



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:30 a.m.
June 2, 2025

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield

Kevin O'Brien
Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

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

Bill Dane	FD17
Blake Engnes	Mukilteo Fire
Chad Crandall	FD17
Chad Schmidt	FD21
Travis Hots	FD22
Colby Titland	SRFR
Dave DeMarco	Everett Fire
Dave Ruddell	South County Fire
David Wells	South County Fire
Drew Bono	FD22
Ernie Walters	Sky Valley Fire
Emmy Duros	FD5
Glen Albright	Mukilteo Fire
Greg Osborne	FD4
Jarrold Spence	FD5
Joel Johnson	FD24
John Chalfant	South County Fire
Lucia Schmit	SnoCo DEM
Michael McConnell	SRFR
Mike Calvert	Everett Fire
Mike Messer	SRFR
Ned Vanderpol	Marysville Fire
Jennett Nielson	Marysville Fire
Ryan Keay	SCEMSA/Sno County MPD
Ryan Lundquist	SRFR
Scott Dorsey	SCEMSA
Seth Henderson	SnoCo FM
Seth Johnson	FD5

- 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 Johnson to approve the consent agenda of the May 5, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Chief Vander Pol* **Approved** unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report

Discussion: See attached.

E. Old Business

Nurse Navigator Discussion – See attachment. No action at this time. Will re-evaluate in September. **Amended and approved on June 2, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Drew Bono and seconded by Joel Johnson and approved unanimously. The approval includes a caveat: we will evaluate the program's progress in addressing the identified issues. A decision on whether to continue the program into 2026 and beyond will be made later this year. Sno911 will include funding for the program in the 2026 budget.

ODA Update – Chad Crandall

Chief Crandall presented to the group and requested for a response in September. The training officers endorsed the ODA at the last meeting. The committee will finalize the details and have them ready for the September meeting. The general consensus was that the Training Officers Association should host the class. They will return with a proposal.

SCEMSA Update – Scott Dorsey

They had their first board meeting on April 13. It went well. Director Dorsey reminded everyone to please pay your invoice that was sent out.

JOG Update – Chief Chalfant

They had their kickoff meeting on April 16, 2025. They discussed regional traffic issues, mitigation of large-scale incidents and they will now be expanding in to our area. They went over high-level information of upcoming construction projects. There will be a special log in so they can check on incidents in real time in the Seattle area only at this time. They will be expanding it to Snohomish County sometime in the future. Future meetings will be now be held at 3pm to avoid conflicts with Fire Tac.

F. New Business

SCTO Request Fall Leadership – Chief Crandall

A motion to pay up to \$3000 to the SCTO for the Fall Leadership class was made by Chief Chalfant. It was seconded by Chief Titland.

Thank you, Lori Burke – The SCFCA recognizes Lori Burke for her 27 years of service and thank her for all she has done for Snohomish County.

G. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt – Introduced Deputy Director Dara Salmon. DEM is working on updating their 5-year plan. Once it is complete, they will bring it to the SCFCA for discussion. She let everyone know they can always email DEM for updates.

Sno911 – Terry Peterson-

Reminded everyone about the 2 open houses on the 13th and the 20th at the new dispatch center. He also let everyone know that there will be a ribbon cutting immediately following the board meeting on the 15th at about 9:30 am. Following that, the facility will be open for tours.

The radio system cutover is tomorrow at 0800. Make sure your crews are following the guidelines on the sheet they sent out. Reminded everyone that they will need to switch to E bank to get your traffic and make sure all the radios are updated.

Fire Commissioners – Seth Johnson

They met last week at FD21 and received an update from DNR.

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots

DNR had their 2nd annual open house and went over operations and resources available in our state.

Fire Marshal – Lori Burke

She will be retiring on May 30th. They have had the first round of interviews for the Assistant Fire Marshal's Office. They have not selected a candidate yet, but they will make an announcement as soon as the successful candidate accepts the position when offered. She also reminded everyone who has social media accounts to not post any pictures of arson fires still under investigation.

Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews – Main discussion was about the radios.

SnoCo MPD – Ryan Keay SCEMSA Director – Scott Dorsey

Dr Keay advised the they have had 80 QA cases to date. On June 11th there will be an symposium followed by a CAM class next fall. They will be starting up the Protocol committee again. Current stat work is on scope of practice from the state. They request any documentation be sent to the MSA/MSO group of what you would like a chart to look like. ABCDE-ACT to help with load leveling and decrease wall times.

HELMS is a recent release, not glorious. 1865 providers, but not seeing the data as easily. They have to rework the process.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews no update

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman – Congratulations to Shawneri for being the NFPA National Educator of the Year! Way to go!

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Brett Fetcho

May 15th at the PUD Building, will be the Academy graduation.

Testing for the PE standard is better applied at the hiring process, before or at the very beginning of the academy.

FTA training piece, set up anchor they could utilize for fall protection

Special Operations – Dave Ruddell –

Special Operations Policy Board
May 2025

Training

HazMat IC April 28, 2025. Second session will be in October.

Ongoing HazMat team training

2nd Technical Rescue Academy underway. Academy ends May 9.

SRFR, Everett, Sno4, Marysville and SCF have techs in training.

*Thank you for the agency support.

8 members attending Structural Collapse training with the WA-Task Force beginning in June 2025.

Operations

More training on Alternative fuels and specifically EV batteries for all crews.

Members attended advanced training on lithium-ion battery emergencies, and they were happy to report that Snohomish County is above the curve with our training and Operational capabilities. The committee is watching this closely and will make recommendations as they learn more.

Multiple Tech Rescue responses within the County in the last 2 months. Happy to report both Operations and Technician level responses are running safe and effective.

Budget

2026 budget preparation is underway.

Expect 2026 budget approval at the May 20 SOPB meeting.

Questions or concerns please give me a call.

Washington Fire Chiefs – Michael McConnell

Strategic Planning

The WFC gathered the WFC Board, Section Chairs and Key Stakeholders in a work session, facilitated by WHA on April 29-30th. This group reviewed the previous strategic plan and worked to put into place a new plan for the next 3 years. Since the previous plan was adopted in 2020, significant changes have occurred in the fire service, technology, and there are new opportunities available to the association. Portions of the updated plan will be introduced at the annual conference.

2025 Washington Fire Chiefs Conference, Kennewick, May 19-22

PreHospital Emergency Airway Course, Kennewick, May 21-22

2025 WA Fire Administrative Support Conference, Wenatchee, Sept 29-Oct 1, 2025

2025 WA Fire Mechanics Conference, September 15-19, 2025

Legislative – Michael McConnell

Washington Legislative Update The WFC made great progress on the 2025 Legislative Priorities with the following priority bills seeing success:

- HB1156, Volunteer Firefighter Deferred Compensation Program
- SHB 1271, Prepositioning of mobilization resources
- SHB 1539, Wildfire Protection
- EHB 1628. Fire Service Policy Board
- ESHB 2049, Property tax growth limit/ K-12 Funding
- SSB 5419, Report of Fire Loss
- ESSB 5801, Transportation Resources

We will be discussing the legislative session in depth at the Conference, at the Legislative Breakfast, Wednesday, May 21st at 7am.

H. Announcements/Good of the Order

Chief Eastman has questions about the upcoming Soccer World Cup since we are a designated fan zone. Chief DeMarco advised that the planning group is starting to stand up regionally as we speak and there is a lot of discussion occurring. He will keep everyone updated.

Les with Western Fire Chiefs advised that grant money is flowing again. There have been significant cuts to FEMA and that the lithium ion legislation has passed the house and is now at the senate.

- I. **Adjournment Motion** to adjourn proposed by Chief Eastman seconded by Chief Vander Pol and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **1245 hours**.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Theresa Ramey/North County RFA

Next Meeting: June 2, 2025

Attachments:
Snohomish County Nurse Navigation Program Executive Update
SCFCA Financial Statement