SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.
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Call to Order: Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Taft, Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Johnson, Chief Schmidt, BC Nunemaker, Executive Assistant Linklater, and Financial Director Perez.

Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Johnson

Public Input: The Tulalip Tribes awarded a $5,000 grant to support improvements to the Arlington Heights Improvement Club (AHIC) baseball field.
Citizen Advisory Group: None
Union Input: None
Volunteer Input: None.

Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of Minutes from August 18th, 2026, Regular Meeting
2) Payroll: August Checks #5634-5641 & EFTs Total: $327,522.57
3) Claims: Checks #5642-5673 and EFTs Total: $55,076.99

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

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners. The District remains on track financially, with 32% of the 2026 budget remaining. Work is currently underway on the 2027 budget and wildland deployment paperwork.

Old Business:

ALS Update – The North Region EMS & Trauma Council approved the countywide increase to the minimum/maximum ALS license allocation. The next step is approval by the State, after which Chief Schmidt will submit the application.

Station 49 Roof Replacement Update – In discussions with S&S Roofing. Northern Comfort Heating and Cooling will be replacing the HVAC unit next week.

New Business:

Vehicle and Apparatus Operations Policy – Chief Nunemaker presented the Policy to the Commissioners. Discussion held.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Vehicle and Apparatus Operations Policy. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Apparatus Report – None
- Equipment - None
- Call Volume – Calls were up through the summer and are now coming back down.
- Transports – There were 50 transports in August. Averaging about 6 ALS transports a month.
- Full-Time Academy – District 21 currently has two recruits attending the Full-Time Fire Academy, with their first evaluations scheduled in two weeks. Commissioner Safford expressed interest in exploring the possibility of having a District 21 Company Officer (CO) participate in the next Full-Time Academy.
- 9/11 Ceremony – The Chiefs attended the ceremony hosted by North County Regional Fire Authority at their Training Center. The event was very well organized and featured excellent guest speakers.
- ALS ILA – Chief Schmidt is scheduled to meet with Chief Kraski next week to discuss concerns related to the current ALS ILA.

Commissioner Reports – Commissioner Safford attended the Oso Fire Department's Salmon Feed and reported that the event was very successful.

Executive Session – None Needed

Announcements:

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 50.
- Pancake Breakfast – September 26th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Station 49

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Edgar A. Taft
Chairman Taft

Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt