



Snohomish County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Progressive Fire Protection Through Cooperation"

Established 1970

Board Meeting

March 27, 2024

1:00 PM

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Chief Shaughn Maxwell

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Washington Fire Chiefs

Chief Kevin O'Brien

Policy/Procedure Committee Chair

Chief Eric Andrews

SNO911 Fire Tac

Chief Eric Andrews

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Chief Maxwell and seconded by Chief Strotz. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Nurse Navigator Update**

Chief Maxwell shared that the group has been reassessing their processes. There was a glitch with AMG/GMR at the time of the launch, which caused the computer to put all the calls at the highest priority, routing them back to dispatch. Everything, to this point, has not been running as everyone hoped.

The task force has requested a refund of some of the costs associated with the program. That request is currently pending.

Terry Peterson shared that the glitch didn't affect all the protocols, but it did have a significant impact on the system. Since the configuration changes have been made the calls have been trending in the way the group would expect.

Abdominal pain calls have been reevaluated and have been pulled back from Nurse Navigation at this time. They will be revisited in the future. Most abdominal pain calls require some sort of imaging and therefore cannot be efficiently handled through a phone call with Nurse Navigator.

New Business:

- **501c3 Status SCEMS**

Scott Dorsey, interim Director of SCEMS, has discovered that the SCEMS 501c3 status has expired.

He will need to hire a limited-use accountant to assist SCEMS. The funding request is minimal. Terry Peterson recommended that this project be funded through one of the line items already in place in the budget for the year.

Scott Dorsey has incurred some fees related procuring insurance on his personal vehicle which has been used for SCEMS business. He has been working more than the 32 hours for which he's contracted.

Chief Kraski proposed increasing Scott Dorsey's contract from 32 hours/week to 40 hours/week.

When the SCEMS budget was proposed to the fire chiefs the line item was set at \$144,000. It was divided into 32, setting an hourly rate. Terry Peterson proposes increasing the number of hours to 40, utilizing the hourly rate that was calculated based on the \$144,000 divided by the 32/hours week. This may require a budget amendment increasing the line item to \$180,000, which would allow for him to work 40 hours/week for the rest of the year or, alternatively, reserve dollars could be utilized.

Chief Haverfield sought clarification as to whether this increase would be 40 hours/weekly for the rest of the year or if it would be based on need. Chief Maxwell shared that there will likely be plenty of work to keep Scott busy working 40 hours per week.

This will be proposed to the general membership at the April 1st meeting and, if approved, a contract amendment will be managed with Scott.

- **501c3 Status SCFCA**

Scott Dorsey also discovered that the SCFCA 501c3 status has expired. It has been determined by the Executive Board that unless it is determined to be necessary at this time, the Executive Board will decline to renew the 501c3 status. The group does not seek donations from the public.

- **GM Membership Meeting Luncheon**

Nicholson Insurance will provide lunch and a brief overview of their available service. [Personal & Business Insurance | Nicholson and Associates Insurance \(nicholson-insurance.com\)](https://nicholson-insurance.com)

- **ESO Patient Care Reporting (Terry Peterson)**

ESO is sunsetting some of the components used by some of the data analysts in the area. Data standards folks have come up with a new and improved way of accessing the data. Should there be a desire to engage in an umbrella agreement the cost would be \$18,000 (countywide license under the Sno911 umbrella) or if individual agencies would like to work independently, the cost would be \$6,000 per agency.

The Snowflake ad hoc has many features that are being discontinued but the new system will provide the data analysts with a more robust program with more features.

The Data Standards Committee recommends that the Chiefs group move forward with the umbrella contract providing access for all agencies for \$18,000.

Chief Kraski asked Terry Peterson (Sno911) to provide more data regarding this and how it will impact each agency at the general membership meeting on April 1st.

Committee/Division Updates (as needed)

Announcements

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 1335 hours.

Attachments: