



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
January 6, 2025

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield
Kevin O'Brien
Keith Strotz

President North County Regional Fire Authority
Vice President South County Fire
Secretary/Treasurer SCFD 17
Large Agency Director Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Joel Johnson	Darrington Fire
Mike Calvert	Everett Fire
Paul Gagnon	Everett Fire
Dave DeMarco	Everett Fire
Jeff Cole	Marysville Fire
Jennett Nielson	Marysville Fire
Ned Vander Pol	Marysville Fire
Blake Engnes	Mukilteo Fire
Glen Albright	Mukilteo Fire
Joshua Cole	Paine Field Fire Department
Scott Dorsey	SCEMS
Ryan Keay	SCEMS
Chad Crandall	SCFD17
Greg Osborne	SCFD4
Don Waller	SCFD4
Seth Johnson	SCFD5
Jarrold Spence	SCFD5
Ernie Walters	Sky Valley Fire
Terry Peterson	SNO911
Lori Burke	SC Fire Marshals
Michael McConnell	SRFR
Vincent Read	SRFR
Ryan Lundquist	SRFR
Bob Eastman	South County Fire
Shawneri Guzman	South County Fire
John Chalfant	South County Fire
Todd Anderson	South County Fire
Chad Schmidt	SCFD21
Roy Waugh	SRFR

- A. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 11:32 hours.
- B. Adopt / Adjust Agenda** No changes or additions to the agenda.
- C. Minutes**
- **Discussion:** No discussion.
 - **Action:** *Motion by Chief Strotz to approve the minutes of the December 2024 meeting. Seconded by Chief Crandall. Approved unanimously.*
- D. Treasurer's Report**

Discussion: Ending balance for 2024 was \$46,226.37. Total expenses for 2024 was \$2044.09

E. Old Business

- Chief Seth Johnson has accepted the position as Sno-Isle Fire Commissioner Liaison.
- ILA Update – 7 signatures have been received so far. It is understood that many agencies are presenting this or following up with their Boards. Chief DeMarco reminded everyone that if they are experiencing any obstacles with their boards, to please let the JTC know and they would be happy to do a presentation for your Board.

F. New Business

Discussion of the realignment of the Large, Medium and Small Agencies –

- The differences of the definition of the Large, Medium and Small Agencies between SNO911 and the SCFCA was discussed. No action taken.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt – no update

Sno911 – Terry Peterson advised that the Steering committee discussed cases that are BLS and downgraded to SC. Per their request, SNO911 sent out an Informational Bulletin on EMS Mandated Reporting. It was brought before Fire TAC and since then they heard about the new WEMSIS requirements. They are waiting to hear back from TAC and the Chiefs as to how they would like them to proceed.

He also advised that Nurse Navigation will continue to fund 50% of the program in 2025. They will provide the Chiefs with more information during a presentation in February.

The new building in on time and on budget. They are looking to move in in late spring.

Fire Commissioners – The new representative is Seth Johnson.

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots – no update

Fire Marshal – Lori Burke – One of their employees recently graduated and is now a commissioned investigator. The Fire Marshal's office will be scheduling visits to local agencies to educate everyone on when it is appropriate to call them. She also wanted to remind everyone to contact them for any fire related injuries or deaths.

H. Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews – no update

EMS – Joe Hughes – no update

SnoCo MPD – Ryan Keay – See SCEMS attachment

SCEMS Director – Scott Dorsey – discussed the rollout of EMS Connect. Ann Farina will be concentrating on the educational piece. Overall, the system is easier to use and allows SCEMS to push out updates in real time. It also makes it easier for them to track

certifications for the agencies. He did send out a survey at the end of the year to gain insight about the agencies thoughts on how SCEMS is doing. Overall the results have been very positive and they did receive some beneficial feedback that they will incorporate in the coming year.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews – no update

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman – no update.

Training Consortium – Shaughn Rice – Mike Morton will now lead the training consortium. Shaughn Rice will be returning to shift.

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Colby Titland – Brett Fetcho is now the new liaison for the Training Officers/Safety Officers.

*Special Operations – Dave Ruddell – Chief Kraski updated everyone that they have been actively working on the hazmat video. The video should be out by the end of the month. Chief Eastman believes this group needs to have a discussion on how they will be handling the EV Hazmat. Chief Eastman is not willing to go balance bill but he feels it is a bigger conversation about how we want to handle this, specific to county policy. **ACTION ITEM** for the next meeting.*

Washington Fire Chiefs – Michael McConnell – Steve Brooks is now the new Executive Director. He will be in our area on the 23rd. Let him know if you would like to schedule a time to meet with them that day. If there is enough interest, they may schedule a time for everyone to join.

Legislative – Michael McConnell –

I. Announcements/Good of the Order

Les Western FC Associatiion. Still have 2 bills they are struggling with, the EV battery bill looks like it has 95% chance of passing. Working on cancer for the public safety officer bill. Isn't getting a lot of positive feedback on it. DODGE 1 trillion reduction in government spending, watching to see what that means for the fire service. Tom Jenkins, John Butler and Otto Droid have all been submitted for the new US Fire administration. Western Fire Chiefs conference Feb 11 & 12 almost sold out. March 31 – Apr 2 they will be going to DC for Congressional visits.

Chief Kraski recognized Susan Bjorling for all of her hard work and for everything she has done for the SCFCA.

Chief Kraski discussed the possibility of forming/developing an Officer Development Academy for the county. Chief Eastman let everyone know that some discussions have been taking place, but nothing is set in stone. They would like to discuss it further at a future Chief's meeting. **ACTION ITEM**

J. Adjournment Motion to adjourn proposed by Chief Eastman **seconded by Chief Strotz and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **12:28 hours**.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Theresa Ramey Administrative Coordinator North County Regional Fire Authority

Next Meeting: February 3 2025 11:30

Attachments: Treasurers Report, SCEMS Update.