



**Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
December 2, 2024**

PRESENT:

Shaughn Maxwell
Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

Vice President South County Fire
Large Agency Director Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
Medium Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Travis Hots
Nielson Jennett
Ned Vander Pol
Jeff Cole
Glen Albright
Scott Dorsey
Bill Dane
Chad Crandall
Don Waller
Seth Johnson
Emmy Duros
Jarrod Spence
Ernie Walters
Terry Peterson
Michael McConnell
Colby Titland
Ryan Lundquist
Bob Eastman
Jason Isotalo
Joe Hughes
John Chalfant

Getchell Fire
Marysville Fire
Marysville Fire
Marysville Fire
Mukilteo Fire
SCEMS
SCFD17
SCFD17
SCFD4
SCFD5
SCFD5
SCFD5
Sky Valley Fire
SNO911
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue
South County Fire
South County Fire
South County Fire
South County Fire

A. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 11:30 hours.

B. **Adopt / Adjust Agenda** No changes or additions to the agenda.

[Darkhorse Presentation](#)

C. **Minutes**

- **Discussion:** No discussion.
- **Action: Motion** by Chief Vander Pol to approve the minutes of the November 2024 meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Strotz. **Approved unanimously.**

D. **Treasurer's Report**

Discussion: There was one expense in the amount of \$412.00 to CSD Law for services related to the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act. [November Treasurer's Report](#)

E. Old Business

Elections/Nominations:

- VP 2 Year Term – Shaughn Maxwell. Nominations closed
- Treasurer 2 Year Term – Jim Haverfield. Nominations closed
 - Chiefs Bob Eastman and Eric Andrews moved to accept these nominations. Chiefs Ned Vander Pol and Keith Strotz seconded the motion.
 - Votes were 15 Yea. 0 Nay.
- Caucuses were held for the Large, Medium and Small Agency representative according to the SCFCA by-laws. Kevin O'Brien was selected to represent the Large Agencies, Eric Andrews was selected to represent the Medium Agencies and Keith Strotz was selected to represent the Small Agencies.

F. New Business

UASI Drone Opportunity - Chief John Chalfant gave an update on the UASI Funded Tethered sUAS. It will be 18-24 months for fruition. Snohomish County has been granted 1 drone for our use. To be considered to have this awarded to your department, you will need to have a drone policy in place. If you are interested, let Chief Chalfant know.

Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners Liaison – Chief Don Waller is stepping down from his role as liaison. The group thanked him for his service. Chief Maxwell advised that Seth Johnson with SCFD5 is the only name that has been submitted at this time. Chief Eastman stated that he would be happy to take on the role if Seth does is not interested.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt – no update

Sno911 – Terry Peterson gave an update on the radio replacement project. It is projected to go live, late Q1 2025. Coverage mapping has been completed and looks great. NorthSound ACH is willing to partially fund Nurse Navigator for next year approximately 50%. The program will continue at a month to month basis and the dispatch committee will bring the results to a future meeting.

Fire Commissioners – Don Waller advised that Sno911 gave a presentation at their last meeting and it was well received.

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots – no update

Fire Marshal – Lori Burke – no update

H. Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews wanted to let everyone know that a lot of work had been done on the FOCs and storm planning and it is looking positive.

EMS – Joe Hughes advised that FD21 has put in a formal request to increase the medic licenses in our county, and Nadia with North Region is working on evaluating the grants received.

SnoCo MPD – Ryan Keay – no update

SCEMS Director – Scott Dorsey - [SCEMS update](#)

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews – nothing to report

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman – Countywide Scout Days at the Fire Station scheduled for March 1st at South County Fire and March 15th at SRFR. All are welcome.

Training Consortium – Shaughn Rice – no update

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Colby Titland – The Snohomish County Training Officers Board for 2025 is:

- Chair – Brett Fetcho SRFR
- 1st Vice-Chair – Chris Clark Mukilteo Fire
- 2nd Vice-Chair – Greg Koontz NCRFA
- Secretary – Aaron Hammer SCFD #4

Special Operations – Dave Ruddell – no update

Washington Fire Chiefs – Michael McConnell –

- January 1st the WFC welcomes Chief Steve Brooks as the new Executive Director. After many years of dedicated service, Steve Wright will fully retire at the end of this year. His service to the association has been remarkable and his leadership has been exceptional. The two Steves are working on an organized transition, and the work of the association should continue seamlessly.
- February 6th - The annual Fire Commissioners & Fire Chief's Legislative Conference will be held in Olympia. This is a one-day event where chiefs and commissioners will jointly advocate for our public safety interest. Registration is open via the WFC website. Please work to coordinate with you partner agencies to schedule a single meeting with your respective legislators. Having a unified voice from our region is critical. I have attached the latest Leg Committee agenda outlining the current legislative priorities.
- April 29th the WFC will begin the process of developing a new strategic plan. Input and feedback opportunities will be provided as we get closer to the kickoff.
- May 19th the WFC Conference will begin in Kennewick. This four-day event offers great speakers and educational opportunities. We look forward to seeing you there.
- June 22nd the Washington State Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held in Olympia. The new Fallen Firefighter Memorial location has been selected on the State Capital grounds and the design is underway. More details to come.
- Please reach out if you have any needs or questions that the WFC team can assist with.

Legislative – Michael McConnell – Steve Brooks is taking over as the Executive Director of the State site. April 29th is Strategic Planning and the State Chiefs Conference is May 19th.

I. **Announcements/Good of the Order**

Jeff Griffin with Western Fire Chiefs reminded everyone where to locate the [OSHA forms](#) and to remember to fill those out. He also gave an update from NOAA who is predicting that the NW will have a bad winter season. [Winter Weather Preparedness Checklist](#) The [WFCA Ignite Symposium](#) is February 11-12 2025. And the [Northwest Leadership Seminar](#) is March 5 -7, 2025.

J. **Adjournment Motion** to adjourn proposed by Chief Vander Pol **seconded** by Chief Strotz and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **12:30 hours**.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Theresa Ramey Administrative Coordinator North County Regional Fire Authority

Next Meeting: January 6, 2025 11:30

Attachments: Please click on the items with blue text to access any attachments.

DRAFT