



Business Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2021

BVFF Committee: Molly, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. There were no charges.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Pete Parrish, MSA Joe Simmons, Captain Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Radio System – The radio committee continues to work on issues with portable radio roll out and beginning the mobile radio distribution and installs. I serve as the Chiefs’ representative on this committee, and it is a challenge to try and meet all agencies different desires for configuration. The current radio paging system is having multiple failures and is in need of immediate replacement. There are competing opinions as to whether we should we replace with current technology or move to newer technology. Both cost millions to accomplish.

DNR Interlocal Agreements – The DNR is proposing new interlocal agreements that may prevent us from using casual hires as we currently utilize. It will not affect us for the upcoming season, and we will need to figure out what we can do for 2022.

Incident Management Team – The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management has proposed a termination to the current IMT system. They have sent out a vote to participating agencies to terminate the agreement. This also is controversial with many agencies, and we are working on an alternate plan.

Summer Season – Crews have been working hard preparing for the summer season of wildfire response and rescue. We have had two trail rescues and three water rescue calls in the last few weeks. As the NW regional coordinator, I have met with the county coordinators, and we have prepared for this year’s calling process. Don Waller from Fire District 4 has replaced Travis Hots as the Snohomish County coordinator. The county coordinators report to the regional coordinator for request and sending of resources.

Newsletter – Commissioner Tubbs and Lt. Miller are working on our annual newsletter and hope to get it out in the next few months.

OPERATIONS

Station remodels – Lawhead Architects have updated the plans for the kitchen remodel at station 54 and it is out for the membership to review and comment on. I sent out an email to establish a committee to assist me with the selection of the materials that we want to use in the kitchen remodel (counter tops, flooring, cabinets, etc...).

Apparatus Repair: Tender 55 repairs were completed on Monday and it was placed back in service. The engine repairs were delayed and now should be done in two to three weeks. A supplemental insurance claim has been sent to the insurance company for cost overruns for the repairs and should be processed shortly.

New Engine: The new engine is currently down at the Monroe shop getting the radios, intercom, Q2 siren, modem and inverter installed. It will take about one to two weeks to complete the work due to a delay in the programming of the control module for the radio. After we get it back from the shop, the crews will mount and place all remaining equipment on the truck. It is my hope to have the engine in service and ready to go by the end of the month.

Drone Program: Our drones continue to get requested by multiple agencies throughout Snohomish County and we have had nothing but great feedback from all the agencies that we have interacted with. We have purchased a rapid charger and additional batteries to help charge our batteries quicker on scene and to allow us to not have any down time due to lack of charged batteries. We have also purchased an attachment point that allows us to carry a life jacket on a tether under the aircraft. It is limited in use, but it will work until we invest in a larger platform. I will be getting different demo aircraft for all the pilots to look at for us to invest in, in the near future. We are also looking at setting up a program and training book for anyone interested in becoming a pilot in the future.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training – We completed EVIP our driving course as required by the state for 17 members

Emergency Preparedness – We have ordered 180 MREs for crews in event of a natural disaster.

Training Facility – Last week I met with the architects, engineers and WSDOT regarding an issue that WSDOT has regarding access to the training site. Upon review of the current designs WSDOT wanted the design to change and include access from the existing fire station with the driveway coming off the helipad. Upon talking to them regarding the drainfields being in the way of this suggestion they wanted to meet in person. They seemed receptive to the concerns of the drainfield issue and requested our documentation on the previous permits for the current station.

IT – We have implemented “First Arriving Dashboard” for members at each station to have a dashboard giving them a range of different information regarding calls, weather, training, etc.

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EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)- All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through May. EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure

Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated. This will be used in the June ALS run review with Dr. Brown.

EMT Training - Submitted a course application for an Advanced EMT course beginning on August 31. Waiting on Snohomish County EMS to approve the course.

Estimate for supplies, tuition, and books has been made with a preliminary budget for the program created.

A schedule for the course has been made. The course will be Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday beginning August 31 ending December 11.

Chief Walters and I settled on a tuition cost of \$1900 for each student, with flyers to go out in the middle of June.

Continuing EMS Education - Second Quarter SCEMS OTEP practical have been scheduled for June.

Planned a MCI drill for June EMS drill incorporating multiple patients and agencies. I have commitments from Fire Districts 4, 5, and KCFD 50. This was inspired by Steve McCormack. It will be a great experience.

EMS Apparatus Replacement Committee- Specifications going out for bid soon.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. The 2020 EMAC reimbursements should be coming in soon. We are still waiting for the final instructions for submitting for reimbursement for our personnel who assisted with the vaccine clinics.

Budget

Currently at 45%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the May minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 254 through 298 for \$104,057.38, and voucher 8 from the Construction Fund for \$1325.00. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$94,558.26. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Leigh attended the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting, and reviewed issues covered. Districts are

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preparing for wildfire season.

Discussion regarding implementing a cost recovery plan for rescue and car accident calls is ongoing.

Next regular meeting July 14, on Zoom.

Adjournment 8:26 pm

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