



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
June 3, 2024

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield

Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

Chad Schmidt
Joel Johnson
Mike Calvert
Dave DeMarco
Paul Gagnon
Grady Persons
Travis Hots
Jenett Nielson
Ned Vander Pol
John Cermak
Josh Cole
Scott Dorsey
Eric Andrews
Ernie Walters
Ryan Keay
Greg Osborne
Don Waller
Chad Crandall
Bill Dane
Terry Peterson
James Curtis
Bob Eastman
Shawneri Guzman
Mike Hudson
Jason Isotalo
Dave Ruddell
David Wells
Ryan Lundquist
Michael McConnell
Colby Titland
Leah Schoof
Dr. Ryan Keay
Val Manuel
Dan Schwartz
Emmy Duros
Lori Burke

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

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North County Fire
Paine Field Fire
SCEMS
Sky Valley Fire
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Snohomish County Medical Program Director
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A. Call to Order Meeting called to order at **1134** hours.

B. Adopt / Adjust Agenda

PSTrax provided a brief overview of their services. Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Jeff Griffin with the Washington and Western Fire Chiefs Association would like to make a short presentation.

C. Minutes

- **Discussion:** No discussion.
- **Action: Motion** by Chief Strotz to approve the minutes of the May 2024 meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Eastman. **Approved** unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report

Discussion: There was no activity for the month of May 2024, per Chief Haverfield. No revenue, no expenditures.

Chief Johnson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Chief Strotz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Old Business

IMS POLICY REVISIONS - Colby Titland

Colby expressed his gratitude to the folks who've worked on the project.

The proposed revisions have been approved by Fire TAC. The committee recommends that SCFCA approve the policy, as well.

They'd also like to open and update the accountability policy and present it as an appendix on a later date.

Chief Cermak made a **motion** to approve the IMS Policy revisions, Vander Pol seconded the **motion**.

The motion passed unanimously.

The accountability policy will be examined more closely in the fall.

SCEMS TASKFORCE UPDATE

The work of the group is wrapping up and they're prepared to present an update on Monday, July 15th from 10 am- noon.

A vote could be taken in September to allow people time to plan for their budget cycles.

North county chiefs have had their presentation and discussions are being held. The feedback through small group meetings has been positive.

A **motion** was made by Chief Maxwell to hold a special meeting. It was **seconded** by Chief Vander Pol. **Motion passed unanimously.**

F. New Business

Jeff Griffin spoke about a new federal registry. Washington has a state plan and contracts back with federal OSHA. The contract requires that within 6 months more impactful rules must be in place after a federal registry is published.

Proposed federal registry adopts 29 sections. It will involve more work for all agencies. Compliance could be a challenge. Revenue and staff are creating issues. It is currently unfunded.

IAFF has signed on and are in support of this registry.

The IAFC has remained neutral.
National volunteers are opposed to it.

The response period ends June 21st.

There has been some pushback, and a few state OSHAs have come out to register complaints.

Rewrites are expected.

Some good news from federal fire:

AFP grants have begun to be administered.

A key piece of important information regarding public safety legislation is that there is a push to cover cancer and volunteers. On April 30th two House Representatives (Kilmer, DelBene) picked this up and they will be proposing that Washington State adopt it.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmit (In Lucia's absence a brief report was provided by Chief Andrews)

The county wildfire plan is being developed.

DEM has received a 250k grant and the projected timeline for implementation is 2025.

Sno911 - Terry Peterson

Please update your RAVE profiles. There is a drill planned and it's important to have accurate information.

Fire Commissioners - Don Waller

Meeting at SCFD4 next Wednesday at 7 pm. A meal will be provided before the meeting.

Fire Resources Coordinator - Travis Hots

Northwest Fire Defense Board meeting held on May 23

NW Fire Defense plan is up for revision. Updates will be submitted to the Board.

They will have 9 engines on duty during day shift beginning next Monday.

Two hand crews will be on duty June 10th. Helicopter will be stored at Big Lake fire station.

DNR will run requests through the NW Fire Defense Board. This will provide maximum opportunity for people to participate in callouts.

Regionally, they are working on deploying resources most efficiently.

Updates will be sent to agency coordinators.

Fire Marshal - Lori Burke

Planning on burn ban for July & August. Will be monitoring June and beyond August. A conference call will be scheduled if conditions dictate the ban should begin earlier or be extended.

Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC - Eric Andrews

Light rail and train responses have been up for discussion. Type codes and response lists need to be updated.

Resiliency drill planned for June 5th. RAVE alerts being updated is important.

Chief Andrews has been reelected to serve another term as Fire TAC chair.

EMS - VP Shaughn Maxwell

SCEMS, to this point, has only received half of their annual payments. Chief Maxwell requested that agencies process those payments as soon as possible.

Chief Andrews shared that once SCFCA has authorized funding for anything having to do with SCEMS they should not have to seek further approval unless they are asking for an increase in funding.

Chief Cermak made a **motion** to empower Director Dorsey to utilize the SCEMS budget as authorized by the SCFCA.

Chief Vander Pol seconded the **motion**.

Chief Waller asked if the group is approving the "total amount" budgeted or an "actual, itemized" approved budget. Are we approving a total budget or individual expenditures?

Chief Andrews is of the mindset that SCFCA shouldn't have to approve line-item budget requests. Chief Waller shared that he wonders if it's necessary for SCFCA to go through the line-item budget process each year.

Chief DeMarco shared that the work of the task force will clear this issue up, at least partially. He reminded the group that SCEMS has their own Board and, if the Director needs to check in on every line-item budget issue it's going to be very tedious.

Chief Cermak reiterated his **motion** to grant Interim Executive Director Dorsey the authority to work within his budget with SCEMS Board oversight. Chief Andrews seconded the **motion**.
The motion passed unanimously.

SnoCo MPD - Ryan Keay

Please see the attached SCEMS presentation for detailed information.

Modified PIP is the current focus for June. It will be a stratified PIP addressing lateral vs new medics.

CAM went very well. Dr. Keay expressed gratitude to the instructors. She is looking forward to providing more countywide training.

Countywide run review will be held in July. There will be a pediatric case presentation.

MCC second quarter meeting went well. More physicians are becoming involved. Work is being done around building a delegate pool. People may be invited to facilitate run reviews.

North County started their buprenorphine pilot. SCEMS is working on data collection with the Health Department. One in two patients who receive buprenorphine are helped. They'd like to see this program worked out and adopted to help decrease overdoses.

SCEMS Director - Scott Dorsey

SCEMS is heavily involved in project management and their road map. They've had IT challenges and issues are being worked out. The hope is that stakeholders will be able to easily access the system and collaborate with SCEMS, informing the work within the county. He appreciates the agency engagement to this point and hopes for more in the future.

Val Manuel with Everett Fire was introduced as the SCEMS administrator. Her attitude and experience are greatly appreciated. Assessments will be run through her and future accounting questions can be directed to her, as well. Val shared that she'd love to have updated contact information for everyone who might need to be involved in SCEMS committees.

Jennifer Darling is leaving SCEMS at the end of June. Dan Schwartz will be filling her role. His experience includes having been a provider in the fire service for 32.5 years in Snohomish County. After his retirement he began looking for a way to contribute. He is looking forward to meeting with various stake holders. He wants to work toward equity in care across the county from larger to smaller agencies. Chief Andrews welcomed him to the "failed-at-retirement" club.

Emmy Duros has stepped into the recertification role. She began working at District 5 in 2005. She worked on the East Coast for 10 years and has experience with Hoquiam, as well. She has been very happy to work on bringing ALS to Sultan. She has experience with agencies, both large and small. Please contact her for any credentialing questions or concerns.

The three main goals of SCEMS are to build trust, develop systems, support providers. 1,800 providers across the county are being supported through SCEMS.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee - Eric Andrews

Fire Prevention - Shawneri Guzman

South County Fire was successful in getting a unanimous decision to ban both the sale and discharge of fireworks in the Southwest UGA.

SCFPA meeting is on Thursday, June 11. The educational topic will be Lithium-Ion Battery Fires.

The Women in Fire conference is on June 22 & 23rd. Registration is closed and all seats have been filled. Hosted by SCF and SRFR.

Training Consortium - Shaughn Rice

Training Officers/Safety Officers - Colby Titland

The group is currently on hiatus. They've been busy prepping for the next academy. Graduation went very well. The fall academy will be comprised of 56 recruits.

Training for quarter 3 will be available soon. 1403 live fire class should be held in September. They're looking for trained live fire instructors.

Fire-Rescue International Conference is in August in Dallas.

Paine Field is doing their biannual in-person MCI in September. They'd appreciate any assistance offered.

Chief Crandall and Granite are hosting a blue card train-the-trainer session. Please reach out to him for more information.

Special Operations - Dave Ruddell

Washington Fire Chiefs - Michael McConnell

The conference went well in Kennewick. It provided great networking and educational opportunities. There is a new President. Kristin Maurer is the first female to hold the role. There will be updates to the training officers' section on the website.

One of the biggest developments is that a study covering the feasibility of coverage for volunteer firefighters has been commissioned. The results are expected next June.

All fire stations that have "Safe Infant Dropoff" boxes should be aware that the phone number has been changed by the State. Please ensure your signage is updated.

The group will continue their work legislatively.

Legislative - Michael McConnell

See above.

H. Announcements/Good of the Order

Albright - Troy Elmore retired. Steve Potts will be promoted to BC, once confirmed by the Civil Service Commission.

Cermak - Safety upgrades will be made to the training center on July 15th. The second part of phase II with special ops props will also begin on the 15th. The joint grant work on the CO2 cleaning system will be complete in the middle of July. Chris Dickison retired May 31st. Please watch for details on a gathering recognizing his contributions.

Maxwell - SCF is working with the City of Edmonds on forging a path forward regarding continuing to provide services under a contract or annexation.

Andrews - A training site is moving in next door. Regarding the wildland protection plan - Chief Andrews is respectfully requesting that everyone update Mappers, please. It's the best inventory system.

Vander Pol - Station 63 project is moving along. It will be a completely new building. They've have been hiring. New ladder truck on the way.

Lundquist- SRFR is doing well. Chief O'Brien had a small medical emergency but is now resting comfortably at home.

Johnson - Darrington is thankful to have a new engine, a new aid car, and a refurbished brush truck generously provided through a few grants. They will update their information in the Mappers system.

Strotz - FPD 19 has placed a brand-new electronic sign.

DeMarco - Boeing firefighters have settled their contract. Everett's Command staff had been working long hours supporting them. EPD will be putting their 15 new recruits to work soon. They will likely send one person to medic school and plan on recruiting for two laterals. They expect to put 12 new recruits through the fall academy.

- I. **Adjournment Motion** to adjourn proposed by Chief Eastman. **Seconded** by Chief Cermak and **approved unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at **1301 hours**.

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

Next Meeting:

Attachments:
PSTrax Overview
2024 IMS Guidelines Policy Committee Draft
2024 SCEMS Roadmap
JTF Recommendations