



King County Fire Chiefs Association

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2009 at 0900 hours

City of Seattle Joint Training Facility

9401 Myers Way South

Seattle, WA 98108

Motions are noted in red font.

Action items are noted in blue font.

Call to Order

Lee Soptich called the meeting to order at 0902 hours.

Roll Call

Roll call of each Agency was held again this month in an effort to help all get to know each other. The roll call roster is attached to these minutes.

Spotlight

Chief Dave Crossen from Fire District 20 was in the Spotlight this month. He was born and raised in Selah, WA, and joined the Selah Volunteer Fire Department in 1966. He attended the first fire service training class at Tacoma Vocational Technical Institute, now known as Bates Technical College. Was a resident firefighter at King County Fire District #32 which later became part of the Federal Way Fire Department and worked his way through the ranks retiring as fire chief of the Federal Way Fire Department in 1994. In 1994, he became the Administrator/CEO of Pierce County Fire District #3 (University Place). In 1996, he became the Administrator/CEO of the combined Pierce County Fire District #2 & #3 (Lakewood & University Place).

In 1999 Chief Crossen started Fire Service Consulting Inc., with Chief Steve Marstrom. The company provides Fire Benefit Charge, Fire Authority, and other fire service management consulting to fire departments in the State. In 2001, he went back to Federal Way Fire for a few months as the interim Administrator. He has held interim fire chief positions in Pierce County Fire District #12, North Whatcom Fire & Rescue (Whatcom County Fire District #3, 5, & 13), and currently at King County Fire District #12. He lives on a power boat in the Foss Waterway by the glass museum in Tacoma. When time permits, he enjoys traveling to Mexico and Arizona/California in the winter and boating in the San Juan's in the summer. He has two grown sons (one is a captain with South King Fire & Rescue) and two (almost three) grandsons.

Action: Next month Chief Mike Eisner from Bellevue Fire Department will be in the Spotlight.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Chief Dean moved to approve the meeting minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Chief Eisner and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Chief Laatsch presented the Treasurer's Report for February 17, 2010, through March 17, 2010. The balance in the checking account is \$1,423.25. The balance in the savings account is \$8,998.62. The total of the two accounts at March 17, 2010 is \$14,822.14.

MOTION: Deputy Chief Merritt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of February 17, 1009, through March 17, 2010. The motion was seconded by Chief Dean and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

King County Council Attendance (Return and Report)

Last month the challenge was put out for all to make contact with a state legislator, and introduce self. A list of representatives and the jurisdictions they touch are in the meeting packet. All are encouraged to drop an email to their representative at either the county or state level.

Representative Marcie Maxwell spoke with the Association a couple months ago and gave a Legislative 101; she is a big fan of the fire service.

Challenge to Initiate Contact with Legislators (Return and Report)

Chief Dean reported Councilmember Larry Philips attended their open house.

Chief Soptich reported meeting with Councilmember Kathy Lambert at the EF&R Partner's Banquet along with KC Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett. They spoke of issues related to fire prevention, code, and investigation, and the work ahead of us.

Chief Merritt reported that Caroline Whalen was the new King County Director of Administrative Services (Chief of Staff for the Executive). Caroline will be serving as the Core Group rep UASI representing King County.

King County Fire Marshal

Chief Lipe reported on the Fire Marshal's Workgroup project. He has been unable to coordinate a date with the members due to everyone's vacations and other commitments. He will begin to draft a preliminary document for feedback by the Association and Executive Board.

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A projected timeline was discussed and the body felt it would be prudent to meet with representatives from King County in the May/June time frame. Chief Lipe hoped to have a final document ready for distribution to the membership by the April meeting.

Outcome of Chief Tubbs USAR Survey

Chief Tubbs provided a handout with the results of the USAR Survey he conducted on each Agency's availability to send resources if requested. He received numerous questions along with the results and will take them back to the USAR Policy Board for discussion. Chief Tubbs will bring the answers back to the body next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Port of Seattle Fire Chief

New Port of Seattle Fire Chief Randy Krause was introduced and welcomed. He gave a brief bio of his experience: 20 years at Boeing in training compliance and safety, served on the KCFTOA with Chief Merritt, and feels blessed to lead such a great organization that has seen a lot of change in the past couple of years. Chief Krause is looking forward to helping out where he can within the region.

Key Industry Pieces of Legislation to be Focused Upon

Chief Church provided an update on the recent Legislative Session in Olympia where he stated relationships continue to develop. He reiterated that all should get in touch with their elected officials and reminded all that out of 49 senators, 25 are up for re-election this November, and all 98 Legislators are up for re-election. The following House and Senate Bills were discussed:

Supporting:

- Senate Bill 6846 – Enhanced 911 emergency communications services
- House Bill 1080 – Allowing impact fees to be used for all fire protection facilities, opens door for everyone.

Not supporting:

- Senate Bill 6880 – Concerning professional fees for certain emergency medical service occupations could still pass; a “share the pain” bill to be possibly passed with 6846.

Passed:

- House Bill 2464 – Implementing additional rules for driving in emergency zones
- Senate Bill 6418 – Regarding annexation into fire protection districts
- Senate Bill 6453 – Addressing shared leave salary payment for law enforcement and firefighters
- Senate Bill 6546 – Exempting the state director of fire protection from the public employees' retirement system

Killed:

- House Bill 2224 - Concerning the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems, sadly was killed on a technicality.

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Action: *Chief Tubbs will look for information regarding impact fees/municipalities and send to Chief Church.*

Sound Shake 2010 the Aftershock

Chief Merritt was tasked with contacting Mike Ryan to get additional information on how, or what role, the KCFCFA could take in assisting in promoting and/or participating in the exercise. This might include PSA's, teaming up with elected to put a face on the KCFCFA.

Hazmat OPS

Chief Merritt was tasked with identifying and reporting back who was chairing the Hazmat Ops Group. The Executive Committee discussed having HazMat report under the OPS Group; Chair is Chief Merritt.

Medic One Levy Involvement

Michele L. Plorde, Interim Division Director for Emergency Medical Services, provided the following update regarding the Medic One Levy: The current Medic One/EMS levy isn't expected to expire until 2013, but the pre-planning process will begin this year. As part of the current levy approval process, the King County Council created a Task Force, led by the KC Executive, to conduct the next review process and provide recommendations to the KC Council by January 2012. However, there was no identified start date, and thus, the KCC asked the EMS Division to produce a basic outline of the recommended planning process for the King County Council by September 2010. As such, the EMS Division will invite representatives of the EMS community, including ALS providers, BLS providers and dispatch to join in the discussion. This overall top-down approach is very different from what we experienced the last round where the EMS providers created the recommendations.

Action: *The Executive Board will have this as an agenda item, possibly develop and ad hoc committee to put it together.*

Next Generation Radios

Chief Eisner stated a request was made at the county level for anyone who was up to speed on the issue. Chief Dean stated he has staff involved and will look into the issue, and hopefully provide a summary next month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A meeting with KCEMS will immediately follow this meeting regarding EOC involvement

Drawing for Gift: SeaTac Fire Chief Brian Wiwel was the lucky winner of this month's drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours.

Deborah Gober-Beneze
Executive Admin Assistant to Fire Chief Lee Soptich

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King County Fire Chief's Association Attendance Roster

March 17, 2010

Present	Name	Agency
x	Al Church	South King Fire & Rescue (39-Federal Way)
	Bob Oliver	Redmond Fire Department (34)
	Bob Rowe	Snoqualmie Fire Department
	Bob Van Horne	Bothell Fire Department (Sno 10)
x	Brad Doerflinger	Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (43)
	Bryan Howard	King County (Boeing) Airport Fire Department
	Chris Connor	Fire District 27 (Fall City)
x	Chris Tubbs	Mercer Island Fire Department
Retired	Dave Cook	Boeing Fire Department
x	Dave Crossen	Fire District 20 (Skyway-Bryn Mawr)
x	Gregory Dean	Seattle Fire Department
x	Greg Smith	Fire District 44 (Black Diamond)
x	Hank Lipe	Vashon Island Fire & Rescue (13)
	I. David Daniels	Woodinville Fire & Life Safety District (36)
	Jim Knisley	District 50 (Skykomish)
	Jim Schneider	Kent Fire Department (37)
	John Lambert	Fire District 45 (Duvall)
	Joseph Clow	Enumclaw Fire Department (28)
	Kevin Nalder	Kirkland Fire Department (41)
x	Lee Soptich	Eastside Fire & Rescue (10, 38, Car, NB, Issq, Samm)
	Marcus Kragness	Shoreline Fire Department (District 4)
Excused	Mark Peterson	Renton Fire & Emergency Services (25, 40)
	Mark Tessen	Fire District 47 (Ravensdale)
x	Matt Cowen	Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue (49, 51)
x	Michele Plorde	Emergency Medical Services
x	Mike Eisner	Bellevue Fire Department (14)
	Mike Marrs	District 2 (Buriem/Normandy Park)
	Nick Olivas	Tukwila Fire Department
x	Randy Krause	Port of Seattle/SeaTac International Airport FD
	Scott LaVielle	North Highline Fire District (11)
x	Stan Laatsch	Valley Regional Fire Authority
Excused	Tom Weathers	Northshore Fire Department (16)
x	Brian Wiwel	SeaTac Fire Department (24)
x	Warren Merritt	Bellevue Fire Department
x	Bill Hepburn	Seattle Fire Department
x	Tracy Wycoff	Fire District 20
x	Jim Fogerty	King County Medic One
x	Debbie Gober-Beneze	Eastside Fire & Rescue (10, 38, Car, NB, Issq, Samm)