



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Copple and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – No additions.

Public Comments – Debra Chase asked for an update regarding the website progress.

Consent Items – None

Chief's Report – See Attached

Secretary's Report – None

Old Business – Commissioner Fox asked if there were any further updates regarding the ALS contracts. Chief Halverson replied that he has been in conferences with the Chiefs but has not heard anything further regarding the contracts.

Commissioner Geiger asked for the status on the contract negotiations with the Local. Chief Halverson replied that there is no new information at this time he is waiting for the Local to come forward with meeting dates.

New Business –

Auditor Engagement Letter - A motion to [authorize Commissioner Fox to sign the Engagement letter as a representative for the Board of Commissioners](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Executive Session - None

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox commented that he really likes the content and new look of the website. He also commented that he is happy with the Station progress and thanked the staff for working through the dry summer.

Commissioner Geiger thanked everyone for hanging in there with the Covid virus. He also commented that the website looks good.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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Burning Regulations

Snohomish County burning regulations have returned to recreational fires only. The portable electronic sign has been taken down and a notice placed on our Facebook page. Within the UGA only recreational fires are allowed and outside the UGA natural vegetation fires may be allowed if permitted. Any fire that is not a recreational fire and not permitted is an illegal fire.

The Commissioner of Public lands has loosened restrictions on DNR protected lands to allow application to the Commissioner for some prescribed ecological burns. These applications require compelling reasons to be allowed. Aside from that opportunity the burn ban remains in place on DNR lands through September.

COVID-19

Covid cases in Snohomish County continue a slight decline. However cases are surging in other areas of Washington State in particular in Eastern Washington. It is unlikely that we will escape a winter surge with infections growing around us. However, the immediate threat to our service is becoming complacency and fatigue. Even though we are in a holding pattern with new cases heading toward a slight down turn there are still many people contracting Covid. As an example a Snohomish County engine responded to a fire alarm at a school over the weekend. There was no fire but the custodian needed help restoring the alarm system. The engine company went into building and worked closely with the custodian to determine the probable cause of the alarm and reset the panel. The custodian was on and off with his mask but none of the engine company wore masks. The following Monday the Fire Chief received a call from the school advising them that the custodian had tested positive for Covid. All firefighters on the crew experienced and unprotected exposure. So far the crew has tested negative but the incubation period can be up to 21 days.

911 Responses

At 19:54 hours District units were dispatched to an MVC patient with a 20 year old female believed DOA. Deputy Chief 51 arrived three minutes after dispatch and A51 and E51 approximately one minute latter. LE on scene reported to the DC that the patient was believed deceased. First arriving personnel found the patient's head was bent to about her waist and appeared to be gasping for air. Her airway was opened with spinal stabilization and oxygen administered. The patient began spontaneous respirations and had a weak carotid pulse. It was evident the patient had multiple femur and hip fractures and probable c-spine injuries.

The patient was not wearing a seatbelt and the driver's side of the vehicle was torn away to the B post. The patient's lower body was trapped between the vehicle and tree requiring extrication.

The patient, a relative of a longtime volunteer with D#5 Garey Markley, was transported to Providence Everett and sadly passed away the following morning.

Station Construction

Station rough framing was delayed a couple of days due to smoke in the atmosphere and the rain last week stopped most of the earth work from continuing. It is not expected that these delays will alter the schedule a great deal unless more rain follows soon, stopping progress on the remaining underground work. The focus now is to get the underground work completed, the building dried in and exterior concrete poured. Building dry in is scheduled to be complete by November 4th and the building envelope by the end of December.

- Trusses pushed to Oct. 5th
- Rough-in starting end of Oct.
- Prepping for site concrete and paving Oct. 12th

DC Fulcher has completed the RFP for the low voltage functions within the new building. Those include our SNOCOM dispatch connection, security system, dam warning system, phones, audio visual systems, intranet, and other functions brought into the building over the internet.

Responses to the RFP are due by October 8th.