



**Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
Board Meeting
1:00 p.m.
August 23, 2023**

PRESENT:

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| Thad Hovis | President South County Fire (absent) |
| Dave Kraski | Vice-President North County Fire |
| Eric Andrews | Medium Agencies Director Sky Valley Fire |
| Keith Strotz | Small Agencies Director SCFD19 |
| Jim Haverfield | Treasurer SCFD17 |
| Travis Hots | Immediate Past President SCFD22 (absent) |
| Susan Bjorling | Executive Assistant South County Fire |
| Ryan Lundquist | SRFR |
| Bob Eastman | South County Fire |

A. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1437 hours.

B. Adopt/Adjust Agenda

C. Minutes

Action: Chief Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2023 meeting. Chief Haverfield seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

D. Old Business

E. New Business

The PFAS County-Wide Communication has been reviewed by the E-Board and will be presented to the general membership for input at the September 20th general membership meeting.

Motion to approve was made by Chief Andrews. It was seconded by Chief Strotz and unanimously approved.

Northwest Ambulance including ALS for inter-facility transports-

Joe from Northwest Ambulance contacted VP Kraski regarding ALS providers being allowed to provide inter-facility transport in Snohomish County. Dr. Keay, County MPD, is in favor and will assist in facilitating this change in process. They will not respond to 911 calls. It is thought that this practice is already being carried out in Pierce County.

AC Eastman shared with the group that it has historically been nurses making these types of runs, rather than medics. He is of the impression that at some point there will likely be competition within the county for medics. Even with firm parameters in place this could result in a private entity coming in to compete with departments for this work. When medics on the private units are allowed to do this type of work it opens a door.

Chief Andrews recalls that the MPD has never allowed this in the past. He also offered the perspective that if private ambulance companies wanted to challenge their licensing restrictions through DOH in the future, already having medics on board could give them an advantage.

Chief Haverfield suggested that it might be wise to procure a written agreement with Northwest Ambulance in case they should sell their business.

Chief Kraski recommended that this be further discussed at the General Membership meeting on September 20th.

Potential Grant Funding opportunities through Snohomish County DEM

AC Eastman has been coordinating with Eric Smith at Snohomish County DEM to facilitate some additional funding opportunities. Eric will attend the next General Membership meeting in October to provide an overview.

Information regarding strategies for reprioritizing UASI spending, the process and how they arrive at numbers, and the results from an SPR survey will be discussed. Funding sources will be analyzed. Eric will take questions from Chiefs and provide a high-level presentation to encourage coordination.

F. Committee Updates

None

G. Announcements/Good of the Order

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1456 hours. The motion was made by Chief Kraski and was seconded by Chief Andrews.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Susan Bjorling
Executive Assistant, Office of the Fire Chief
South County Fire

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
1:00 pm

Attachments:
PFAS County-Wide Communication as approved.