



## Pierce County Fire District 13

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### Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners August 9, 2022

**Commissioner Noll** called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioner Malone, Commissioner Zuluaga, Chief Wassall, BC Sandstrom**  
Members of the Public and Staff 3

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Minutes: Motion-** A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting.

**Seconded Commissioner Malone.**

**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Minutes: Motion-** A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes July 12, 2022, Special Meeting.

**Seconded Commissioner Malone.**

**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Vouchers:

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #17374-17409 in the amount of \$46,480.30 for Monthly Payables.

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone**

**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve voucher #17410 in the amount of \$1,478.26 for a deposit Rooster Comb St Mob RO#2122.

**Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga**

**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Correspondence:

Donations to Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Association in respect of Bill Drew.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

##### Chief Report

**Calls:** 17 total calls, 3 Fire Call, 9 EMS calls, 2 Mutual Aid Calls and 3 Service calls.

**Staffing and Recruiting:** CVA22-02 has begun and we have started with a class of twenty-two. Eleven of the twenty-two are Browns Point/Dash Point recruits. South Pierce, Riverside

and Ruston Fire Departments are making up this group. We have permission from St. Matthews Episcopal Church to use the basement area for this academy. This will help us with our parking issue. We may have an opportunity to use a different area in the church. We will be meeting with Father Kendall and Commissioner Noll to see what's available.

**Financial Report:**

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$383,154.21
Less 08-09-2022 expenses	-46,480.30
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>\$0.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$336,673.91

Reserves: \$357,483.88

**Training:** We have held a Fire Fighter II test the last day in July. All candidates passed the practical examination. We are waiting for the written test results. Our last academy has been receiving their test results and certifications. Training has centered on team building the different departments into one academy. We have a few dry months left and we will be working on skills to identify needed additional training.

**SS911:** SS911 had a meeting. I was unable to attend it. During my EOC class I took with the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center, there was a "radio guy." He works with Pierce County who said that the radio group is evaluating several manufacturers and looking for strengths and weaknesses. I will continue to follow up and keep everyone informed.

**Fleet Status:** We broke BR76 on our deployment to Hay, Washington. We have her at a truck repair shop and are awaiting word on a cost to replace the transfer case that broke. E76 is still awaiting a call from West Pierce Maintenance to complete her annual inspection/repairs. E77 may have to wait until November to go and get hers. We are still waiting for the siren and lighting package for our new command vehicle, maybe 4 more weeks or so.

**Good of the Order:** In July, Alex Genschaw graduated from the King County Medic One program. Retired Chief Cliff McCollum, Battalion Chief Mark Rapozo and I attended to honor his hard work and dedication. LT Kyle Michaud got married the same day. Keri was able to take a week off in July as well as Battalion Chief Les Sandstrom. Lisa and I got some time off to go to a family wedding in Northeast Oregon. Now that academy has started, it was good for the 3 of us to take some time away from the department to re-charge. Battalion Chief Mark Rapozo is working with our fire fighter association to update and add radio communication capabilities to our Marine Unit. This was part of the safety grant we received from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Academy CVA 22-02 will be using St Matthews Church basement for instruction. If you have a key to the church, they are requesting that you take an online course to learn of church policies. Chief Wassall, Battalion Chief Rapozo, Battalion Chief Sandstrom and Captain Fitzgerald will participate in the online training. Father Kendall will send monthly invoice for payment of use.

**MSO Report:**

Cares Grant second half of expenses have been turned in.  
We have sent System Design calls to be billed.

**Commissioner(s) Report:**

**Commissioner Malone:**

Salmon Bake very successful.

Thank you to everyone’s support and participation.

Does PCFD#13 need a new space on next Salmon Bake in 2024?

Where did the corn come from? Yakima

**Commissioner Zuluaga:**

Discussion on keeping the BR76

Brush Truck 76 is needed to have our firefighters to participate in wildland opportunities.

Are our firefighters competent is using a brush truck?

BR76 is also valuable in use if fire breaks out at Dash Point Park.

**Commissioner Noll:**

Theresa Pakerblack from Life at the Points magazine will be at this meeting.

- She is doing article on new recruits for September issue.
- We are working on an article related to long range planning for November issue.
- Will also be working with DPSIC and BPIC to publish the “Planning” article to these members.

She will be taking pictures for upcoming PCFD#13 articles in the magazine.

Browns Point security idea is failing due to lack of support.

Discussion on pros and cons of keeping the Brush Truck (BR76).

How is Volunteer Fire Fighter Association doing?

Made request for a spreadsheet to show volunteer stipend rates and costs (could be used for evaluation of possible future changes to stipend reimbursement)

The review format for Chief’s annual review will be distributed by early September

***Public Information Report***-Presented by (vacant)

No Presentation

***OLD BUSINESS:***

1. Town Center Development Status:  
Nothing new.
2. St. Matthew Land Opportunity Status:  
Two estimates to qualify fill dirt on land, First 40K, Second 4K.
3. Lid Lift Filing Status (for Fire Levy)  
All requirements completed and filed with Pierce County.
4. Fire Engine Evaluation Status  
Potential vendors for fire engine replacement: Rosenbauer, HME (\$621.5K), Pierce.  
Sutphen and Spartan not being considered for various reasons  
We will need to define our requirements and configuration desires  
Cost will likely exceed \$500k per engine, engines could be replaced several years apart

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Fire Fighting Cancer Risk  
WHO Cancer Division reclassified firefighting as a Group 1 carcinogenic profession. This will have an impact on decisions we make related to our facilities and equipment.
2. Proposition 1 Campaign Participation  
MRSC has provided good election related tips on personal conduct and usage of fire district facilities during the campaign. A copy was provided.  
Dick Collins, Janet Hominda and Gayle Holcom agreed to be on the "For" Committee.

**COMMENTS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular meeting will be Tues., September 13, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11.09 am.

Approved By:

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Chairman Noll

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Commissioner Malone

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Commissioner Zuluaga

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Fire Chief/District Secretary