



King County Fire Commissioner Association General Meeting

Minutes

November 15, 2017 6:30pm

- I. **Call meeting to order - 6:10pm**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Welcome – Woodinville Fire & Rescue – Chief Ahearn**
 - a. They are a 3 station district
 - b. They have had a Fire Benefit Charge since 1989
 - c. They are replacing their fleet – 3 new engines
 - d. Chief Erik Wallgren has been in his role as chief for just over one year
 - e. They welcomed everyone to their district
- IV. **King Council Member Kathy Lambert – General Report**
 - a. Introduced the Safe Place Program - for youth that is having issues, they go to anyplace that displays their logo to keep them safe until a councilor arrives and takes care of them. This is the only program where kids can self-identify they are having a problem. Most are brought home that night.
 - b. T.R.A.C.E. Program – timely response for adverse childhood emergencies – Starts January 1st, certified family councilors to an emergency and make an 8 week plan for that child to get them the resources they need. They will have navigators to make sure the child gets what they need 206-461-3222 is the crisis line. if a fire fighter sees a child in need they can call this line to get help for that child.
 - c. Sids Foundation – if a fire fighter sees a child in an unsafe sleep situation they have the resources to get them help
 - d. Federal Government has mandated that King County test all bridges in King County. They are half way through testing every bridge in king county. They have been reducing the weight capacity on 50+ out of 181 bridges in king county. This may affect engines using these bridges and may affect response times. Need to check them out. Local government will need to come up with money to address this.
- V. **Presentation – Legislative Update**
 - a. **Denis Lawson – WSCFF**
 1. 11 districts – Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane their own district.
 2. 7th District represented by Craig Soucy.



3. **Their mission** – created for political action. Have educational programs, health and safety programs.
 4. #1 priority is their cancer initiatives and PTSI initiatives.
 5. Rate stability for their LEFII. Lef1 & LEFFI are over 100% funded right now.
 6. March 22nd and 23rd 2018 Fire OPP Program.
 7. Just had their no secrets conference for labor and management. Have every two years.
- b. **Eric Robertsons Vally resional Fire Authority.**
1. Their hand out is on their website to send out.
 2. They work with the WFCA on legisglative issues quite a bit.
 3. #1 issue Sustainable Funding for Fire Rescue and EMS
- c. **Roger Ferris – WFCA.**
1. Fire Training Academy Funding – Water rights Issue, once solved the capital budget needs to be at 60%, now have 10,000,000 in bonds.
 2. DNR funding .
 3. All risk mobilization sunset clause in 2019. 101% to rate of inflation.
 4. Should be in compliance for the McCleary decision in 2019 which should free up time for other legislation.
 5. Family Leave law – need to make sure it doesn't include volunteer firefighters – would have big financial impacts to our rural areas.
 6. In agreement with the Chiefs and IAFF and have a great working relationship with lobby teams
 7. 2018 is a 60 day session – working the hardest on the 101% issue
 8. Taking us out of the \$10.00 is a good long term goal, but constitutional 2/3 vote, not now
 9. January 25th in Olympia
 10. Questions call Roger on his cell 360-280-2352 or text

VI. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Treasurers Report**
 1. 5500 in checking account
 2. Sent out letters to all districts about new dewes at \$180 from \$150
- b. **Annual Joint Meeting and Installation Banquet January 17, 2018** – everyone will be receiving an invite soon if not already.
- c. **Membership Committee – Kim Fischer**
 1. Saturday Seminar New Commissioner 101 - February 3rd 2018 – handed out an informational flyer
 2. Mentor Program – Julie Hiatt – handed out an informational flyer for new commissioners to sign up.



VII. Old Business

- a. General discussion about changing the General Membership Meetings to the 2nd Wednesday from the 3rd Wednesday to accommodate districts that have their commissioner meetings on the 3rd Wednesday. Also changing the location to Burien for 7 meetings of the year (June, July and August still to be roving meeting locations).

VIII. New Business

- a. Election of Board Members
 - i. Nomination Committee Chair – Kim Fischer
 1. Board Position #1 – Nominated Jon Kennison
 2. Board Position #3 – Nominated Ken Callahan
 - i. Call or other Nominations – closed nominations by Jim Fossos seconded Camille Staczek
 - ii. Jim Fossos made a motion for Elected by acclamation. Seconded by Camille Staczek. No discussion. Passed unanimously.
- b. Call for Committee Members and Chairs and representatives
 - c. Ken Callahan moved to make the changes to the by-laws to allow for our general meeting to be the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Seconded by Derek Van Veen. No Discussion. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm, motion by Ken Callahan, seconded by Derek Van Veen

IX. Next Meetings

- A. Board: December 6, 2017, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- B. No General Membership Meeting in December
- C. Board: January 3, 2018, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- D. Joint Banquet: January 17, 2018 - King County Fire Chiefs Association & King County Fire Commissioners Association
- E. Saturday Seminar – New Commissioner 101 – February 3, 2018