



Pierce County Fire District 13

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Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners March 08, 2022

Commissioner Malone called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Malone** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioner Noll (Zoom), Commissioner Zuluaga, BC Sandstrom**
Members of the Public and Staff: 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes February 08, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Noll

Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve vouchers #17061-#17103 in the amount of \$41,618.06 for Monthly Payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Noll

Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve voucher #17104 in the amount of \$125.00 for Monthly Deposits.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone

Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence:

From: Assistant Chief Dorel Kynaston Woodland Hills Utah, Fire Department

Dear Chief Wassall,

We have some very close friends living in Browns Point.

We just wanted to thank you for your very caring help over the past few months for assisting them.

They are the kindest people in your jurisdiction.

They have been impressed by your kindness and really needed help you have given.

They have shared with us how much they appreciate your assistance.

From one fire department to another, we thank you.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chief Report

Presented by: BC Les Sandstrom

Calls: 12 total calls, 8 EMS calls, 3 Service Calls and 1 Mutual Aid Fire call.

Staffing and Recruiting: CVA22-01 have completed their first month of academy. We started with 22 and are down to 20. 1 left the academy and 1 is being deployed. Their first chapter exam will be this Thursday. We have made 2 visits to Pierce College to speak with the graduating EMT classes about coming to District 13 to start their EMS career and moving into the next fire academy. We have 2 students from TCC who have come in for a talk, 1 has been consistent in stopping by, he is interested in fire academy.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$145,014.15
Less 03-08-2022 expenses	-41,618.06
Deposits (not yet posted).	<u>0.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$103,396.09
Reserves:	\$357,483.88

Training: We are going back to in-person training for both Fire and EMS. We all need the hands on that has been lacking the last 2 years, it is starting to show. We have a few of us who are renewing our EMT this year (I am one), so we need to follow-up on paperwork and not wait last minute to get our stuff into Pierce County to be forwarded to The Department of Health.

SS911: Nothing to report, I tried to sit in on the last meeting but had to run a call.

Fleet Status: We have had the new C77 command vehicle sent into Larsen Signs to have her stickered last week. She went from there to Ford to get the water leak fixed on the driver's side rear window. The seal is leaking, but to repair it, they will need to take out the first one, they are expecting the window to break. They have one ordered so if that happens, they can fix the seal and put in the new glass. The old C77 has been re-stickered and is now marked as C772. We took both vehicles to Systems for Public Safety, and we are waiting for a quote to add lights and siren to C77 and replace the lighting for both C772 and B77.

Good of the Order: This has not been a great start to 2022. I am hopeful that this will be the end of whatever is going on and we can get back to normal very soon. Lisa will keep everyone informed as to where I am physically. Chief Sandstrom, Chief Rapozo and Captain Fitzgerald have a plan in place to see that we keep moving forward, I have no doubt that will be the case. I will not know where I stand until after surgery and have a plan for my recovery. My hope is that Lisa will allow me, when I am ready, to sit in the classroom and drool just to get some fresh air and visit. We understand the BPIC will be having the Salmon Bake this year. We will be adjusting the drill nights the week before and following to Monday to assist everyone with getting the booths out and back under the storage area. Some email phishing issues continue to be experienced on Rainier Connect. Other options for our email service are being reviewed.

MSO Report:

Presented by Firefighter Sprinkle.

There have been many last-minute tasks to be completed on our billing launch. It has seemed that every time we are at the finish line, a new finish line appears. Systems Design West has been extremely helpful and patient. We are down to just the policies, procedures, and resolutions.

I have so much gratitude to everyone who has patiently assisted and endured in this process. Thank you. Special thanks to Lisa for helping me with so many things and for putting up with me during this endeavor.

Tonight, for OTEP, we received a special invitation from Norma to attend Dr O'Mahoney's presentation on pediatric trauma and assessment, at Pierce County EOC. We also were invited by Riverside Fire to send any of our members who are not certified on the supraglottic airway, to attend Paramedic Kaylee Garrett's class at their department. We have several people also taking advantage of this opportunity.

Regarding the FEMA grant, I received word yesterday, that we have been 'obligated' by FEMA for 100% reimbursement for the COVID related EMS costs we have reported. That is their word for approval in the amount of \$25,308.00. I am now awaiting an email from the person who has been collaborating with us, with a link to review and submit for the check. She has assured me it will be "soon." She has also been immensely helpful, despite the bureaucracy involved.

Lastly, Thanks you to Chief, and you all, for letting me work maritime today and to have Elisa standing in.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

BPIC-Easter Bunny April 9th @ 9:00 am

BPIC gate cable problem is fixed.

BPIC Salmon Bake August 6th and 7th.

Commissioner Zuluaga:

Attended Norpoint Preschool Auction. Large dollar auction item was a ride on fire truck.

Norpoint Preschool children came to Station 77. Children loved the visit.

Commissioner Noll:

Legislative bill:

1735-Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.

1329-Concerning open public meeting (OPM) accessibility and participation.

5900-Creating a provisional paramedic or emergency medical technician license.

Pierce County Fire Commissioner Meeting on 2/24.

Speaker Matt Brignall (PC Health Dept) Covid related discussion.

Indoor mask order ends 3.21.22. Things should be better in county by end of March.

2nd booster may be recommended for those over 65, every few years after.

Can take up to 90 days for a Covid test to be negative after having Covid.

SS911 Report-averaging 50,000 + calls per month since mid-2021, this volume is alarming, and they are short 19 staff members. Call volume increases relate to shootings, homicides, and stolen cars.

Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins

PIO hazard class attended March 1 and 2 in Pasco.

Final stages for AARP Grant for Knox Box

382 visits to Website

16 new signups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Business:

- 1. Town Center Mitigation Agreement:
Mitigation Agreement has been signed by both parties and is now complete.
Commissioner Noll, Commissioner Malone thanks to Commissioner Zuluaga and Chief Wassall for all the work to get agreement completed.
PCFD#13 was well represented by Attorney Jonathon Sitkin.
- 2. Status of 809 & 900 Le Lou Wa Place:
On hold. Still in 90-day evaluation period.
- 3. St Matthew Land Lease Opportunity
St Matthews land lease gives us better opportunity to develop on more land.
Better visibility.
More cost effective than buying 809 and 900 Le Lou Wa Place
Approached Frank Lawhead to do a site visit and report findings.
Asked for a meeting with Pierce Co planning, and biologist to report findings.
Commissioner Zuluaga asked Commissioner Malone to take on project financing for new station. Contact Matthew Schoenfeld for financing with Wa State Bank.
- 4. Station 77 remodel status
Option of remodeling current Station 77 is not an option, due to age of building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Support During Chiefs Leave**
Chiefs Thirkield and Turner have offered support for the Fire Academy.
Battalion Chief Rapozo and Captain Fitzgerald are tasked with scheduling coverage.
Firefighter Sprinkle to help with admin.
- 2. **Resolution 22-330 Authorizing Schedule of Fees for Medical Transports.**
Motion-A motion was made by Commissioner Noll to approve Resolution 22-330.
Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga
Passed (Unanimous)
- 3. **Resolution 22-331 Establishing Fees, Charges and Fines**
Motion-A motion was made by Commissioner Noll to approve Resolution 22-331.
Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga
Passed (Unanimous)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., April 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary