



King County Fire Commissioner Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017 6:30pm

Skyway Fire District

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

- I. Flag Salute
- II. Welcome – Skyway Fire District – Fire Chief Eric Hicks
 - New Chief - Currently Chief at the Everett Fire Department
 - He welcomed everyone to Skyway
 - He started his career at the Skyway district as a fire fighter
 - He is looking forward to working with the Skyway Fire District
- III. Presentation – Perflorinated Chemicals – Presented by Tina Huff with Farallon Consulting
 - Eric Buer presented about PFCs (perfluorinated Chemicals)
 - i. PFCS
 1. They were identified as a “persistent organic pollutant” in 2009
 2. Used for water resistant coatings, food packaging, scotch guard, waxes, polishes, insecticides and pesticides, etc.
 3. PFCS started in 1935, started in fire fighting in 1960, determined hazardous in 2010
 4. PFCS are not in today’s foam but some fire districts still have the old version with them on their shelves that they purchased years ago.
 5. PPFCS stay around for decades
 - ii. PFCS in the Environment
 1. Humans ingest them in drinking water (which has the highest concentration) as well as animals that we eat
 2. Furniture dust exposes humans to them
 3. Still working on researching the effects on humans and what levels of PFCS are unsafe. Know to affect liver, thyroid, fetal development and increased cancer morbidity.
 - iii. Regulatory Status
 1. There is not enforceable standard today. Do have recommendations of 70 parts per trillion in drinking water
 2. 1 drop of pure PFOS will contaminate 2 olympic sized swimming pools of water
 - iv. Investigation and Cleanup



1. PFC releases result in uneven distribution of contamination in the subsurface which means standard soil sampling may not provide adequate information.
 2. If have soil contaminations can dig up dirt and take to any landfill
 3. If have water contamination can pump and treat but it take a long time and have a challenge with extracted contaminations.
- v. Managing Risk
1. Consider accelerating transition to fluorene free foam
 2. Track use and purchase records of product
 3. Just because PFCs have been identified does not mean one AFFF release is the primary source
 4. Author a cleanup action plan identifying contaminated media, volumes, and dimensions

Eastside Fire and Rescue has been working on this and is posting on their website what they have been through and how they are handling their contamination

- IV. Kim Fisher , moved to approve the minutes from the April 2017 General meeting. Seconded by Ken Callahan, passed unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Camille Staczek
- \$7,265 in the bank
- VI. Old Business
- Committee Reports
 - i. Legislative – Dominic Barrera (not present)
 1. Mark Thompson reported that the Levy swap bill got an amendment to exclude fire districts, in conference committee now still need to tell our legislators not to pass the Senate Levy swap bill and instead support the house bill version
 - ii. WFCR Region 6 – Chris Elwell – no report
 - iii. Saturday Seminar Recap– Chris Elwell and Julie Hiatt
 1. Mark Thompson reported that the seminar went well, the attendees gave good reports and feedback.
 - Association Merchandise Logo Golf Shirts. Can do different color shirts and styles. Jon will create form to order and bring to next meeting.
 - Need Nominations or candidates for Citizen At Large EMSAC (Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee). Those interested please contact Mark Thompson
 - Membership Training Topics – create a Training Advisory Committee of 3 members at large? – Contact Kevin Coughlin with ideas
 - Membership meetings Program Topics – Create Committee of 3 with VP Kevin as Chair? Contact Kevin Coughlin with ideas
- VII. New Business (2 min each)



- Honorary member nomination – State Fire Marshal (ret) Chuck Duffy – Jon Kennison motioned to approve honorary membership for Chuck Duffy, seconded by Kevin Coughlin. Passed unanimously.
- 50 Years Celebration – Charlotte Ryan had an idea to do something at the WFCA conference in October. Email other ideas to Julie Hiatt or Mark Thompson.
- Promotion, Retirement, Sympathy Cards to members – Send info to either Sec or Pres to take care of.
- EMS advisory committee – Jon Kennison will be stepping down as our representative to this committee, need someone to volunteer for this position.
- Good of the order – No good of the order
- Door Prizes – no door prizes – will have at next General meeting

VIII. 8:04pm - Adjourn Meeting

Next Meetings

- A. Board: June 7, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- B. General Membership: June 21, 2017 - OPEN
- C. Board: July 5, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- D. General Membership: July 19, 2017 - OPEN
- E. Board: August 2, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- F. General Membership: August 16, 2017 - OPEN
- G. Board: September 6, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- H. General Membership: September 20, 2017 - South King Fire – Des Moines Station 67 – Nominations Open
- I. Board: October 4, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- J. General Membership: October 18, 2017 – District 40
- K. Board: November 1, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- L. General Membership: November 15, 2017 - Woodinville Fire – Officer Elections – Legislative Ideas
- M. Board: December 6, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- N. General Membership: December 20, 2017 - NO MEETING