



## King County Fire Commissioner Association Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017 6:30pm

Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue, WA

In attendance: Commissioners: Mark Thompson, Camille Staczek, Ken Callahan, Kevin Coughlin, John Rickert, Jim Fossos, John Herbert, Larry Rudy, Chris Elwell, Julie Hiatt. Chiefs: Matt Cowan, Steve Heitman, Jeff Clark,

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:33 by Mark Thompson
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Fire Chiefs & Commissioners Joint Banquet January 17, 2018
  - a. The group liked the idea of a joint committee with representatives from both the commissioners and Chiefs association each year starting in 2019 (rather than every other year as it is now)
  - b. For pipes and drums and honor guard, offer donation of a fixed amount and dinner.
- IV. Legislative priorities for Commissioners and Chiefs
  - a. Handed out the Washington Fire Chiefs and Commissioners 2019 Legislative issues
  - b. RCW 84.052.069 Mark reminded everyone about the wording of "all of the legislative bodies" and try to change to "majority of the legislative bodies". Mark is attending a meeting next week with representative Springer from the 45<sup>th</sup> district. Chief Cowan is also trying to set up a meeting in January with King County executive Dow Constantine. Matt mentioned that even changing the wording from "all" to "super majority" would be better.
  - c. Legislative day January 25, 2019 in Olympia
  - d. Mark reported that the National guard is asking for early funding for wild fire fighting so that when fire season hits they are ready
  - e. Emergency vehicles shouldn't have to pay tolls on roads – Mark is trying to get this discussion started, if not for 2019 then for 2020 session.
  - f. Matt Cowan – on the table for them \$10 cap and \$5 cap and EMS levy
- V. King County Automatic Aid Update
  - a. Jeff Clark reported that for Automatic Aid, the King County Chiefs have drafted an agreement that goes hand in hand with a renumbering agreement. Looking to ratify King County Chiefs targeting January 2019 to have all districts in King County sign the agreement and have Automatic Aid in effect. Includes move up procedures and training together (all three current training center/zones training together). Starting this process in January. Have to wait until 2019 to give time to the dispatch centers. Valleycom is not currently compatible with Norcom and Seattle Dispatch. This will eliminate strike forces and teams. This will be for all type of calls, not just fire. Also standardizing calls for fires, aid and others so that the same resources are needed for all.
- VI. James Fossos moved to approve the minutes from the November board meetings. It was seconded by Camille Staczek. Kevin pointed out a correction on the word "again". It passed unanimously.



- VII. New Commissioner 101 Saturday Seminar February 3, 2018 – on track, one person inquired already.
- VIII. Commissioner Mentor Program – Putting together a meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> for new commissioners and mentors. If interested contact Julie.
- IX. Old Business – no old business
- X. New Business
  - a. Audit committee met before the board meeting. Everything was in order. They came up with a voucher system for checks and expenses approved after the fact by the board. Moved by Ken seconded by Chris to put this in place in January 2018. Passed with one opposed.
  - b. Larry Rude reported that the EMS levy 2020 planning process will start in December. 4 sub committees. Kick off January 18<sup>th</sup>
- XI. Good of the order
  - a. No good of the order

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.**

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