



Business Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2021

BVFF Committee: Commissioner Molly Olson, Volunteer Carsen Smith, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Quarantine lost wages for 14 days were approved for Turner, Rozelle, S Roeder, and Kokesh who were exposed to Covid at Station 54.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Pete Parrish, Captain Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

MOBILIZATION – We continue to respond to mobilization requests around the state and in OR and CA. We have had the command trailer out for many days and should be seeing a return on our investment this year.

LEGISLATION – Commissioner Christianson has been working on requests from the Washington Fire Commissioners Assoc. for legislative action.

ASSESSMENT AND LEVY PLANNING- Our new assessment is in at \$752,591,840 which is up from \$671,133,505. Cost of living currently is running at 6% inflation for current year. Both our levies will be dropping in rate to meet the 1% limit. We did restore the fire levy last year and did not ask for an increase this year that would take effect in 2022. The EMS levy for 2021 is .378 per thousand. With the new AV the levy will drop to .34 per thousand. The question is when should we restore this levy?

MVC BILLING - Resolution 2021-3 covers standard billing rates for motor vehicle collision cost recovery.

OPERATIONS

STATION REMODEL/ REPAIRS – The station remodel committee is still meeting and researching for different materials to use for the kitchen remodel at station 54. The plan is to have a final decision on all materials and appliances by the end of September.

Station 54 this week had an additional HVAC system installed to cover the main hallway, the training office and all the bedrooms. We installed the additional system since the current system was not large enough to provide coverage for the bedrooms.

Station 53 has not been worked on much for the last couple of weeks.

APPARATUS REPAIR- E-54 (2015 Pierce) is back but not yet in service. The HVAC unit and the seatbelt indicator module were not working. Hughes fire ordered the parts but unfortunately the tech that was working on the truck contracted COVID. We have been putting on equipment that we can to get it in service as soon as possible.

NEW ENGINE- The new engine is currently being outfitted and is waiting on equipment that is on order. We have received half of the equipment and should receive the rest in the next week or two.

FDIC CONFERENCE- Chief Walters and Capt. Vargas attended the FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) this last week in Indianapolis. We attended multiple different classes and one of the biggest vendor shows in the country. We got a lot of new information to share with everyone and also found some new equipment that will be very beneficial to our operations here.

SUPPORT SERVICES

CV54 – The Incident Command trailer that we invested in earlier this year has been out for close to 25 days, with another possible 16 days coming. We are right in the middle of the season and there is a potential to easily double that supporting our region and our firefighters on the fire lines.

TRAINING FACILITY – After going back and forth with WSDOT we have been given the requirements to get our project approved and then moving forward with the following stipulations: we repave current Station 54 and repair the entrance and drainage issues while also widening the entrance radius, we modify the entrance radius for the new training facility and we convert the large gravel area to grass to reduce the pull outs and parking of vehicles. The architects and the engineer have finalized the new drawings and have submitted it for the WSDOT permit. Now we wait again.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)- All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through July. The 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- Attendance has been finalized for the AEMT course with 14 students
Books were ordered
First-day preparation has begun
Building student workbooks, skill sheets, and expectations.

CONTINUING EMS ED- EMS drill was attended in person covering documentation skills and

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reviewing several electronic Health reports (EHR)'s.
CPR TRAINING- Three First Aid/CPR students were trained this month.

EMS apparatus replacement committee- NO UPDATE
Waiting for drawings from Braun
Piggybacking on the HGAC contract
324 days to build estimated May 2022

INVENTORY- Built inventory lists for several of the Aid units to be incorporated into Operative IQ. This is an ongoing process.

Secretary's Report
The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget
Currently at 73%.

Minutes: Bill moved to approve the July minutes from both the regular meeting and the special meeting. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 352 through 384 for \$59,169.87, vouchers 349 through 351 for \$3,861.01, vouchers 385 through 395 for \$19,357.53, and voucher 11 from the Construction Fund for \$732.50. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$163,867.63. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Bill moved to run a lid lift for the EMS levy in August of 2022 to restore the levy to .50 per \$1,000. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2021-3, regarding motor vehicle accident cost recovery rates. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Leigh sent letters to WA Fire Commissioners' Assoc and Sno-Isle Commissioners regarding presumptive injury for volunteer firefighters, and cost recovery for trail rescues.

The commissioners would like to arrange a meeting with the Board of Commissioners of District 5 to discuss a contract to cover provision of ALS services by SVF to District 5.

Discussion Items

Snure and Associates has interpreted guidance from the governor to require that all EMTs receive the Covid vaccine in order to continue responding.

Under new state law covering law enforcement responses, Snohomish County Sheriffs' Dept will continue to have deputies respond and assess, then leave if they don't feel that their presence is

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required. They also noted that EMTs can determine that a situation is unsafe and refuse to respond.

Next regular meeting September 8, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Adjournment 7:53 pm

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