



## **Business Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2021**

**BVFF Committee:** Molly, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. There were no charges.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Joe Simmons, MSA Pete Parrish, Captain Rob Thurston, Captain Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

**Public Commentary:** No public

### **EXECUTIVE**

**Vaccination** – The vaccination requirements continue to create challenges as we are being required to sign attestations from DNR, State Mobe, and State EMD attesting that we are only sending vaccinated people to requests for assistance.

**BUDGET** – Tonight is the close of expenditures for 2021. The only exception is any expenses the county will take automatically, usually elections expenses. We will continue to get a few revenues in before the end of the year such as additional taxes and final annual payment from King County.

**MOBILIZATION** - We did send a water rescue team to Whatcom County under state mobilization for flooding rescue. This followed the first storm that caused severe damage and over 400 water rescues. This second event turned out to not be as severe as expected and team was released after one day.

**MEETING WITH DIST 5** – The chief talked with a fire commissioner from Sultan and told him that we really desire a joint meeting in the very near future. He agreed but ask that we waited just a few months into the new year so they can have their new commissioner and fire chief on board. They are still not meeting in person only by zoom. I expressed that we felt an in person meeting was most desirable.

**STAFF RETREAT**- The staff will hold its annual planning retreat on January 9th to review the past year's goals and set 2022 goals.

## OPERATIONS

Station 53 Project: Work is ongoing.

I have started to order the base and wall units for the kitchen along with the appliances.

Station 54 Project: We are awaiting the completion of the AEMT class to meet with the project committee to continue with the plans for the work on the kitchen and dayroom at Station 54.

Residents: We are currently accepting applications for residents. We posted the open resident positions in multiple venues and we have not received any applications at this time.

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to get us back up to our goal of having 65 personnel in the Operations Division. With the current hiring trend with all the career departments, we have decided to take on recruits that do not have all the certifications that we require and train them in-house to get those requirements that they are lacking.

AFG Grant: Walters is in the process of applying for an Assistance to Firefighter Grant for a Vehicle Exhaust Evacuation System, Ultra Sonic Cleaner and a new Extractor. The grant closes on the 17th of this month and it could take until next October to find out if we are awarded it or not. We would be responsible for 5% of the total cost of the grant.

New Radios: We started this week installing the new radios in all the apparatus. The shop in Monroe will be doing the install and the costs will be reimbursed to us by the county.

## EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)

All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through September.

EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing.

Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

EMT Training - AEMT course ends on Sat.

Continuing EMS Education - Fourth Quarter OTEP was completed, to conclude 2021 OTEP training.

CPR Training- 2 BLS, 2 First Aid and CPR, 1 CPR Instructor course conducted.

EMS apparatus replacement committee- No update

EMS unit inventory project- No update

EMS Equipment - Evaluated and purchased a new video glide scope. This will replace a dated piece of equipment, that was nearing service life, and increase our capabilities to use video airway skills with pediatrics.

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Stevens Pass- Ski medics are scheduled and anxiously awaiting opening day.

Personnel - Corey Wenzel resigned from his Captain position and is seeking a leave of absence from the paramedic program. New paramedics progressing through the orientation process are Grady Persons, Jerry Aamold, Matt Martin, and Joe Virnig.

2022 Q1 shift picks are underway

November ALS coverage 94% (42.5 hours not covered)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Security Cameras -Still working on Station 53 and Station 55 outdoor cameras.

Training Property - Next meeting with county on permitting is scheduled for January 13th.

## Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

## Budget

Currently at 100%.

## Action Items:

Swearing In of Commissioners: Commissioners Molly Olson, Leigh Christianson and Pat Sample were sworn in.

## Discussion Items:

ALS Coverage in District 5: There was discussion regarding the lack of a contract with District 5 and the need to meet with their Board of Commissioners to discuss their plans for an ALS program, and future collaboration opportunities.

Vail Medics: There was discussion regarding the Vail Medic program and plans for the ski season.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the November minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 519 through 560 for \$97,049.96. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$109,492.60. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

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## Discussion Items

Leigh reported on the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting. A banquet is planned for the 29<sup>th</sup>. Nate Nehring discussed a possible tax to alleviate homelessness in the county.

Next regular meeting January 12, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56.

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