



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

July 13, 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, Deputy Chief Duros, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence and District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth were present. Members of staff were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda –

Chief Johnson asked to add RESOLUTION 2026–06 – A Resolution Waiving Competitive Bid Requirements.

Chief Johnson asked to add PO #2026-4180 to New Business for the purpose of purchasing a COMPASS program vehicle.

Consent Agenda -

Approval of Minutes/Chief's Report of June 8, 2026

Approval of Minutes/Chief's Report of June 22, 2026

Approval of Payroll July 2026 = \$254,825.87

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #260701001 through #260701043 - \$169,839.16

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's Report –

DC Duros – See attached

DC Spence – No reports to attach

Reports -

Old Business –

Open Issues / Actions – Commissioner Fox had a brief discussion with a tree company to remove all trees from the side property. \$5,000 to \$10,000 estimate. The person is starting the process of becoming a hireable business. Commissioner Fox is also trying to get additional bids for engineers that have previously worked with airports or helipads. More information will continue to come in.

Reserve Fund Plan Review – Commissioner Fox stated that he noticed some new notes.

Chief Johnson noted that he is still looking for additional feedback. It was decided to keep working toward finalization of the Reserve Fund Plan.

New Business –

RESOLUTION 2026–06 – A Resolution Waiving Competitive Bid Requirements.

Chief Johnson provided information regarding the minimal updates we would need to get the new COMPASS program vehicle into service. He stated that seat covers and very minimal decals would need to be purchased. A motion to approve Resolution 2026 - 06 as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

PO# 2026-4180 – COMPASS program vehicle purchase

A motion to approve **PO# 2026-4180** as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.



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Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox – Thanks for doing what you do everyday and getting us through another 4th of July and shindig. Commissioner Fox wanted to discuss him and Commissioner Copple touring the new Granite Falls station. It is a beautiful station with fantastic training facilities.

Commissioner Chase – Thank you to whoever called in the Fire on the river over the weekend, you saved many of our houses.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Kendra Chynoweth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

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Recent Wildfire Responses and Mobilization

- All crews have returned from the recent mobilization, which included both the Chelan Hills fire and the Ryegrass Coulee fire. While on the Chelan Hills fire, our strike team was redeployed on an immediate need basis to Vantage, to hold the progress the local agencies made and improve the fire lines around structures.
- We have had two separate instances where log jams are being lit on fire on the Skykomish. Once on the 10th and again yesterday. Yesterday's response included assistance from both SRFR and DNR, which brought 3 engines and their helicopter to assist. Snohomish County FMO has been contacted.

The 4th of July

- One structure suffered exterior fire damage early in the morning on the 5th, but no other major incidents occurred over the holiday.
- Sno911 dispatchers reported 3209 calls for the 24 hour period starting at 0700 on the 4th, peaking at 10pm on the 4th at over 200 calls per hour. This is a 7% reduction from 2025.

Annexation

- Our attorney has our annexation project and will be interfacing with the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board to determine next steps.

Misc.

- Our personnel were called to assist SRFR on the fatal fire on Friar Creek Road. We are aware of the exposure and doing all that we can to support those staff members.
- The newsletter has been drafted, and prior to release I will be meeting with the vendor for some alterations.
- Fire Danger signs have been changed. No news on the return of Smokey yet.
- The Phase 1 Burn Ban is still in place, which allows both outdoor cooking and recreational fires provided they are performed within the regulations. All other outdoor burning is not allowed.
- Our hazard signs installed along the Skykomish have been working, with witness reports of citizens floating the river heeding the warnings and portaging their parties across the gravel bar and around the strainer.
- Crews have been surveying the river and report water levels to be very low, which might make travel in our hovercraft difficult as the summer wears on.
- The City suffered a water supply failure on Thursday night which affected all properties off Sultan Basin Road. The City staff communicated the issues and notified us when they were up and running, less than 12 hours later.
- We called in extra staffing over Shindig Weekend to staff the first aid booth and stand by for the logging show. In addition to the chainsaw raffle that the Association routinely holds, they also added a dunk tank this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

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Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5



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DC52 Report of Activity 07-13-26

Date	Activity
7/9	All AEMTs have completed their SCFD5 onboarding following achieving their WA State Credentialing and are approved for solo practice in the field.
	SCFD5's COMPASS program has expanded to include a Peer Support Team revival and a Community Engagement/Outreach group.
	COAST train the trainer completed 6/29 at Riverside Fire Authority. 9/30 SCFD5 is hosting the actual COAST training. Flyer attached.
	SCFD5's Paramedics have all been approved to utilize Point Of Care UltraSound (POCUS) and are going through their required onboarding tasks of initial scans, training. SCFD5 will hold two POCUS hands-on sessions for image acquisition best practices, tips and training. POCUS QA Oversight is Dr Sarah Gartner, The Pocus Project