



## **Business Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Asst Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, MSAs Pete Parrish and Joe Simmons, Captains Rob Thurston and Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

**Public Commentary:** No public

### EXECUTIVE

**COUNTY MPD** – There have been changes in the county medical program director position and some conflict amongst county agencies. We believe that Dr. Cooper will be resigning by year end and a replacement is being proposed.

**Bolt Creek Fire** – We continue to support the Bolt Creek Incident with resources and agency administration. We have assigned delegation of authority to the Incident Management Team of the fire. The fire has four agencies responsible for fire protection on the various lands involved. US Forest Service, Washington State DNR, King Co. Fire Dist. 50 and Sky Valley Fire are all agency administrators of the fire. We are now on our third incident management team of the fire. The weather forecast is not favorable for the remainder of this month. We expect to continue with the current strategy with a slow decline in resources and continued multi- agency management.

**Type 3 IMT proposal** – We are currently exploring a joint venture sponsoring a Type 3 IMT with Fire District 24. Earlier in the year the NW IMT that we were part of, along with several other agencies, dissolved. There are several assets that belonged to the team including a plans trailer, a logistics trailer and an older bus turned into a command post. The previous board that made up the team is in the process of determining where those assets should go. All IMTs are in short supply, including type 1, 2 and 3s. There is a federal initiative that proposes that several type 3 teams be established throughout the country due to the lack of teams. There is federal money for these teams that could provide for sustained financial support. With several of our members meeting requirements for positions within the team we believe we would be in a good position to receive this funding. There is more to explore and work on but our initial plan is to enter into an interlocal agreement with Fire District 24 and possibly some other partners.

**Firefighters Association** – The Association held their semiannual pancake breakfast feed and made in excess of \$1,800. They are sponsoring families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and planning the annual Christmas party.

**Gold Bar City Council** – The chief attended a city council meeting to address illegal burning. With Bolt Creek Fire still growing, and several people violating the current burn ban, the city wanted input into how illegal burning can be enforced. We explained that we cannot enforce burning restrictions and can only take action to extinguish fire if it poses a risk to the public. Law enforcement and the Clean Air Agency have the authority to cite for illegal burning. The chief has talked with Chief Hess and he has worked with deputies to make sure they know citations should be given using existing RCW's. There are two RCW's that apply for burning without a permit and reckless burning. Reckless burning has a 1st and 2nd degree level of charge.

## OPERATIONS

**Station 53:** The exterior painting is completed and looks great. Appliances have arrived and cabinets have been ordered.

**Aid Vehicles:** Braun NW has the first chassis in, and we expect one of the new aid cars in December and the other later in 2023.

**Coulson Grant Pickup:** Scott's truck won't be finished until next year. The grant to pay for it was received in November of last year.

## EMS

**Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)-** All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team. The final County EMS CQI/QA procedure has been submitted to SCEMS for final approval and submission to DOH.

**EMT Training-** The EMS class is ongoing.

**SEI Credential:** Lt Roeder has been accepted as a SEI (Senior EMS Instructor) candidate and is working on his SEI credential for SCEMS and WA State. He will be a great asset to the EMT program.

**CPR Training** - 6 BLS students in September - 3 First Aid/CPR

**Personnel-** Matt Abers has resigned after 17 years of service. The division is currently interviewing to fill one more medic position.

**September ALS coverage:** 83% (123.5 hours not covered out of 720 total hours).

## SUPPORT SERVICES

**Grants** – The community Wildfire Defense Grant was submitted for \$267,000 which would enable us to conduct structure assessments for 2100 homes within our fire district and provide chipping services to anybody who needs it in our community. There's also an added benefit of providing 3 additional full time staff that could be available for larger calls during the summer

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months.

**Wildfire** – The ICP trailer returned from being recently deployed and during its deployment an additional contract was established for the use of the Starlink services that would pay for itself for the year.

**Recruitment** – Orientation was completed for 8 new members last month

**EVIP** – An EVIP course was completed for the driver training of apparatus. 15 people were a part of that class.

**Training Center** – We have been working with Capt/Commissioner Tubbs moving forward with costing which will be discussed later tonight

**EMT class:** In progress in conjunction with the EMS division.

We are working with other agencies in the county on how we can continue with our burning prop for them to use. They are very interested in providing what is needed to continue with the burning props.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 73%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the September minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 432 through 471 for \$91,904.56, and vouchers 8 and 9 from the construction fund for \$49,772.83. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$182,092.66. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Harmsen is working on bidding and permitting documents for the training center project. The estimate to complete the first phase is \$1.2 million. The cost of Harmsen's contract is \$44,299. The commissioners discussed completing the ground work and moving the props, with building the new small building as an additional project that could be postponed if funding is inadequate to complete it this year.

Action Items

Bill moved to begin the process of obtaining funding through the LOCAL grant program. He moved to pass a resolution that the upfront costs to Harmsen be reimbursed from the loan. He

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also moved to establish a resolution to apply for a LOCAL loan to fund the training center, to include the \$44,000 to Harmsen for bid and permitting services to be paid out of the general budget and then reimbursed from the loan. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Leigh has been elected Executive Secretary of the Sno-Isle Commissioners' Association, taking over for Randy Wollery. There will be an executive meeting each month, in addition to regular committee meetings.

There has been discussion regarding Providence taking firefighters on as part-time employees up to the level of their certification to alleviate chronic employee shortages.

Next regular meeting November 9, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

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