



King County Fire Commissioner Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016 7:00pm

King County Fire District 40

President Mark Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

- I. Welcome by Renton Fire Authority Battalion Chief Craig Soucy on behalf of Fire Chief Rick Marshall
 - They have 6 fire stations including District 40
 - They are a combination of King County Fire District 25, the City of Renton Fire Department and District 40.
 - They have about 16000+ calls a year
 - They just joined the Puget Sound Fire Training Consortium
- II. Group Discussion lead by Julie Hiatt
 - Camille Staczek from Vashon Island stated that her district is working on a lid lift that will be on Novembers ballot. She asked if anyone else has been through this and what they advised. Candy added they used to manage and pay their paramedics (who were also firefighters) directly but King County is doing this now which means they lost the revenue for this and those firefighters. Their current levy is only \$0.93 so they are trying to get it back to the \$1.50.
 - Ideas from the group:
 - a. Since they don't have an established newsletter maybe a reporter could come out and do a story on their situation
 - b. They could establish a community action team so that if they lose in November they could start preparing for the next election in June. If that passes they could then go for a maintenance and operations levy at the next election.
 - c. There was discussion about cost saving ways to do a newsletter (when they don't have a measure on the ballot) so that when their district needs to get out information they can
 - d. It was also suggested to create a mailer piece that the PDC allows the district to mail out since this would come directly from the fire district and not an outside agency to the voters.
 - Camille also stated that Vashon Island is having a challenge with getting enough Volunteers and asked what other fire districts are doing.
 - a. The group stated that everyone is having the same challenge for volunteers
 - b. There was a suggestion to develop a good Volunteer Resident program
 - c. There were also suggestions to talk with districts from Eastern Washington at the conference next week since they use allot of volunteers
- III. Meeting Minutes - There was a motion by Chris Elwell to approve the minutes from the September General Meeting. It was seconded by Kim Fischer and passed unanimously.



IV. Committee Reports

- Treasurers report
 - a. We had a bill for web hosting for \$143.00. A bill for our speaker at our conference for \$1,000 for his deposit. At this time we have \$6,607 in our checking account
- Nominations committee – Kim Fischer
 - a. Nominations are open, both candidates are running again. There are no other nominations at this time.
- WFCFA Annual Conference in Spokane October 25th-27th
 - a. Registration open at 4:00pm Wednesday
 - b. It will be at the Davenport Grand Hotel
 - c. Our Region (region 6) Chris asked the board to reinstate the training funds, it was directed to the education committee. Mark Thompson wrote a letter asking them again. They are now recommending to the board to reinstate the training funds for regions. (\$1,000 per region per year)
 - d. Julie reminded everyone that we are going to be wearing our King County Fire Commissioner Association Anniversary shirts all day Thursday. Anyone who hasn't picked up their shirt can get it from Julie at the conference Wednesday afternoon/evening (Julie's cell 206-920-4144)
 - e. We are also holding our vote for meeting dates and locations on Thursday. When you register on Wednesday, Chris will let you know when and where the vote will be taking place.
- Membership Committee – Kim Fischer
 - a. Kim handed out flyers for the upcoming Saturday Seminar, New Commissioner 101 on February 3, 2018
 - b. Julie introduced the start of the Mentor Program and handed out a flyer. Looking for experienced commissioners to volunteer to be mentors to the new commissioners elected this November.
 - c. The Membership Committee also mentioned that one of their tasks is to contact all new commissioners in King County and other commissioners in King County who are not actively participating in our association to get them more involved.
 - d. Update on EMS Levy Workgroups participation – Mark Thompson stated that invites to participate in these work groups will go out shortly. There are 5 different work groups. We need commissioners to volunteer to be on each one. If interested contact Mark or Julie.
 - e. Mark stated that the Emergency Management Compact that allows district personnel to go to other states in emergencies to help out needs more districts to sign up. If you are not registered representatives from your district can not go. Contact Mark for more information.

V. Old Business – no old business

VI. New Business

- Strategic Plan – Mark stated that we need help creating our strategic Plan. His district used a company called Leadership Logistics who he is recommending. Their fee to us would be \$20,000



(usually 30,000). The commissioners in attendance agreed that we need a strategic plan but not at \$20,000. The strategic planning discussion was tabled for later.

VII. Mark asked what we should raise our dues to in 2018

- Candy suggested \$200 with a 50% discount to new members, Joe suggested 25% discount to new members.
- Jim Fossos suggested to double our dues (from \$150 to \$300). He stated that he felt we needed more money to be effective.
- Charlotte mentioned the possibility of a sliding scale like WFCA
- Candy suggested to try to get an educational grant – look for someone to find a write a grant
- In the end, the group tabled the discussion until the Finance Steering committee makes a recommendation.

VIII. Good of the order

- Chris – GEMT training/discussion for ground emergency medical transport initiated at the state next Monday and Tuesday have meetings in Everett and Olympia. Allows districts to charge Medicaid for transports and fees.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32

X. Next Meetings

- Board: November 1, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- General Membership: November 15, 2017 - Woodinville Fire – Officer Elections – Legislative Ideas
- Board: December 6, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- General Membership: December 20, 2017 - NO MEETING
- Board: January 3, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- Joint Banquet: January 17, 2018 – Rainier Golf & Country Club

There were 19 people in attendance. KCFCA Board Members in attendance

- President – Mark Thompson
- Vice President – Kevin Coughlin
- Treasurer – Camille Staczek
- Secretary – Julie Hiatt
- Immediate Past President – Chris Elwell
- Director – Ken Callahan
- Director – James Fossos
- Director – Jon Kennison
- Director – John Herbert