

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.  
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**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Taft, Chief Schmidt, Financial Director Perez, Administrative Assistant Linklater, and 1 crew member.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Commissioner Taft

**Public Input:** None

**Union Input:** None.

**Volunteer Input:** None.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from August 14th, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: August Check #'s 4533 - 4539 & 35 EFTs Total: \$216,776.71
- 3) Claims: Check #'s 4532, 4540 - 4571 Total: \$131,606.67

*Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Financial Report:** Financial Director Perez explained the large rise in cost from System Design/GMT Medicare Program. This is due to an increased number of EMS Transports. She also discussed the Fire Academy tuition spent will be reimbursed from the Training Grant, power Cot, the base unit only, will be installed in the future ALS unit, and Waste Management costs are high due to recycle bins, this service will be canceled and when there is a need to recycle it will be taken to a waste management location to save the District this cost.

### **Old Business:**

**ALS Services Update** – Chief Schmidt discussed the mediation between the District and North County Regional Fire Authority (NCRFA). Bob Eastman helped come up with a formula everyone agreed with. 2023 ALS cost is higher due to NCRFA canceling District 21 units so the cost did not offset like the previous years. During the mediation, NCRFA agreed not to cancel District 21 units if closer, and do what is best for the safety of the citizens. EMS Administrator, Chris Dickison, continues to work on the application process for the District to have its own ALS License. NCRFA will continue to provide ALS service until we have our license. D21 Commissioners agreed with the formula and the numbers discussed in the mediation. Commissioners want NCRFA Run Cards to be changed back to the closest unit since this is best for the citizens. We are waiting for the final numbers from NCRFA.

**Commissioner Strategic Planning Retreat Date** - Discussed rescheduling the retreat to be on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Training Building at Station 50. All agreed on the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 date.

### **New Business:**

**Peer Support** – D21 signed an agreement with Pacific Northwest Support Services. D21 Firefighters are familiar and comfortable with Julie Boyer. Hope Unlimited has hired a new Director, we will continue to use their Chaplin services.



Capital Asset/Small and Attractive Policy - This Policy is required when the Department accepts federal funds. Lt. Nunemaker created an inventory system for District 21 to track these assets.

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Capital Asset/Small and Attractive Policy #24-23. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Washington State All Hazard Mobilization Policy – Changes were discussed. Before this policy can be voted on by the Commissioners this policy will be sent to the Union for a 30-day review.

EMS Governance JT Task Force PowerPoint - Commissioner Safford discussed the new requirements and changes that are being made.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- Apparatus Report – The Chief's Command Vehicle needs to go into the shop to repair the fan.
- Equipment Report – None
- Grants – No word on SAFER Grant
- Waterline – Chairman Nordstrom is looking for a contractor to help with this project.
- Union Negotiations – Negotiations start on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 between the Chief and the Union.

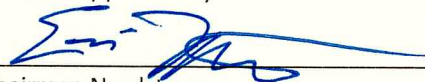
**Commissioner Reports** – None.

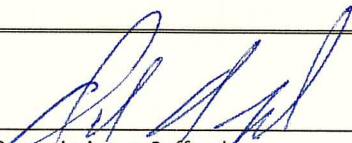
**Announcements:**

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ Station 50
- D21 Family Picnic Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

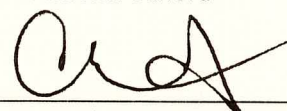
**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

  
Chairman Nordstrom

  
Commissioner Safford

Commissioner Taft

  
Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt