



Snohomish County Fire District 21

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The Board of Commissioners monthly meeting was held at 1830 on Thursday December 10, 2015 at the Arlington Heights Fire Station, 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

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

Additional Attendees Included: District Fire Chief Travis Hots, District Secretary Wendy Britton, Captain Rob White, Cody Kraski, Nathan Brown, Rick Isler, and Marion Taylor

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1830 by Chairman Strago

Special Guests and Presentations:

None

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda Items:

- **Agenda** – Approval of the Agenda.
- **Minutes** – Approval of November meeting minutes.
- **Finance** – Approval of finance reports, accounts payable, and payroll.
- **Protecting District Assets** – VFIS Quarterly Meeting Schedule (4/26, 8/23, 11/1). Discussion regarding 2016 meeting schedule.

Old Business:

- **City of Arlington** – Chief Hots advised that the City of Arlington has not provided an update regarding results of the FCS Group study.

District Attorney Brian Snure and District Fire Chief Travis Hots met with the Department of Health (DOH) and Attorney General Office (AGO) on behalf of the District. Request submitted for the DOH to cooperate with District and honor our request for a transport license. Historically the closest available resources haven't always been dispatched. However, with the modification of run cards, the closest available resources are now being dispatched. Our District has the infrastructure in place and staffing available to take over BLS transport services 1/1/16. In addition, we've identified the need to retain District Levy funds and provide transport services to our constituents. Data supporting community need

and a GIS Map of District service area was provided to DOH. DOH is scheduled to meet with the City of Arlington this week and will report back to our District accordingly.

Discussion regarding the payment we issued to the City of Arlington for Fire and EMS. The payment we issued in September in the amount of \$190,320.00 and is still being held by the City of Arlington. Wendy will continue to follow up with County to verify status and report to the Board of Commissioners and District Fire Chief accordingly.

Discussion regarding Districts desire to not be forced into continuing to pay exuberant amounts to the City of Arlington. The City of Arlington has the highest rates in all of Snohomish County for Paramedic Services. Attorney Brian Snure recommends that our District proceed with implementing previously approved interlocal agreement with District 22 to add license and transport from Station 68 with Station 49 effective 1/1/16, if the City of Arlington fails to relinquish BLS transport rights to District 21.

Discussion regarding inability for two providers to provide transport services within the same geographical area. Discussion regarding litigations and Districts legal right to provide transport services. Unanimous decision made to proceed with taking over BLS transport service effective 1/1/16.

New Business:

- **Oath of Office** – Chief Hots administered Commissioner Britton's Oath of Office.

- **2016 Meeting Schedule** – Decision made to proceed with current meeting schedule.

District Secretary Reports:

No additional report

Chief Reports:

- **Updates Included:**
 - 829 calls to-date. Flooding events – Department of Emergency Management has been spot on within an hour of major wind and flood events the County was out placing road closure signs. Automated reverse 911 calls notifying forecast levels of water rising. Water Rescue services were technical in nature requiring resources to assist citizens. Zones were set up to cover areas with neighboring Districts due to HWY 530 road closure.
 - Fire Operation Center (FOC) dispatch implemented. Experiencing difficulties with poor internet service. County Chief's met to discuss handling of level 2 operations. New World based on severity with low priority calls going to FOC. High priority calls will continue to be dispatched. Encouraging agencies to coordinate FOC activities with neighboring Districts.
 - Murphy beds are in place
 - ERS – previous years data will be entered and complete by end of year
 - Recruitment ongoing – slow going, resources are low with economy picking up and hiring fulltime firefighters.
 - Chief's replacement vehicle ordered; Anticipate being in service by the end of May.

- Red Cross Real Hero's Breakfast – Recognized District Fire Chief Travis Hots for his leadership, fire service, helicopter rescue service and volunteerism.

Executive Session:

None

Cash TB Summary:

- Cash Account – \$442,816
- Investment account – \$690,637

Approval of Monthly Payroll:

- Monthly Payroll/Reimbursement - \$19,023

Approval of Current Monthly Bills:

- Bills Submitted – \$35,494

Warrant No.

1888259 – 1888291

Meeting Schedule:

The next monthly Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for 1830 Thursday January 14, 2016 at Station 49; 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Meeting Adjourned: 1920

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"