



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
June 5, 2023

PRESENT:

Thad Hovis
Dave Kraski
Jim Haverfield
Travis Hots
Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

President South County Fire
Vice President North County Fire
Secretary/Treasurer Snohomish County FPD 17
Immediate Past President, Snohomish County FPD 22 (Absent)
Large Agency Director Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (Absent)
Medium Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Mike Calvert
Paul Gagnon
Ned Vander Pol
Jeff Cole
Troy Elmore
Blake Enges
John Cermak
Chris Dickison
Joshua Cole
Lori Burke
Thad Frater
Don Waller
Seth Johnson
Bill Dane
John Chalfant
Bob Eastman
Jason Isotalo
David Wells
Amy Lucas
Lucia Schmit
Leonard Boche'

Everett Fire
Everett Fire
Marysville Fire
Marysville Fire
Mukilteo Fire
Mukilteo Fire
North County Fire
North County Fire
Paine Field Fire Department
Snohomish County Fire Marshal
Snohomish County FPD 4
Snohomish County FPD 4
Snohomish County FPD 5
Snohomish County FPD 17
South County Fire
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Snohomish County Dept of Emergency Management
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Northwest Business Services

- A. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 1134 hours.
- B. Adopt / Adjust Agenda** No changes or additions to the agenda.
- C. Minutes**
 - **Discussion:** No discussion.
 - **Action: Motion** by Chief Eastman to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Cermak. **Approved** unanimously.
- D. Treasurer's Report**
 - **Discussion:** QuickBooks still not accessible. No dues statements have been sent out. Bills have been paid by bank checks. Hopefully the situation will be resolved by the next meeting.
- E. Old Business**

- **Recognition of Dr. Eric Cooper:** Dr. Cooper not in attendance.
- **Consortium RFP Update:** A consultant has been hired; Berk Consulting will be undertaking this work. They will reach out to members within the next few months. They plan to present their draft findings at the Sept. 20th Sno911 TAC meeting. President Hovis emphasized the importance of everyone's participation.
- **SCTO Leadership Presentation/Class Reschedule:** Regarding the Jason Schechterle cancelled training, the Executive Board is encouraging a rescheduling of the class to take advantage of the cancellation fee that was paid. It will be credited if the class is rescheduled. The Training Officers group shared that no registrations resulted from advertising the class the first time.
 - **Action:** Troy Elmore or Greg Osborne will update President Hovis soon and he will provide a report to the Executive Board.

F. New Business

The September 11th SCFCA meeting has been rescheduled to September 20th along with the TAC meeting at Dist. 4 in Snohomish. A **motion** was made by Chief Andrews, **Seconded** by Anderson.

G. Reports

1. DEM/Incident Management Lucia Schmit

- Kicking off a county-wide Community Protection Wildfire Protection Plan that will be facilitated by the DEM. Need participation from all fire districts.
- Look at using the 6 zones that closely align with the Wildland/Urban interface or the existing operational zones. Will need representatives from each zone for community meetings and to represent the fire districts in the planning process.
- Obtaining a CWDG grant will ease the burden on both the County and the districts.
- June goal is to identify key points of contacts to form a Steering Committee and a Planning Committee
- **Action:** Supply your NFRS data to the DEM for grant purposes.
 - Lucia - There will be a push in the fall for new representatives for the SCEOC.
 - Amy Lucas - Project charter is written. DEM is developing a main body plan for a county wide wildfire protection plan. Online surveys will be sent out to businesses and residents. New topographic maps will be created including streets. Local data is needed for this grant.

ACTION: Representatives needed from the Fire Chiefs Association on the steering committee.

Need representatives from each zone once they are decided on.

The Department of Emergency Management needs agencies' data as quickly as possible.

2. Sno911 Terry Peterson -

The Evergreen Nurse Line is terminating service at the end of August. There will likely be a gap in service. Sno911 is looking further into Nurse Navigator or other alternatives.

3. Fire Commissioners Don Waller

The meeting was cancelled due to the WFCFA conference in Chelan.

4. Fire Marshal- Lori Burke -

- Discussed setting a burn ban from a scientific approach considering fuel moisture. The group decided to follow Skagit and Whatcom county's date of June 9th for a Stage 1 Burn Ban. It was requested that these notices be sent out by 1700 Thursdays for those who do not work on Fridays.
- The Quarterly Investigation Training with BCs went very well.
- Still having problems with transports not being called in. Sample of call-out list was available, sample attached.
- Happy to have conversations with crews at any time.
- Hovis asked if the prompts on the cards can be put into First Due.

5. Fire Resources Coordinator Travis Hots - Eric Andrews

Agencies should contact Chief Hots if interested in being on the deployment rotation list. Contact them to make sure you are on the MAPARS contact list. There are 17 rigs in the region.

6. Fire TAC Eric Andrews -

KC Fire Recourse plan making sure our units are using Code Blue correctly. Should state why they need the police. Visual map parameter, pins come in on map and personnel can request that from the dispatcher, does not automatically show in the map. Crews should ensure that they are using AIQ status correctly.

7. Legislative Shaughn Maxwell - Not in attendance. No update. Out of session.

8. Fire Prevention Shawneri Guzman -

Message read by Chief Hovis; Shawneri thanks all the agencies that shared the social media graphics and video for EMS week. The next county-wide educational effort is Wildfire Prevention.

9. EMS Roger Vares - Not in attendance. No update

10. Training Consortium Chief DeMarco - Not in attendance. No report

11. Training Officers/Safety Troy Elmore -

The Training/Safety group expects to have their 2024 plan done early.

Work continues on the carcinogen exposure risk reduction policy.
The group will meet with Pierce and King County counterparts to share carcinogen exposure risk reduction and musculoskeletal injury information. Chief Hudson is the SCFCA point person.

Reviewing the use of tents for scene changing and Go Bags. No current policy on this. L&I Fire Program Grants, requests are due at the end of June. Agencies' initial or Upgraded Safety Improvement plans were due in order to qualify for the grants. The group is in the process of reviewing the Transition Safety Survey data and they should have something to send out on Post Fire Incident wrap up soon. No committee meetings will be held in July or August.

12. Special Ops Dave Ruddell - on duty today.

- Reviewing a draft budget. Looking at reserve funds and considering future needs.

13. Policy / Procedure Review Committee Eric Andrews- No update

14. Washington State Fire Chiefs Kevin O'Brien - not in attendance

- One attendee remarked that the WSFC conference was very good.

H. Announcements/Good of the Order

- June 12th a hybrid apparatus will be at District 4 from 0830-1030
- June 14/15 at Paine Field - Annual airport recertification burns, notice should have gone out to all. Everyone is welcome to come by in the afternoon for mutual aid MCOs.
- President Hovis - County has monies to release. If you are one of the three projects that were submitted with a min. value of \$250K and max. of \$500K. If you want your project reaffirmed or have a new project from the SCFCA that meet the requirements email Chief Hovis and cc: Susan Bjorling

- I. Adjournment Motion** to adjourn proposed by Chief Cermak; **seconded** by Chief Chalfant and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1215 **hours**.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Sara Strong / Susan Bjorling- South County Fire

Next Meeting:
September 20, 2023
Snohomish District 4 in conjunction with TAC meeting

Attachments:
Investigator Call-Out card from the Snohomish Co. Fire Marshall