



Snohomish County Fire District 21

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The Board of Commissioners monthly meeting was held at 6:30pm on Thursday December 11, 2014 at the Arlington Heights Fire Station, 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Commissioner's in Attendance: Jim Strago Chairman, Dan Britton, and Eric Nordstrom

Additional Attendees Included: Chief Travis Hots, Assistant Chief Branden Bates, Assistant Chief Jeremy Stocker, District Secretary Wendy Britton, Dave Hoover, Cody Kraski, Rob White, Warren Aspen, Rick Isler, John Jacobson, Ken Johnson, Lon Langdon, Sandy Baker, Ted Pfeiffer and Christi Weiland

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jim Strago.

Public Comment:

Ted Pfeiffer – Expressed concerns regarding District plans and time lines. Inquired about Fire and EMS coverage.

Commissioner Strago – Provided information pertaining to levy not passing; “Voters have spoken” District is primarily staffing with volunteers and placing emphasis on training.

Ted Pfeiffer – Questioned surplus equipment. Shared historical use of R49 and First Responder services. Expressed concern regarding coverage and services with City.

Commissioner Strago – Expressed concerns regarding costly repairs and desire for better equipped engine to handle rescue operations and fire suppression simultaneously. In addition, he shared concerns regarding space shortages and equipment storage.

Chief Hots – Provided overview of service needs; 90% of calls are EMS related and District 21 is one of the few remaining Districts that does not have an Aid Car.

Ted Pfeiffer – Commented on availability of EMS funds and City Contract for services. Expressed concern that historically District had no intention for station 49 to provide transport services. However, if implemented within North side of District expressed desire for transport services to also be provided to South side of District.

Chief Hots – Provided update regarding contract negotiations and cost comparisons for average call. Expressed need for District to negotiate equitable rates for services. Shared steady decline in volunteerism and recruitment process.

Discussion regarding excellent working relationship with City and other providers. Further discussion regarding Districts inability to continue giving entire EMS Levy funds to the City of Arlington. Negotiations continue with City for BLS & ALS services; Desire to also contract with neighboring Districts for South side coverage. Discussion regarding quickest service available to South side of District and reciprocal mutual aid agreements for coverage.

Ted Pfeiffer – Inquired about mutual aid services and coverage.

Chief Hots – Provided overview of mutual aid services District 21 provides to neighboring District at no cost; approximately 40 mutual aid calls to assist City to date.

Sandy Baker – Inquired about staffing.

Chief Hots – Shared staffing plan and overview for MSO and Training Officer.

Sandy Baker – Questioned response for EMS calls.

Chief Hots – Provided overview of mutual aid and volunteer coverage.

Sandy Baker – Inquired about the current number of volunteers and their availability.

Chief Hots – Provided update regarding volunteer coverage, call volumes and run card structure.

Ken Johnson – Questioned neighboring Districts response time to calls.

Chief Hots – Explained variables and similarities with other Districts i.e. drive times etc. Provided historical data regarding City and revision of run cards to ensure coverage with man power.

Ken Johnson – Expressed concern regarding not as much overlapping coverage in rural area as larger Districts. Inquired about manned station, R49 surplus, sale of apparatus to other Districts & new station.

Chief Hots – Request make appointment for one-on-one conversation. Believe further discussions will address concerns and put individuals at ease due to miss information.

Ted Pfeiffer – Asked about the status of E46.

Chief Hots – Advised City's plan to return E46 to District 21; Future plans include desire for cost reductions and recognized efficiencies through the purchase of a vehicle that will do 90% of our work.

Ken – Asked if the City of Arlington has agreed to continue providing transport services for District.

Chief Hots – Expressed desire to pay the City of Arlington fairly for services provided. Contract negotiations are based on comparable data and at this time we are off the charts for what we are paying the City of Arlington. Negotiations are ongoing and challenging; however, it's the right thing to do for the citizens of this District. We aim to improve services, insurance rating, cardiac save rates and response times. Further discussion regarding safety and commitment to serving our community.

Sandy Baker – Expressed concerns began with the proposal of a Levy that would double tax rates.

Lon Langdon – Commented on contract amount and payment to the City.

Sandy Baker – Asked if the consortium was still active.

Chief Hots – Advised the consortium has limited say due to the Advisory Board structure.

Sandy Baker – Asked if individuals covering station will be required to be at the station during shifts.

Chief Hots – Provided overview of program structure and explained 6am – 6pm shifts; shared that staff will be at the station unless dispatched out for a call or in training within the District.

John – Thanked Chief Hots and Board of Commissioners for their efforts.

Consent Agenda Items:

- **Meeting Minutes** – Approval of Meeting Minutes.
- **Consent Agenda** – Approval of Accounts Payable and Monthly Payroll.
- **Membership Business Meeting** – Quarterly Member Updates: 3/10, 6/9 & 9/8
- **Protecting District Assets – VFIS** – Quarterly Meeting Schedule: 4/21, 8/25 & 11/3

Old Business:

- **WFOA Membership Dues** – Decision made to enroll in WFOA for 2015.
- **Small Works Roster** – Wendy will draft District resolution for Commissioners to review at next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **City of Arlington** – Discussion regarding on-going negotiations with City Administrator.
- **Interlocal Agreement** – Discussion regarding Interlocal Agreement between Districts 19, 21, 22 & 25 for Duty Chief Services. Decision made to approve Interlocal Agreement
- **Ambulance Transport License** – Pending response from State.

New Business:

- **Aid Car Bid** – Specification provided for review and consideration. Discussion regarding gas vs. diesel. Decision made to proceed with bid process and provide recommendation for vendor selection in February.
- **Fire Chief Interlocal Agreement** – Discussion pertaining to, and review of, 2015 Fire Chief Interlocal Agreement with District 22 for Chief Hots services. Decision made to approve interlocal agreement.
- **T94 Surplus** – Discussion regarding surplus and transfer of equipment to District 25. Decision made to approve resolution, hold harmless agreement, and purchase and sale agreement.
- **E49 Surplus Resolution** – Discussion regarding E49 repair costs. Decision made to approve resolution to surplus E49.

District Secretary Reports:

None

Chief Reports:

- **Updates Included:**
 - Call Review – 416 calls to date; South side structure fire and Water Rescue Fatality
 - Real Hero's Award Banquet
 - District 21 Awards Banquet Saturday December 20th at 6pm – Rhodes River Ranch; Awards include lifesaving award
 - ILA pending Snure approval for Assistant Chief shared services. District 22 provided verbal agreement & signed contract
 - Overview of Assistant Chief schedules & duty crew shifts
 - Training Opportunities Include: IFSAC FF1, driver operator engineer course, and EMT. Providing opportunity for existing members to learn new skill sets and obtain certifications to qualify for duty crew shifts. Balanced budget funds for training sessions and in-house training benefits with Chief Stocker. May need to make a budget amendment depending on level of participation. IFSAC FF1 – In-house opportunity February - June

- District 22 transport revenue is approximately \$100k for 2014.
- Volunteer Firefighters – Congratulations to New recruit Wold & Taft are now responding to calls; seeking new members; MRB will be conducting interviews; New recruits will attend Fire Academy; Nemnich retired, Weiland resigned, Knoth and Rainey moved
- Map Book revisions
- Safety meeting minutes posted
- MRB is meeting Monday to review 5 applicants

Executive Session:

None

Cash TB Summary:

- **Cash Account** – \$526,959
- **Investment account** – \$606,978

Approval of Monthly Payroll:

- **Monthly Payroll Submitted** - \$9,171

Approval of Current Monthly Bills:

- **Bills Submitted** – \$65,858

Warrant No.

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Meeting Schedule:

The next monthly Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 8, 2015 @ 6:30pm, at Station 49; 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm

Recorder: Wendy Britton, District Secretary

Board of Commissioners Mission Statement
Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21

"We aspire to serve our community with professionalism, honesty and integrity by building a firm foundation that provides safety and security for all"