



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
February 5, 2024

PRESENT:

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

President North County Fire
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Troy Elmore
John Cermak
Dave Kraski
Scott Dorsey
Ryan Keay
Ernie Walters
Eric Andrews
Lori Burke
Greg Osborne
Don Waller
Kurt Mills
Terry Peterson
Todd Anderson
Bob Eastman
Shawneri Guzman
Thad Hovis
Joe Hughes
Shaughn Maxwell
Kevin O'Brien
Michael McConnell
Vincent Read

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Snohomish County Fire Marshal
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- A. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at **1140** hours.
A big thank you to Attorney Rich Davis of CSD Attorneys for sponsoring lunch today.
Rich introduced himself and described his firm and their work.
They represent many fire departments in the area.
[Home - CSD Attorneys at Law \(csdlaw.com\)](http://csdlaw.com)
- B. Adopt / Adjust Agenda** No changes or additions to the agenda.

C. Minutes

- **Discussion:** No discussion.
- **Action: Motion** by Chief Strotz to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Cermak. **Approved** unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report

Chief Haverfield emailed out the current report this morning. The reports do not correspond with the compiling of the meeting packets, will include when timing works.
Balances: Checking \$34,093.80; 4 CDs totaling \$14,576.66, three are maturing in coming months will be re-invested into higher rate CDs. Eboard will discuss pulling some funds from checking for another CD.

Dues for active members will need to be reassessed at the Eboard.

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

E. Old Business

Update on SNO911 Governance Board Task Force (Chief Waller)

AC Gary Lingel of Darrington has been appointed as the new representative for small departments.
He is also a CPT/PM for North County.

F. New Business

Behavioral Health Subcommittee (Chief Mike Hudson)
No report, SCF Health/Safety Officer out today - this will be addressed via the March General Membership Agenda.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt - Not Present

Sno911 - Terry Peterson

Update on Nurse Navigator program. 22% of approximately 400 calls have been successfully navigated so far. Program is in the very early stages.
Contact the Dispatch Steering Committee if interested in more details.

Fire Commissioners - Don Waller

There were no Jan or Feb Meetings

Fire Resources Coordinator - Travis Hots - Not present.

Fire Marshal - Lori Burke

A fourth investigator joined the office last week - Jacob Johnson from Whatcom Co.
Thresholds were increased from \$10K to \$20K were changed a couple of years ago.

Information cards with thresholds and when to call the SCFM were distributed at the meeting to anyone interested.

Exception to \$20K if incendiary or suspicious in nature.

SCFM does not investigate auto fires unless they are suspected arson. For instance, not a vehicle that catches fire while operating or battery issue.

Recommendation from attendee that an email goes out to agencies when changes occur. SCFM will come out for a training whenever requested.

H. Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC - Eric Andrews - No new updates.

EMS - Shaughn Maxwell - New task force has met twice.

The group is focusing on where to start, along with preparing a document to describe what is being worked on and what is required.

They will meet once per month. Karen Reed is helping with the start-up process portion.

SnoCo MPD - Ryan Keay -

Updated Protocols have received approval from the DOH.

Finalizing 2024 education. Looking for a suitable platform for Protocol test, suggestions are welcome.

SCEMS hopes to move away from the micro-managed way it is currently being managed.

Goal to have education out to the county by the end of Q1 and have surveys of learning back by end of Q2.

Protocol committee meeting at the end of the month to start on next iteration.

Skill sheets are updated on the SCEMS website for OTEP.

Dr. Keay will teach Countywide CAM courses in May and November. These are opportunities for those that miss their department's CAM class to complete the requirement by the end of the year.

New OTEP education is almost complete per Dawn Felts, hopefully ready for 2025 by 2024 3rd quarter.

Level loading policy - has been paused due to significant issues with hospitals.

Gathering info on EMSConnect in Q2. Skill sheets are updated on the SCEMS website. CAM has been modified to meet protocols.

PIP - end of Q1.

Less than 5-% scanning barcodes

House Bill 2466- bill hospitals for wall times but the data is not available.

QA/QI - Going well. Asking delegate position to participate more robustly.

A newsletter will be sent out mid-month after all the meetings.

SCF willing to share their QA model, contact MSO Deanna Herbert.

Next County wide RR 4/17

SCEMS Director - Scott Dorsey

A contract has been signed with an IT company to update the website.

Budget system in place. Working to confirm IRS non-profit status.

A new phone system should be implemented soon for a better customer experience.

The group has been working on streamlining the recert process and developing quarterly goals.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee - Eric Andrews - No new update

Fire Prevention - Shawneri Guzman

Scout event to be held on 2/17 with SRFR. Expected to reach about 450 Scouts.

Training Consortium - Shaughn Rice

Academy starts in 2 weeks. Crews are getting things ready.

Email sent to Consortium Chiefs to pool resources to write a regional grant for washing turnout gear.

Training Officers/Safety Officers - Colby Titland

Annual EVIP training is available on Vector Solutions/SharePoint. Q1 training is up on target Solutions for training officers to assign.

March 1st Spring Leadership /Tactics class by Kurt Isaacson at Brightwater \$100 email Brian Keegs to register.

DEM is coordinating a 3/6-8 Active shooter drill to be held at the Monroe Fairgrounds 20 seats are available for Fire personnel. RSVP by 2/10. Let Tibble know if you are sending people. TOs will receive a PowerPoint on the subject.

Special Operations - Dave Ruddell - Not Present

Washington Fire Chiefs - Michael McConnell

Mtg 1/22 Fire Service Delivery report was Evaluated to pull fire service out from WSP to make it a standalone branch with an appointed position by the governor.

Summary report with recommendations for

Updates to WA state EVIP program, updated Train the Trainer classes. Compensation is available for people that would like to participate in the TtT program.

Looking for a committee for large agency/Metro departments to make sure those agencies feel represented on their issues.

1/23 Close out of 2023 budget - WFC are in stable financial footing.

Legislative - Michael McConnell

Legislative Day in Olympia was held on January 23rd, 2024. Thank you to those that were able to attend.

Visited with 22 officials.

The primary focus was tax increment financing. There was a warm reception on the issue.

Initial ask when bonds expire the TIF would continue.

Junior taxing districts to have an opt out.

Sub bill - hearing on the morning of February 5th. The substitution bill allows TIF funds to be used to in compensated impacted junior taxing districts, when bonds are satisfied the TIF would expire,

added public hospital district and Emergency Medical District. Change - can go to arbitration instead of just opting out. Requires notification in writing to Jr Taxing District. Not a concern for municipalities but will be for RFAs and Districts.

I. Announcements/Good of the Order

Reminder that the 10-year remembrance and Memorial Dedication of the OSO slide will be held on March 22nd Info here: [Oso Slide Memorial](#)

Dr. Keay spoke about the Colorado incident of Ketamine involving paramedics who were prosecuted.

Reviewed SCEMS protocols re: Ketamine - Patient cannot be in a prone position and must be monitored. Will go over this with providers during the April 1, 2024, County Run Review EMS should not be called in by law enforcement for chemical sedation.

Agency updates:

Chief Cermak -Testing for HR Director for NCFRA, testing for HR assistant soon.

Chief Haverfield - First bid for new fire station by mid-February, hopefully completed by end of 2025/early 2026.

Chief O'Brien - SRFR has been approved regarding their progressive design building process. Same project management firm as SNO911. Will go out for RFQ for teams of a contractor/architect for rebuild Station 81, move/rebuild of Station 31. Don't have to go through the bid process and must choose the lowest bid.

J. Adjournment Motion to adjourn proposed by Chief Maxwell. **Seconded by Chief Eastman and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **1250 hours**.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Sara Strong / Administrative Specialist/EMS - South County Fire

Next Meeting: March 4, 2024

South County Fire HQ - 12425 Meridian Ave S. , Everett

Attachments:

SCEMS PowerPoint