



Snohomish County Chiefs' Association
General Membership
11:35 a.m.
October 6, 2025

PRESENT:

Dave Kraski
Shaughn Maxwell
Jim Haverfield

Eric Andrews
Keith Strotz

Jason Allen
Dave Demarco
Ned Vanderpol
Blake Engnes
Glen Albright
Joshua Cole
Scott Dorsey
Ryan Keay
Seth Henderson
Greg Osborne
Seth Johnson
Emmy Duros
Jarod Spence
Bill Dane
Chad Crandall
Chad Schmidt
Jeremy Stocker
Drew Bono
Travis Hots
Ernie Walters
Michael McConnell
Ryan Lundquist
Brian Park
John Chalfant
Bob Eastman
Joe Hughes
Terry Peterson
Lucia Schmitt
Dara Salmon
Les Hallmon

President North County Fire
Vice President South County Fire - absent
Secretary/Treasurer Snohomish County FPD 17 - absent
Immediate Past President
Large Agency Director
Medium Agency Director Sky Valley Fire
Small Agency Director Snohomish County FPD 19

Camano Fire
Everett Fire
Marysville Fire
Mukilteo Fire
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Paine Field Fire
SCEMSA
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Snohomish County Fire Marshal
Snohomish County FPD 4
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South County Fire
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Sno911
SnoCo DEM
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WFCA/WHA

Thank you to our Lunch Sponsor - SCFCA

- A. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 11:34 hours.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** no additions

C. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- **Discussion:** no discussion
- **Action:** **Motion** by Chief Andrews to approve the Consent Agenda. **Seconded** by Chief Parks. **Approved** unanimously.

D. **Minutes:**

- **Discussion:** no discussion
- **Action:** **Motion** by Chief Andrews to approve the minutes of the, meeting. **Seconded** by Chief Parks. **Approved** unanimously.

E. **Treasurer's Report:** Included in packet

Discussion: no discussion

F. **Old Business**

- ODA Website- Chad Crandall – At their last meeting it was decided to go with Fowler Fire for Fire Instructor 1, Fire Officer 1 & 2 due to uncertainties with overtime, and enrollment. 2 full day and third day would be testing. Finalized numbers – currently 21 committed seats. The numbers are low, they are willing to continue in 2026, but numbers are lower than expected. They thought it would be 30-35 at about \$100 per student per class but it will need to be adjusted due to low numbers.
 - *Further updates next month.*
- Nurse Navigator – Chief Hughes – ACH contacted Sno911, they haven't promised any funding, but they will meet and discuss.
 - *Planning to revisit 1st quarter.*
- FRP Change Process – Terry Peterson – They have a process set up with the help desk using the internal ticket management system and will share a file with Fire TAC showing the changes.

G. **New Business**

- Update to ESF4 & ESF10 Annexes – Dara Salmon. The Annexes are underway, and the draft has been sent out to South County for review. A formal presentation will come later this fall.
- Executive Somers will visit us at our November meeting.
- Countywide CARES program that is supported through Sno911 assessments – discussion only – Dr. Keay advised that DOH approached SCEMSA about a potential grant program to start a county wide CARES program. If accepted, it may cover 3 years.
 - Action Item – Keep on old business
- Snohomish County Paramedic Training program –Discussion about how an accredited program is a lot of work, one suggestion was to maybe partner with an existing program as a satellite program. The need is there; it's the accreditation part that is huge. Chief Demarco has a meeting with King Co later this month and hopes to find out more about their program.
- Board Elections – President is up for election. Nominations will be allowed from the floor at the December meeting. (Article 10, section 3, bylaws)

- November 18 WSFCA meeting. Attendance is encouraged. 10-noon at the Port of Everett.
- Fire Response Plans – Discussion only. No action taken.

H. Agency Updates:

DEM - Lucia Schmitt – see presentation. Would like this message to be shared throughout 2026. They will make plans to visit the PIOs and anyone else we think is necessary and share the information with them.

Sno911 – Terry Peterson – The board has approved the 2026 budget. We organized radio interop workshop. Good attendance and had regional reps. Howard will organize list of next steps. When researching a new CAD system, it was mentioned that cloud-based systems should also be included. Sno911 is having some challenges with Tyler with the service agreement that they are working on and they have some homework to do. They are estimating that every 5-7 years for new system if that is the route they go.

Fire Commissioners – Chief Johnson – no update

Fire Resources Coordinator – Travis Hots – This year has been busy from a mobilization standpoint. Fire season is lasting longer each year. There were 15 deployments this year and 28 strike teams. There is a lack of strike team leaders. There is a meeting planned with the other county resource coordinators and they will try to see if they can't resolve or find solutions to this

Fire Marshal – Seth Henderson – no update

Hazmat – Chief Willis – April 6 exercise at Everett Memorial – simulated terrorist attack. The goal is to see where we are at as a county and how we handle this. 0800-1600, they are requesting the hazmat group, 4-8 engines, EMS units, incident command, etc. Please consider participation.

Action Item: add to old business, revisit each month

I. Liaison Updates:

Fire TAC – Eric Andrews – Drew to send out survey. Ask is to please fill it out.

SnoCo MPD – Ryan Keay – EMS conference last month, and we had our 9th county run review. This week we are working on ESO standards and are hoping to standardize them across the county.. Focus certification training for those agencies participating is November 12th & 13th. We have a meeting with Bloodworks NW on Thursday, and it looks like we will move forward with our increase in blood allocation. There is a new multicare freestanding emergency room in Lynnwood.

SCEMS Director – Scott Dorsey – board meeting next week. Budget presented there.

Policy/Procedure Review Committee – Eric Andrews – no update

Fire Prevention – Shawneri Guzman – Fire Prevention Week October 5–11, 2025

Theme: “Charged into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home”

SCPFA will be airing a radio commercial throughout the month of October: **Protect your home and family from lithium-ion battery fires in three simple steps: Buy Smart, Charge Safely, and Recycle Right.**

Training Consortium – Deputy Chief Fetcho –

Training Officers/Safety Officers – Deputy Chief Fetcho – thank you for supporting fall leadership training. Thank you to Camano Island Fire for hosting. We held our September health screening. Attendance was a little over 200 participants. Thank you for South County Fire for hosting.

Special Operations – Dave Ruddell –

Washington Fire Chiefs – Michael McConnell – The Fire Prevention Institute is happening next week, and our public educators will be there. They have a quick curriculum track as well.

Legislative – Michael McConnell – Long legislative session and we do have the survey results. No new initiatives are ongoing, whether its funding, TIF or pension reform, additional training revenues. We are staying the course and hope you all join us for legislative day.

Western Fire Chiefs – Winslow Cervantes – There will be a hearing on October 23rd. Sign up to speak is Oct 10. Fire academy is again shut down and Medicare payments are not being paid. We are working on getting a bill passed in the senate to avoid this but are having a hard time. We are not giving up. Insurance is looking good going into 2026. VFIS or ESIP are not expecting an increase, however the CIAW and risk pools are expecting a 12-18% increase.

J. Announcements/Good of the Order

Chief Eastman advised that there is a Rescue Task Force Instructor certification class November 3 – 5. There are 5 seats available for Snohomish County agencies. More information will be sent out soon.

Chief DeMarco gave an update on the Port of Everett. Information will be sent out to everyone via email.

K. Adjournment Motion to adjourn proposed by Chief Park **seconded by Chief Andrews and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 **pm hours**.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Theresa Ramey / Administrative Coordinator – NCRFA

Next Meeting: November 3, 2025

Attachments: none