

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

March 9, 2026

New Hires

- Josh Morrison has been hired to fill the new CREMT position. Josh is currently licensed as a PA and has an extensive background working in addiction medicine. DC Duros is working with Josh this month on some training items but will begin to work a full schedule on April 1.
- Corey Luck has been hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Corey comes to us from Marysville and has more than 20 years of experience in the fire and EMS and will begin his official employment on April 1.
- Both new hires are working on pre-employment tasks.

Radio Encryption

- Conversations about radio encryption have been renewed. There was a smaller joint Fire Chief/Police Chief/Sheriff meeting on 2/24, which re-engaged law enforcement to discuss the operational impacts of radio encryption and channel availability for fire service.
- There was a workgroup assigned to bring back an encryption and programming plan that is acceptable for both fire and law. They were talking about meeting twice weekly until the issue is resolved.

Sportsmans Park

- The City of Sultan invited me to a meeting with them and the USFWS at Sportsmans Park to identify improvements that need to be done for emergency river access.
- Both the City and USFWS personnel were very amenable to our stated needs for both hovercraft and jetboat access to the confluence, and City of Sultan will take the lead on obtaining the permits to allow easier access for emergency watercraft.

SCEMSA

- Ongoing work is being done with SCEMSA to ensure that the new organization is working for the members of the caucus that I represent (Granite Falls, Sky Valley, Getchel and Lake Roesiger).

Sultan Leadership Academy

- The kick-off Sultan Leadership Meeting was held on March 4th. All participating governments were able to jointly present topics, and the District prepared a presentation on how tax levies and bonds work, from taxing district planning to assessor implementation.

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- The District will have our presentation night on April 1st from 6pm to 8pm at Station 51, and the final joint legislative session and graduation will be held on May 6 from 6pm to 8pm at City Council Chambers.

Easement

- I have been investigating typical charges for easement from various agencies with variable results. Multiple prices have been paid for easements, but a popular methodology is to base an easement on the commercial value per square foot of easement requested.
- Based upon the values of commercial real estate located in proximity, value per square foot varies between \$6.81 per Sq ft and \$53.06 per Sq Ft. The 2,090 square foot easement requested would then be valued between \$14,232.90 and \$110,895.40, following that methodology. However, the District is solely responsible for determining value, after considering the impacts to future use of the property.

Joint Battalion Program

- We have partnered with Sky Valley Fire for Battalion Coverage for both Districts and created a program in which we will utilize the current Battalion Chief responders for both agencies, strengthening our valley response force and providing more opportunities for our Battalion Chiefs to actively run incidents and hone our skills.
- This program requires no agreements, as it will be covered under our current mutual aid agreement and different from the previous joint battalion program because we will have no joint property or shared expenses. Utilizing our own personnel and vehicles, we have modified the response plans to provide battalion coverage in for both jurisdictions, while having a chief officer always on duty for District 5 specific needs.
- This will provide a deeper bench for large incidents, as well as providing a pathway for our current personnel to participate and build single-response incident management skills.

Paving

- Still awaiting the permit approval from the City, but DC Spence has informed me that the contractor is ready to go as soon as the permit is finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

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District 5



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DC52 Report of Activity 03-09-26

Date	Activity
	Two of our four AEMT students have passed NREMT and are pending certification. The other two have registered for their NREMT tests.
	Hired CREMT Joshua Morrison and Corey Luck. Josh was able to begin early and has been working through some of the UW POISE training that our grant aligns with for crisis response. He is leaving tomorrow to attend the Rural Healthcare Conference in Spokane Washington to network and sit in on their educational sessions regarding implementation of unique healthcare response and delivery in non-mainstream areas.
	Corey Luck will start with us 4/1 and I will deliver an accelerated onboarding process in comparison to the typical "Snohomish County Paramedic Onboarding and Mentoring Process" due to the fact that he is a current Snohomish County provider and has completed the bulk of this process with Marysville FD- we want to ensure he is supported and familiarized with the nuances of SCFD5 paramedics to include time with MPD- Delegate Zach Foracade and SCFD5 specific operations.
	Upcoming Snohomish County DEM/Amtrak training 3/31 hosted by SCFD5.
	Sultan High school HOSA students that we host and provide EMS Ride Time for took 5 th place at the state competition, out of 90 teams competing in that discipline. A picture is attached!





Snohomish County Fire District #5

Operations Chief Report 3/9/26

1. Staffing:

- a. We have 5 part time members coming on board

2. Logistics

- a. Facilities

- i. We have received the bids for asphalt paving and I am recommending associated paving

- b. IT

- i. The fiber will be active tomorrow once we coordinate with the county.



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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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. Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth were present. Deputy Chief Duros, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence attended via Zoom video conferencing. Members of staff were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda –

District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth presented additional voucher items for approval.

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Agenda -

- 1) Approval of Minutes/Chief's Report of February 9, 2026
- 2) Approval of Minutes/Chief's Report of February 23, 2026
- 3) Approval of Payroll March 2026 = \$238,150.28
- 4) Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #260301001 - #26031040 March 2026 = \$75,137.50
- 5) Approval of Capital Project Fund Vouchers #260302001 March 2026 = \$2,081.63

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

District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth presented Expense Fund Vouchers #260303001 - #260303005 March 2026 Part 2 = \$14,642.22

A motion to approve the additional Expense Fund Vouchers was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Old Business – None

Open Issues/Actions – None

New Business –

Resolution 2026-03 Declaring Certain Property to be surplus property

A motion to approve [Resolution 2026 - 03 Declaring Certain Property to be surplus property](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

PO# 2026 – 4041 Replacement AEDs for Fleet

A motion to approve [PO# 2026 – 4041 Replacement AEDs for Fleet](#) as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

PO 2026-4044 Longitudinal Health Record Data System for CREMT

A motion to approve [PO# 2026 – 4044 Longitudinal Health Record Data System for CREMT](#) as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.



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PO 2026-4047 Paving front driveway and back parking lot

Discussion was held Commissioner Chase stated she is pleased this is getting done. Having all the bids and being able to see them was fantastic.

A motion to approve **PO# 2026-4047 Paving front driveway and back parking lot** as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox – Thank you for what you all do every day.

Commissioner Copple – Thank you DC Duros for finding refurbished equipment and saving us a bunch of money on the AED displays.

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 7:34 p.m.

Kendra Chynoweth
District Secretary