

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

Feb 9th, 2025

BH Core Grant

- Lots of substantial work ongoing with building out this position, including meeting with various area partners and making connections with pre-existing behavioral health resources. Last Thursday we had an opportunity to meet with the CEO and BH Program Manager from VOA of WW, opening the communication pathway and building alliances.
- There are couple of meetings scheduled in the coming days, but we are on track to file for our first reimbursement with UW BH CORE.

Legislative Day

- Legislative day was spent in Olympia on Jan 29, and I spent the day traveling from appointment to appointment with SRFR and South County reps. The Fiscal Committee cutoff is today, so it will be interesting to see what makes it out of that committee. The legislation that was very important to our area was SB6079, which is aimed to reduce private property insurance cancellations and non-renewals which would increase the transparency to property owners as well as open up grants to make homes wildfire ready.

Radio Encryption

- Lots of communication regarding the de-authorization of Fire access to encrypted law enforcement radio frequencies has been had at many levels of government, resulting in a renewed desire for law enforcement to work with Fire to work out any issues.

Annexations

- The two annexation projects are moving along, with the correct information received from the 298th project, and DNR is working to sign a petition for the Lake Bronson annexation (there was one person who declined to annex, requiring more property). There were a few more neighbors needed in both projects to get past the BRB. I anticipate re-filing the 298th paperwork tomorrow.

Cathys Retirement

- This has been moved to Friday, Feb 27 @ 5pm.

Misc

- A huge thanks to all the staff that assisted with bringing the Smokey Bear project to a close. Fulcher and Spence worked hard to make sure the slab was poured and the infrastructure was ready, and B shift brought out the bear, cleaned the area and affixed it to its permanent mounting location.
- The Horse Drawn pumper is gone, and we have began to work on the model T, getting it ready for parades and events. We will soon start on replacing the radiator on the Howe. There is a potential that the Model T will need transmission repair, but we are waiting on a few remaining parts to arrive to know for sure.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5



Snohomish County Fire District #5

Operations Chief Report 2/9/26

1. Staffing:

- a. Interviews have started and we are interviewing 7 potential part-time members and plan to bring them on sometime in March

2. Logistics

- a. Facilities
 - i. Smokey is up and welcoming everyone
 - ii. We have started acquiring bids for the asphalt in the back parking lot and front entry. Chief Johnson has applied for the permit through the city for paving to the access.
- b. IT
 - i. The fiber has an issue that they are taking care of tomorrow and then we are ready to subscribe to the new internet service

3. Operations

- a. Response Lists
 - i. We are analyzing our current response lists for efficiencies and better coverage with neighboring resources

4. Training

- a. Various
 - i. We have several various training opportunities lined up with PUD at the dam for rope rescue as well as pacer propane later this week with flammable liquids. We are working with neighboring districts to carry out this training jointly.



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DC52 Report of Activity 02-09-26

Date	Activity
1/30/26	All AEMT students have completed the program and are scheduling their NREMT exams
	<p>More than 20 applications for CREMT (posting went live following the last Commissioner's meeting)</p> <p>At least four-five applications for FF/Paramedic.</p>
2/9/26	Meeting with Evergreen Health Monroe hospital administrative staff to discuss upcoming hospital remodel plans. Discussion opened up and identified a need for more consistent contact between area EMS agencies and Evergreen Health Monroe. Connections established and meeting cadence set as of 2/9/26. Good meeting with lots more information and insight to come.

Upcoming Items:

Date	Activity
2/23	CREMT Interviews – Panel to include in house personnel as well as city partners and partners from involved behavioral health agencies.
2/23	Afternoon will hold Paramedic FF Interviews with oral board and skills evaluations
2/25	Chief's panel interviews for the successful candidates from both processes.



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at 32905 Cascade View Dr. Station 51 and via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Chase, and Commissioner Copple were present. Chief Johnson and District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth were present. Deputy Chief Duros attended via Zoom Members of staff were in attendance.

Public/Staff Comments –

Consent Agenda -

Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2026

Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2026

Approval of Payroll February 2026 = \$273,726.15

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #260202001 - #260202041 February 2026 = \$57,789.65

Approval of Capital Projects Fund Voucher #260201001 February 2026 = \$919.78

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Deputy Chief Spence Report – See attached.

Deputy Chief Duros Report – See attached.

Old Business –

Open Issues/Actions –

New Business –

Memorandum of Agreement – Fire Chief Johnson cost of living adjustment (COLA)

A motion to approve [Memorandum of Agreement – Fire Chief Johnson cost of living adjustment \(COLA\)](#) as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

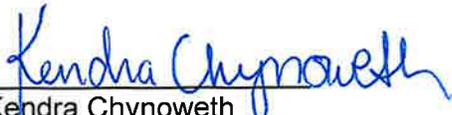
Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox – Delighted to see Smoky Bear in front of the station. Thank you for everything you do every day.

Commissioner Chase - Thank you so much for getting Smoky Bear up, it's a great touch.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Kendra Chynoweth
District Secretary