



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
April 7, 2025

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield

Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

President North County Fire
Vice President South County Fire
Secretary/Treasurer Snohomish County FPD 17 (absent)
Immediate Past President
Large Agency Director Snohomish Regional Fire (absent)
Medium Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19 (absent)
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Bob Eastman
Brett Fetcho
Chad Crandall
Glen Albright
Mike Messer
Ned Vander Pol
Scott Dorsey
Ryan Keay
Aaron Parker
Lori Burke
Terry Peterson

South County Fire
SRFR
FD17
Mukilteo Fire
SRFR
Marysville Fire
SCEMSA
SCEMSA
SnoCo DFM
SnoCo DFM
Sno911

- A. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order at **1130** hours.
- B. **Adopt / Adjust Agenda** No changes or additions to the agenda.
- C. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: *Motion by Chief Maxwell to approve the consent agenda of the April 7, 2025, meeting.*
Seconded by Chief Vander Pol **Approved** unanimously.

- D. **Treasurer's Report**

Discussion: No update, excused absence.

- E. **Old Business**

Nurse Navigator Discussion – tabled until May 6

Workshops have been scheduled for April 23rd and 24th at GPHS. Morning session one day followed by an afternoon session the next day. An open invitation was extended to anyone interested. The workshop will be debriefed at the SCFCA meeting on May 6th.

Agency Alignment/Dues – Dave Kraski

There are two different agency size classification models used within the county. SCFCA and Sno911 each use their own models.

Chief Kraski provided a list depicting the current classifications.

Last month the group discussed resuming the assessment of dues
Colby Titland made a **motion** to assess the dues at (retroactive to January 2025):

\$500.00/yearly – Large Agencies
\$300.00/yearly – Medium Agencies
\$100.00/yearly – Small Agencies

Chief Eastman seconded the **motion**. The **motion carried**.

ODA Update – Chad Crandall

Chief Crandall's group will present to the Snohomish County Training officers' group on April 8th. The group hopes to present to this association next month.

Chief Kraski complimented Chief Crandall for taking on this task and thanked him for his work.

F. New Business

Joint Operation Group presentation – Roger Wilbur with WA State DOT

The Joint Operations Group will consist of volunteer representatives from multiple agencies. The goal is to encourage and facilitate multi-agency collaboration. Allows agencies to access more information and to become more familiar with each other, which should benefit everyone during emergencies.

Please see attached presentation provided during the meeting.

More information should provide for more timely decision making and may help to reduce or eliminate conflicts.

State Patrol, DOT, and Washington Fire Chiefs Association have executed an agreement to outline appropriate responses. This is a statewide initiative. They would like local people to step forward to represent their regional areas. Work product will be viewed as enhancements and will not be meant to replace any current policies/practices. Time commitment will be minimal – monthly one-hour online meetings.

The first Joint Operations Group was established in 2015, which provided a good basis for deployment to the 2017 train derailment. In 2018, the Seattle area (downtown corridor) group was formed. DOT has been working on expanding Joint Operations Groups to other areas. They hope to cover the I5 corridor and eastern Washington.

ReadyOp software allows groups to reach out to various points of contact at agencies in the area. Messages can be sent to individuals and entire agencies.

Virtual Coordination Center – VCC

Agencies who are members of the JOG will have access to the Virtual Coordination Center. VCC is a cloud-based platform that allows individuals to see what surrounding agencies are doing (in real

time) in response to events. There is no cost to join. CAD feeds relate to anything that impacts traffic or roadways; multiple lanes blocked, fatality accident, etc. Map depicts all city streets and ESRI (traffic flow). Major events and major construction will be monitored, as well. More in-depth training regarding the VCC can be provided. Agreements regarding data sharing are currently being drafted.

JOG Kickoff
April 16th at
2:30 PM
MS Teams
Roger.Wilbur@WSDOT.WA.GOV

Chief Eastman suggested that at least one of the members of SCFCA participate in the Joint Operations Group. Chief Kraski will contact a few people to discuss participation.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt – no update (absent)

Sno911 – Terry Peterson

April 23rd and 24th – Nurse Navigator Workshop

The radio cutover has been pushed out to early May.

Future SLA potential with SCEMSA. Sno911 sent out a redline ILA copy to all agencies. They'd like to have those executed by agencies by May 15th.

Sno911 operations should be moving into their new campus on May 21st.

Fire Commissioners – Bob Eastman

Commissioners last meeting was brief, but they did select Brian Mills as their representative to SCEMSA.

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots

The annual NW Fire Defense Board Meeting will be held in June.

NW Region DNR meeting will be held in Sedro Woolley the week of April 15th. Chief Hots felt the meeting last year was very well worth attending. (Tuesday, April 15th 9 AM - 3 PM.)

Fire Marshal – Lori Burke

Lori will be retiring at the end of May 2025.

Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews - absent

EMS – Shaughn Maxwell

No report.

SnoCo MPD – Ryan Keay **SCEMSA Director** – Scott Dorsey

Chief Duros of Sultan has done exemplary work with certifications for SCEMS. She has developed system that has increased efficiency and satisfaction among providers.

Ryan Keay shared that there will be no updates to protocols this year. The app/document management system was introduced in January. Everyone in the county has a license. Various agencies are working through a few IT issues regarding getting their vehicles connected. Checklists should be uploaded to the app soon. Clinical tips will also be provided to assist at the bedsides of patients.

Pilot protocols – county is leading the state in buprenorphine administration in the State.

Blood is no longer in pilot status. We can now call air assets for blood. This will require a great deal of training and infrastructure. We only receive units two of blood- one goes to LifeFlight, and one goes to South County. Dr. Keay is working on increasing the allocation. South County has been holding blood drives to try to increase supply with the hope that Bloodworks NW will release additional units.

Ultrasound- SRFR is running a pilot program. There will be a county workshop held in the 4th quarter of this year to provide some guidance if agencies have any interest in setting up a program.

QA/QM – every agency is covered under the county umbrella. Agencies do not need to send them to the DOH. Dr. Keay is meeting with individual agencies to discuss quality review.

Dorsey has developed a county-wide QA process. Dr. Keay is willing to participate onsite with agencies who may need extra review on various cases. QA issues have been reported through various people within the county. Many are self-reporting practitioners.

Education – continuing to focus on education and providing quality instruction.

County Run Reviews – very well attended.

Monday minutes – 81% view rate.

SCOTT DORSEY

SCEMSA – Went live April 2nd.

Caucuses went well on April 2nd and 3rd.

Inaugural Board meeting will be held April 15th at 9:30 AM

Scott Dorsey is looking forward to transitioning practices and policies to innovate EMS services within the county. It will take time to develop systems and get the Board up to speed but the work is interesting and will significantly improve things for our communities.

Dr. Keay shared that there will be a few awards presented June 11th at the new Sno911 building. They have already received several nominations.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews (not present)

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman – No report.

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Brett Fetcho

There will be an event held May 19th from 9 AM – 4 PM

Fall Leadership training will be held September 27th. Chief Scott Thompson will be the presenter.

The group is putting on another cardio screening. They are also considering adding additional services. They thanked SCFD4 for hosting.

Special Operations – Dave Ruddell

Nothing new to report.

Washington Fire Chiefs – Michael McConnell

Strategic plan development for the WFC will begin in April. Please look for surveys in advance of that date. State Chiefs Conference will be held in Kennewick in May.

Chief Dennis Doan from Gig Harbor stepped down as the WFC rep to the Western Fire Chiefs. Opening will be filled with an interim member Chief Jeff Faucett until an election can be facilitated.

More positions available for the FORCE conference. This is a 2-year opportunity.

WSRB changes subcommittee – overhauling the rating system. They have been working with the office of the insurance commissioner (OIC). Working with state and the OIC to add an additional position to work with WSRB and update the system. The funding for the new FTE comes from the insurance companies.

Legislative – Michael McConnell

Winding down the fiscal committee. Last legislative committee meeting was March 25th.

The Fire Service policy board passed house and senate. Has had its second hearing in the rules committee. This gets the group back to where we were.

Pre-positioning should continue this year.

There has been a new bill introduced regarding insurance companies reporting fire losses.

The reduction in elevator sizes bill does not look like it'll move forward.

Volunteer FF participating in state DCP has passed both houses.

Property tax growth proposals will likely need to be monitored for a few years.

LEOFF merger bill does not appear to be advancing.

Chiefs Maxwell, Eastman, Scoggins, and Fawcett went back with the Western Fire Chiefs and lobbied in Washington DC the first week of April. Safer forests, preserving Medicare, GEMT, grants, developing safer guidelines on lithium-ion batteries were just a few of the topics discussed.

They met with every office/representative from our area.

H. Announcements/Good of the Order

- I. **Adjournment Motion** to adjourn proposed by Chief Eastman seconded by Chief Vander Pol and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **1254 hours**.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Susan Bjorling/South County Fire

Next Meeting: May 5, 2025

Attachments:
JOG Presentation