



King County Fire Commissioners Association

General Meeting Minutes

3/12/25

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by President Anita Sandall
- II. Adjustments/Changes to Agenda
 - A. Kim Fischer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jerry Smith. No discussion, passed unanimously.
- III. Guest Speakers
 - A. John "Willy" Harper: Fire Chief, Snohomish District 25 – Reporting on the Oso Mudslide
 - i. Chief Harper walked us through the Rescue of the Oso slide from the east side of the slide (Arlington area)
 - ii. Their volunteers were paid \$5 a day because there was no contract
 - iii. They worked with many groups, utility companies, state patrol, county and state agencies, loggers, national guard, firefighter volunteers and civilian volunteers.
 - iv. Chief Harper described the rescue events and coordination with Captain Jay Fischer.
 - B. Jay Fischer: Captain-Medical Services Officer, Ret. PNW FEMA Response Team
 - i. The PNW FEMA Response Team had been training for a large scale incident at the time.

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- ii. The slide was on Saturday, they were deployed by the Governor on Monday night (because they operate in the state of WA and the incident was in WA it was a State issue, not Federal)
- iii. They started Tuesday morning on the East side of the slide.
- iv. They focused on rescue.
- v. Received allot of resources and volunteers from the community.
- vi. All the recoveries were done by the middle of June
- vii. Captain Fischer show a slideshow of the rescue and challenges they had to overcome.

IV. Minutes approval from February General Meeting

- A. It was motioned by Kim Fischer to approve the February General Membership Meeting Minutes, seconded Jerry Smith. With discussion, Passed unanimously.

V. Committee/Team Reports-As needed

- A. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Anita Sandall – Nothing new to report
- B. Washington Fire Commissioner Association (WFCA) Region 6 - King County – Chris Elwell
 - i. They have not met since our last general meeting.
 - ii. Next board meeting on April 26th.
- C. Washington Fire Commissioner Association (WFCA) – Legislative - Anita Sandall
 - i. Next meeting on April 26th, nothing to report in the meantime.
- D. EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC) – Anita Sandall
 - i. Next meeting on March 19th, nothing to report in the meantime.
- E. Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) – Chris Elwell
 - i. Next meeting later this month, no report at this time

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- F. Central Region Trauma Care Council – Open –John Murphy said he was interested in this position
 - i. Per President Sandall, Chris Elwell will contact a person of interest and keep John as an alternate for this position
- G. Investment Pool Committee - Position: Fire Commissioner: Jerry contacted a possible candidate. He will let us know at our next meeting if they can hold this position.
 - i. Jerry submitted a resume
 - ii. Will review at the April board meeting
- H. King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – Terry Miller
 - i. Had a meeting this morning Mark Baird from Eastside Fire and Rescue. It was more info on the windstorm in November.
 - ii. The number of call was 5 times the norm for those 3 days
 - iii. They have a segment on the weather service web page which they were confident about so they were able to call in reinforcements early.
 - iv. The first call during the storm was at 2pm for a tree down. There were 476 calls to 16 active fire stations during the storm.
 - v. There were several generator fires from homeowners without power. Assume from placed in the wrong place, overloading and refueling while generators were hot (not waiting for them to cool down to refuel)
 - vi. 168 damaged vehicles.
 - vii. Did mention the Ciber security in Bellevue was a big hit and well attended.
- I. National Association of Emergency and Fire Officials - Position: NAEFO President: Fire Commissioner: Candy McCullough
 - i. No meeting in Las Vegas this year.

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ii. In transition right now. They have quite a few legislative issues right now. Working on merging Small Districts and NAEFO.

J. Membership – Kim Fischer – No Report

K. Website – Barb Sullivan – Nothing new to report

L. Treasurer Report – Rod Heivilin

i. Finished February with \$24,205.91

ii. Kim Fischer moved to approve the Treasurer report, Jerry Smith seconded. No Discussion, Passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Boundary Review Board Open Position – Looking for a replacement from the fire industry to fill this position. Chris is under the understanding that Bob Cook found someone for this position. He will report at the April Board meeting.

B. King County Investment Pool Advisory Committee – Address in committee reports above.

C. Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council – Address in committee reports above.

VII. New Business

VIII. Good of the order

A. WFCFA President Lee Boling mentioned some of the speakers at the upcoming WFCFA conference

IX. Adjournment: Motioned by Kim Fischer, seconded by Jerry Smith, adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next Meetings:

April 2nd 2025 KCFCFA Executive Board Meeting – Cascadia Pizza and Zoom

April 9th 2025 KCFCFA General Membership Meeting, in Burien and on Zoom

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