



Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association

"Progressive Fire Protection Through Cooperation"

Established 1970

General Membership

May 5, 2025

11:30 am

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Chief Michael McConnell

Policy/Procedure

Committee Chair

Chief Eric Andrews

SNO911 Fire Tac

Chief Eric Andrews

Call Meeting to Order

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

- Nurse Navigator and vote – Terry Peterson
- ODA Proposal – Chief Crandall
- SCEMSA update
- JOG Update – Chief Chalfant

New Business:

- SCTO request – Fall Leadership – Chief Crandall
- Recognize Lori Burke for her years of service. (how many years)

Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt

Sno911 – Terry Peterson

Fire Commissioners – Don Waller

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots

Fire Marshal – Lori Burke

I will be retiring on May 30. We have had the first round of inspections for the Assistant Fire Marshal's Office. We have not selected a candidate yet, but we will make an announcement as soon as the successful candidate accepts the position when offered.

Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews

SCEMSA – Scott Dorsey

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman

Training Consortium – Brett Fetcho

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Brett Fetcho

Special Operations – Dave Ruddell –

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.

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.

Announcements

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Adjourn
