major glitch in the system that was sending nearly every call back to the dispatch system. Essentially, for the first three months the system was not working as all involved had hoped it would. Troubleshooting for abdominal pain has been difficult so that has been pulled back. A two-day workshop with GMR led to some good discoveries and a path forward. Terry Peterson with Sno911 feels things are now trending in the right direction. The expectation is that approximately 40% of calls will be redispached. There have been some instances of patients refusing to be sent somewhere else by Nurse Navigator and still asking for crews to respond.

There will be another update on this issue in June.

F. New Business

- **SCFCA 501c3 Status - Discontinuance (President Kraski)**

There has not been a need to collect public donations for the group so it has been discussed that the 501c3 status may not need to be renewed at this time. President Kraski will seek legal counsel to determine if the donations made to PACs in the interest of supporting legislation would require that we retain the 501c3 status. An update will be forthcoming.

- **SCEMS Request to Contract with an Accountant / 501c3 Status (Scott Dorsey)**

SCEMS has discovered that they had not paid taxes since 2018. They have been interviewing accountants and they'd like to extend a contract to a preferred candidate.

- **Request to Purchase the Snowflake Cloud Data Platform (Terry Peterson)**

ESO is migrating some of their back-end data analysis platforms. They are moving to the Snowflake platform. The Data Standards Committee is recommending that SCFCA purchase a county-wide license with a cost of \$18k per year. Users can be added through the umbrella account with Sno911. The recommended motion is to request that SCFCA purchase the Snowflake Data platform.

This platform will provide real-time access to the data available within the ESO platform; it can be retrieved daily, providing great, time-saving benefits regarding analytics processes.

Chief Cole sought clarification about how the expenses will be processed. Terry Peterson shared that the cost will be added to the Sno911 invoices.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the umbrella license (countywide through Sno911) of the Snowflake Data Platform at a cost of 18k annually.

The **motion** was made by Chief Cermak
Seconded by Chief Maxwell.
Approved unanimously.

David Meyers - JATC

The program, in conjunction with Labor and Industries, provides 6k hours of on-the-job training funded by the Washington State Fire Insurance tax.

This is an alternative or additional program to consortiums or agency training academies.

Please see the attached program roadmap or reach out to David Meyers, Executive Director, Washington State Firefighters JATC at dmyers@wsffjtc.org

Chief Cermak mentioned that the JATC program is also seeking a letter of recommendation from SCFCA addressed to the Washington State Fire Chiefs Association and/or the Washington State Legislature to help secure additional funding for the program.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmit (absent)

Sno911 - Terry Peterson

No report.

Fire Commissioners - Don Waller

Next Commissioners meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Fire Resources Coordinator - Travis Hots (absent)

Pre-wildland season information meeting will be held on April 16 at the Big Lake fire station.

Fire Marshal - Lori Burke

Lori mentioned that some counties to the north of us have issued a permanent burn ban for summer months.

Counties to the South are leaning toward a ban for the months of July and August.

Snohomish County is looking at issuing a ban on residential burning with the support of the Fire Chiefs for the months of July and August (no outdoor burning of yard debris). There are a few fire districts that already practice this as part of their regular processes.

Members should feel free to reach out to Lori with any feedback.

H. Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC - Eric Andrews

Fire TAC has delayed the update of CAD due to issues with one of the modules. No date is projected. NorCom CAD has been testing.

Sno911 is buying 25% of all the fleet batteries and issuing them to the departments. Agencies will need to determine how to best manage receipt of the necessary supplies.

EMS - VP Shaughn Maxwell

Task Force Update - members are encouraged to reach out to the task force with any questions or concerns. All are welcome to observe task force meetings and share input. The group meets twice per month. They hope to return to SCEMS in September with a recommendation and more information about the impact on various budgets.

SCEMS Director Dorsey was initially hired to work 32 hours per week. He has consistently worked 40 hours per week. He has also incurred some unexpected costs regarding liability insurance, etc. A motion was made to increase his contract to include 40 hours per week. The hourly rate will stay the same as previously negotiated.

The motion was made by Chief Eastman

Seconded by Chief Cermak

Unanimously approved.

SnoCo MPD - Ryan Keay

Please see attached presentation.

SCEMS Director - Scott Dorsey

SCEMS is continuing to work with IS Outsource. They are in the process of developing their budget.

Governance is continuing to work well.

They are working on a comparative governance analysis - Whatcom, Thurston, and Pierce Counties.

They have nearly finalized the job description for their QA analyst role.

The SCEMS website will be cleaned up by an outside contractor with the goal of making it more helpful and user friendly.

Scott Dorsey recommends Monday.com for project management. It will help provide a timeline for completion of the various projects, OTEP, CAM, etc. He's requesting stakeholder input to help inform their work.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee - Eric Andrews

There are minor changes posted on the website regarding medium/mid/high rise guidelines.

Fire Prevention - Shawneri Guzman (absent)

Training Consortium - Shaughn Rice (absent)

Training Officers/Safety Officers - Colby Titland

Spring Leadership training was successful. They hope to offer something tactical in the Fall. Q2 training should be up and available for anyone using Vector Training.

Snohomish County IMS policy draft should be delivered to this group in early Fall. No major changes are anticipated. Some county-level training gaps will need to be addressed.

Special Operations - Dave Ruddell (absent)

Washington Fire Chiefs - Michael McConnell

Fire Marshals will continue with a standing committee regarding fire marshal activities based on the recommendation from the report.

DNR is working on IMS.

Firefighters' association has been raising concerns about NSCA standards/recommendations. Washington Fire Chiefs have been asked to weigh in on this issue.

Legislative - Michael McConnell

The top 5 bills that the association backed all passed. The firefighter memorial has been fully funded. There will be a planning team engaged ensuring that all interests are represented.

WFC endorsed Dan Muncie (San Bernardino) for the Second VP of the IAFC.

Thank you to the Public Safety Educators.

Washington Fire Chiefs Conference will be held in May in Kennewick.

The Fire Administration Support Conference will be in Everett in October.

The next legislative agenda will be set leading up to the WFC conference in May.

Waller, Kraski and Maxwell should be attending FORCE. Congratulations to them!

I. Announcements/Good of the Order

Chief Cermak of North County shared that the strip mall at the academy will be completed in July. No updates on the regional grant for the CO2 turnout cleaning system. Academy is in week 6 or 7 currently.

Chief Eastman of South County Fire reported that Chief Hovis's retirement will be acknowledged by the South County Fire Board of Commissioners at their June meeting. Chief Eastman will be sworn in on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Chief Vander Pol- Marysville Fire has posted an entry-level firefighter/EMT opening until the end of the month.

Granite Falls has been accepting bids and will award a contract soon for construction of their new HQ/station.

Colby Titland reported that SRFR just opened a posting for a DC of Training. He complemented Shaughn Rice on all he's accomplishing at the academy.

Chief Joel Johnson thanked all who attended the Oso Memorial Dedication. It was a bittersweet, but very good day. It's a moving memorial and he encouraged people to visit.

Chief Waller thanked everyone for attending the meeting at SCFD4. The burn on the Pine Avenue project has been narrowed down to two structures in the second week of April. SRFR, South County, and SCFD4 have all been working together to message this out to the community.

**Motion to adjourn by Darryl Neuhoff.
Seconded by Chief Eastman.
Adjourned at 1253 hours.**

J. Adjournment Motion to adjourn proposed by Chief Neuhoff. **Seconded** by Chief Eastman and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **1253 hours**.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Susan Bjorling / Executive Assistant - South County Fire

Next Meeting:

Attachments:
JATC Road Map & Apprenticeship 101 Documents
SCEMS Director/MPD Update