



Snohomish County Fire District 21

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The Board of Commissioners monthly meeting was held at 1830 on Thursday March 10, 2016 at Station 49, 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

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

Additional Attendees Included: District Fire Chief Travis Hots, Assistant Chief Jeremy Stocker, Assistant Chief Branden Bates, District Secretary Wendy Britton, Captain Rob White, Benjamin Bloomquist, Drew Bono, Cody Kraski, Scott Hamilton, John Jacobson, and Rick Isler, and Don Tillman

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

Old Business:

- **Spring Retreat** – Decision made to postpone discussion for next regularly scheduled workshop.
- **City of Arlington** – Discussion regarding the City of Arlington workshop scheduled to review FCS study results on March 24, 2016.

Discussion regarding solicitation to Snohomish County EMS Council for possible transfer of BLS transport license from Monroe speedway to District 21. The State acknowledges our transport agreement with District 22 and desire to have our own BLS Transport license for District 21. If we cannot procure license from speedway, current needs assessment will be issued through Snohomish EMS Council, North Regional Council, and then onto State for approval. 2013 data provided

information reflecting that the City of Arlington is getting a very good deal and the supporting documentation found that District 21 is grossly overpaying.

Discussion regarding the fact that we are a growing fire department and enhancing community service. Proposed 70/30 split is nearly \$2,200 per call for District 21.

Review 2015 data from current records management system and other districts:

Snohomish County cost per call analysis:

District 21	\$1,988.26 (City of Arlington's proposal)
Silvana	\$ 783.02
Lake Roesiger	\$1,000.00
Monore	\$ 877.50
Darrington	\$ 458.00

County average \$543.07

Approximately 587 Mutual aid responses were provided to the City of Arlington in 2015 from neighboring districts at no cost.

Discussion regarding unfair reciprocity as seen through increased wait times and delayed transports. The City of Arlington is supposed to be responding to our District and we're seeing others dispatched which is taking much longer and not providing our citizens with the care and service they deserve. Our District feels as though we are stuck in a bureaucracy as we wait to get a transport license so that we can better serve our community.

Discussion regarding transport billing fees; County fire departments bill patients when they are transported to the hospital. The City of Arlington bills District 21 and the patient an additional \$1,000.00 per transport which equates to the highest in the county (with the exception of private ambulance service).

Negotiations with the City of Arlington continue. Decision made to proceed with issuing additional payment in good faith, although previous payments have not been cashed and are still being held by the City of Arlington. Delays continue in obtaining FCS study results.

The City of Arlington continues to provide BLS transport services within the boundaries of the District beyond December 31, 2015 without our consent; as stated in our legal counsel's letter to the Arlington City attorney dated December 24, 2015.

- **BLS Transports** – Pending City of Arlington negotiations. Discussion regarding the assignment of ALS & BLS transport licenses by region. Our local EMS Council performs needs assessment, Regional Council evaluates the assessment and sends it onto State committee for approval. If we are not able to secure the transport license from Monroe Speedway then we will proceed with obtaining one from the State by demonstrated need. We continue to advocate for and protect the needs of our citizens. We're ready provide transport services; we have the software, hardware, new ambulance, and capacity here to provide this much needed service for our citizens.
- **New World – AIQ** – Discussion regarding percentage of transports into Everett that are getting routed to another call; if unit is the closest available the expectation is to respond and assist as able.

New Business:

- **Meeting Schedule** - Discussion regarding need to change meeting dates. Decision made to change regularly scheduled meetings to the second Wednesday of the month and Workshops to the fourth Wednesday of the month; effective April 1, 2016.
- **Snure Law Seminar** - Discussion regarding participation in March seminar.
- **Safe Driving Policy #5-1** - Decision made to review and discuss further during next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Hovercraft Policy #6-17** - Decision made to review and discuss further during next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Public Comments** – Discussion regarding policy – Decision made to discuss further during next regularly scheduled workshop.
- **Retreat** – Decision made to proceed with June Retreat. Wendy will schedule accordingly.

District Secretary Reports:

Request pending for State Auditors to provide exit review at regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting.

Chief Reports: Provided by Assistant Chief Jeremy Stocker and Assistant Chief Branden Bates

• **Updates Included:**

- 132 calls to-date; No significant alarm activity
- Captain's test for District 21 & 22 administered by Assistant Chief Stocker - Multi part written exam, oral board interview & assessment lab in the field. Outside evaluators from Marysville with Everett finishing the testing process with ranking list – confidential scores were very close all did well evaluator advised outstanding results among part-time firefighters. Captain positions will be appointed in the near future.
- Repairs - New paint, pictures, truck bay, etc.
- Pancake Breakfast - 4th sat of June at station 49
- Hovercraft pilot training – Assistant Chief Bates, Assistant Chief Stocker, Captain Marty & Firefighter Kraski completed Neoteric training on piloting machine, routine maintenance & repairs.
- MDT's are installed in first out vehicles
- South Side District Property - 3 property owners contacted on South side of District; currently have one interested party. Road test times are being evaluated.

Executive Session:

None

Cash TB Summary:

- **Cash Account** – \$220,099
- **Investment account** – \$691,211

Approval of Monthly Payroll:

- **Monthly Payroll/Reimbursement** - \$19,913

Approval of Current Monthly Bills:

- **Bills Submitted** – \$23,092

Warrant No.

1900882 - 1900902

Meeting Schedule:

The next monthly Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for 1830 Wednesday April 13, 2016 at Station 49; 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Meeting Adjourned: 1933

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"