



## King County Fire Commissioner Association

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017 6:30pm

### North Highline Fire District, Station 18

**President Mark Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:39pm.**

- I. Welcome – North Highline Fire District – Battalion Chief Paul Frey
  - Chief Frey welcomed everyone to Station 18
  - Two fire stations, North Highline is now 3.5 sq miles, used to be 18 miles when he started with the district back in 1983
  - North Highline has a contract with Burien to share their Chief, Battalion Chiefs and some administrative staff.
- II. Presentation – Washington State Fire Marshall – Chuck Duffy
  - Chuck relayed greeting from his boss, State Patrol Chief John Batiste
  - Chuck was the first Washington State Fire Marshall to come from the Washington State Fire service. The Marshalls before him were the State Insurance Commissioner or people from out of state.
  - The Washington State Fire Marshall Office is part of the Washington state patrol
  - Chuck has been Fire Marshall for the last 7 years. When he took over he refocused the office on serving the fire service.
  - Finances are a big challenge. Need a dedicated fund for the Fire Training Academy and the State Fire Marshalls office and need everyone in the fire industry to lobby for funding for them so they can serve us.
  - Big challenges at the fire training academy
    - i. Culture – needed to change, move forward and serve the fire service
    - ii. Facilities – 2013 master plan, replace the burn buildings
  - When he took over as Marshall he revamped the fire training academy
  - Now they have a full time safety officer – he is a resource for all our agencies
  - They completed the SCBA building and have 4 new fire engines
  - They always comply with all EPA regulations which is very expensive
  - 7.5 million is all they have so far towards the 15 mil they need and that is a loan
  - Chuck will be retiring at the end of the Month. The State Patrol Chief will make the decision on his replacement. There are 16 applicants for his position now.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the November 2016 General meeting



- Motion by Rod Seconded by Kevin Coughlin. There are 3 corrections, the meeting location was Shoreline not Woodinville, Association Merchandise, “prices randy” should be “prices range” and the adjourned time was 9:09pm not 9:099pm. It passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Camille Staczek

- Switched over to QuickBooks online, Camille is handling it now, not paying the accountant
- Everything else going well financially, we have \$5,392.22 in the bank

V. Old Business

- Committee Reports

- i. Legislative – Dominic Barrera

- 1. HB2115 – not on the WFCAs list, it would take a Constitutional Amendment, Dominic will bring up with WFCAs
    - 2. Public Disclosure bill going to the floor
    - 3. HB1800 Voting rights act – trying to get special purpose districts exempted
    - 4. HB1467 passed in the house, going to Senate Local Government Committee tomorrow
    - 5. Mark asked everyone to email Ryan Spiller (lobbyist for WFCAs) would like feedback on priority O86 account and the fire training academy in North Bend
    - 6. SB5607 Levy Swap Bill Mark asked everyone to contact their reps to tell them how bad this would affect us financially.

- ii. WFCAs Region 6 – Chris Elwell

- 1. No eboard meeting since Jan. Next meeting in April.
    - 2. WFCAs Saturday Seminar coming up at Ocean Shores

- iii. EMS - Jon Kennison/John Rickert

- 1. John Rickert Reported that he attended the meeting today in Bellevue, had a system rep resign on the committee, the budget - collecting \$0.265 now
    - 2. Looking for someone to set on the citizen advisory position on the council

- iv. EMAC - Jim Fossos (need alternate)

- 1. Working on a passport system, not many at the last meeting but they do have a new chair, funding is still an issue
    - 2. Next meeting is the seconded Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm

- v. Trauma council – Ken Callahan

- 1. Had a short meeting last Wednesday. AMR transport made a presentation, they have a special vehicle to transport psych patients
    - 2. HB1724 will allow patients to go to a facility that is not an ER
    - 3. Ken stated that his 4 year term is almost up and that he is willing to be the rep again.
    - 4. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of odd months 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

- vi. King Co Chiefs Association – Mark Thompson

- 1. They have meeting every other month
    - 2. Next meeting is April



3. Mark was not able to attend the last meeting
  - vii. Associate Members/door prize coordinator - Bill Fuller
    1. Jon Kennison has been working on door prizes and such
    2. Need to up our attendance so that associate members will have more folks to network with at our meetings
  - viii. Saturday Seminar – Chris Elwell and Julie Hiatt  
(In April at Burien Fire District –Topic Fire Benefit Charge)
    1. Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>
    2. Burien Station 28
- VI. New Business
- Need volunteers to host General Meetings in: April, May, June, July, August & November
- VII. Good of the order
- Door Prizes
- VIII. Next Meetings
- A. Board: April 5, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
  - B. General Membership: April 19, 2017- Location TBD

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm motion by Kevin Coughlin, seconded by Chris Elwell, passed unanimously**

KCFCA Officers and Board Members in Attendance

- Incoming President – Mark Thompson
- Incoming Vice President – Kevin Coughlin
- Treasurer – Camille Staczek
- Incoming Secretary – Julie Hiatt
- Immediate Past President – Chris Elwell
- Director 1 – Jon Kennison
- Director 2 – Jim Fossos
- Director 3 – Ken Callahan
- Director 4 – John Herbert