



King County Fire Commissioner Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017 6:30pm

NORCOM – Bellevue City Hall

President Mark Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. Moment of silence for Vince Farrada from South King Fire and Rescue who recently passed away from Cancer
- II. Welcome – NORCOM – Josh Baker
 - Welcomed everyone
 - Said he would give a tour after the meeting to anyone who would like one
 - Stated that all zones (1,3,& 5) are working well together and offered to talk with anyone with any questions now or in the future.
- III. Presentation – David Mendel – Director, Emergency Radio Communication Division, KCIT and Kimberly Newber – government liaison – she works with the council staff – both from PSERN
 - The project is on schedule, scope and budget
 - Schedule
 - i. They may not be on schedule for some intermediate milestones but the end date of the entire project is on schedule
 - ii. Project began in 2008 – 4 years working with King, Snohomish and Pierce county to determine what to do and if they should do it together
 - iii. Second phase began with procurement and a system vendor, RFPs and awarding a contract (about 2 years)
 - iv. By April 2015 had a ballot measure and then went into planning for the radio system
 - v. July 2015 started doing site construction work (building radio towers)
 - vi. Mid 2019 will be testing the system
 - vii. Will form a nonprofit group – PSERN Radio Group with operators
 - viii. Project will be complete in September 2020
 - They will form a board to work operationally with the current council and ongoing once the project is operational with some fire industry representatives
 - Leases are taking longer than anticipated to make sure the county is covered in the future
 - Motorola changes have affected the schedule by 8 months (but still on track for finish date of project) but there will be a penalty to Motorola
 - In-Building Coverage is a major issue for the PSERN project



- i. In-Building Coverage is the ability for our folks (fire fighters, police officers, etc) to communicate within buildings
- ii. PSERN is challenged with putting enough signal in the street that it will be received inside the buildings for first responders.
- iii. They believe that this new system will provide better in-building coverage than what we have now but more analysis is being done for this
- First tower was built 2 weeks ago, some existing towers are being extended to clear trees today and in the future
- IV. Approval of the minutes from the March 2017 General meeting
 - Motion by Kevin Coughlin, Seconded by Ken Callahan. Need to correct the date of the Saturday Seminar. It passed unanimously
- V. Treasurer's Report – Camille Staczek
 - \$7,300 in the bank
 - Collected \$1,700 in dues last month
 - Have \$1,200 outstanding in dues
 - Jim Fossos moved to accept the treasures report, seconded by Kevin Coughlin. Passed unanimously.
- VI. Old Business
 - Committee Reports
 - i. Legislative – Dominic Barrera – presented by Mark Thompson
 1. The bill to change the date Commissioners pay changes from July to January passed and is now on the Governor's desk to sign
 2. Bill to allow cities to form own fire district passed
 3. Bill to allow fire districts to join that are not boarding each other passed
 4. Fire training center funding billed is still in process
 5. SHB 1467 passed and is waiting for the governor to sign
 - ii. WFOA Region 6 – Chris Elwell
 1. They are having their quarterly board meeting this weekend, Chris asked if anyone has any issues for him to bring up, just let him know.
 2. There was some interest from the attendees to have legal perspectives at the Chelan conference about the new laws coming out of legislation right now.
 - iii. EMAC - Jim Fossos (need alternate)
 1. Had their meeting last week. Went over budgets and issues with 911.
 - iv. King Co Chiefs Association – Mark Thompson
 1. The Fire Chiefs indicated an interest in moving the annual banquet to a luncheon verses a dinner.
 2. At our last board meeting, the board felt that since allot of commissioners work during the day it should be kept at night.
 3. It was felt that the banquet in 2017 was poorly attended due to sickness and lack of publicity for the event.



- v. Associate Members/door prize coordinator - Bill Fuller
 - 1. Bill is having trouble getting commitments from associate members for door prizes but still working on it
 - 2. Mark asked to see if others can help Bill with this effort
- vi. Saturday Seminar – Chris Elwell and Julie Hiatt
 - 1. April 29th at Burien Fire Station 28 –Topic: Fire Benefit Charge
 - 2. Cost is \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members
 - 3. From 9am to 2pm – includes lunch
 - 4. RSVP to Juliehiatt@gloful.com
 - 5. Flyer was handed out to everyone with more details
- vii. Website – Charlotte Davies
 - 1. Mark Thompson asked to see if there is anyone else who can help Charlotte with the website.

VII. New Business

- The Honorary Member designation for State Fire Marshal Chuck Duffy
 - i. Chris Elwell moved to make Chuck Duffy an honorary member, Seconded by Kevin Coughlin, passed unanimously.
- Open citizen at large position on the King County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)
 - i. Mark asked everyone to seek out anyone to volunteer for this position and let him know.
- Mark showed a letter from the State Fire marshal that changes the propane bottle regulations so that they can now be certified at 12 years instead of 10

VIII. Good of the order

- Door Prizes

IX. Next Meetings

- A. Board: May 3, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo’s Restaurant, Bellevue
- B. General Membership: May 17, 2017- Location: King 20 Skyway – Topic: Fire Fighting Foam/Ground Water Contamination
- C. Board: June 7, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo’s Restaurant, Bellevue
- D. General Membership: June 21, 2017- Location: TBD - Topic: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm motion by Kevin Coughlin, seconded by Kim, passed unanimously

KCFCA Officers and Board Members in Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incoming President – Mark Thompson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 2 – Jim Fossos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incoming Vice President – Kevin Coughlin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 3 – Ken Callahan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Camille Staczek | <input type="checkbox"/> Director 4 – John Herbert |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incoming Secretary – Julie Hiatt | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immediate Past President – Chris Elwell | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director 1 – Jon Kennison | |