



Pierce County Fire District 13

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**Minutes
Board of Fire Commissioners October 4, 2022**

Commissioner Noll called the meeting to order at 9:03 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**

Members of the Public and Staff 4

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes for September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Malone
Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve vouchers #17487-17520 in the amount of \$55,032.78 for Monthly Payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve vouchers #17521-17525 in the amount of \$21,725.92 for Additional Monthly Payables. Annual Ins Policy Hentschell, \$20,780.00.

Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #17451-17486 in the amount of \$12,859.12 for Vol FF Q3 Payroll.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone
Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence:

Thank You from the Liu family for finding Erin in Dash Point Park. Treats were shared.
Thank You from Resurrection Lutheran Church for CPR training given to their parishioners.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chief Report

Calls: 17 total calls, 2 Fire Calls, 5 EMS calls, 2 MVA's, 4 Mutual Aid Calls and 4 Service calls.

Staffing and Recruiting: We are down to 15 from 22 in our recruit fire academy. An employer has been threatened at the prospect of community service for one of our recruits. This recruit has backed out of CVA22-02 academy due to large workload given from employer. Our 10 recruits are doing very well academically, skills are hit and miss. We are working on skills and getting the class used to the testing process. We have been getting inquiries for 2023 Fire Academy. We are not sure when our next academy might begin. We are encouraging those who are not EMT's, to investigate finding a class. We can put them to work if they do until academy starts.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$321,384.32
Less 09-13-2022 expenses	-89,617.82
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>\$1,275.47</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$233,041.97

Reserves: \$357,483.88

Training: We have a new training Captain and tonight will be his first drill with the fire fighters. Captain Fitzgerald PhD has been in the fire service for 42 years and is the chemist for the Pierce County Hazardous Incident Team (PCHIT). He has been with our department since March of 2019, he had been with East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Training has been in-person but poorly attended. We have North Bend scheduled for the end of the month and we are hosting a Fire Officer II test this month. We have started a new quarter and those who had asked for personal time off are coming back

SS911: I have not been to any of the meetings. Staffing the last 2 weeks of the last quarter kept me close to home.

Fleet Status: My command vehicle is in the shop currently. We hope that it might be finished this week. I need to find a couple of radio chargers for the center console. We had, with the help of Retired Chief McCollum, BR76 loaded on a truck and delivered to the transmission shop in Tacoma. The truck was diagnosed, and it needed a transfer case. They rebuilt the transfer case and went through the transmission. Both front and rear differentials. The running gear is now serviced and ready. I can now see what is available about replacing the Ford part of the truck. We still have 2, 12-gallon gas tanks which is not ideal but for now will work.

Good of the Order: As we say goodbye to B/C Sandstrom, we are excited to say hello to Captain Fitzgerald PHD. We look forward to what he can bring to our fire department. In his time here he has been our HazMat instructor with the last 4 or 5 academies. B/C Sandstrom will continue to work with this current academy on the fire side until it is completed in December. This will give this group continuity from start to finish with a consistent message and learning style. We are going to start planning out our Santa Runs. Santa will be brought to the BPIC and very soon, Trunk or Treat at the BPIC. Dash Point Christmas Tree raising and the BPIC's when they are ready. The Turkey Trot will be on Thanksgiving morning. We will see how many of our recruit class I can get to run/walk it with me this year.

MSO Report:

Presented by MSO/LT Keri Dawson:

We have received our first payment from System Design.

Zoll batteries have been recalled.

Fire Line article states EMS calls are changing to serve drug addicts, and deal with many behavioral issues.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

Tribal council has been contacted with zero response.

Lid Lift information will be added to BPIC newsletter.

Trunk or treat will be Oct 30th.

Commissioner Noll:

Thank You for cleaning up PCFD13 website (Facebook & Twitter links)

Quinn states Covid 'state of emergency' is over on 10.31.22

Bates is reorganizing their fire program again.

South Sound 911 is moving in the direction of having one radio system (and there are other companies besides Motorola that can offer radios).

South Sound 911 handles 50K calls a month, staffing now at 230, full staffing is 245.

On track for article in Greet Northeast Tacoma for November.

We will have articles in Dash Point and Browns Point newsletters.

Attorney Quinn hosted a roundtable discussion on Bid Law exceptions on September 30th.

Commissioner Zuluaga:

WFCA convention in Spokane.

Tacoma Fire will not be renewing contract with AMR.

How will this affect Fire District #13?

Falk is closing in NW.

Loss of Paramedics will affect Pierce County.

Public Information Report-Presented by (position vacant)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Center Project Status:

Development is going nowhere.

2. St. Matthew Partnership:

Landscaping clean-up needs to be completed.

Use of basement for Academy lectures is super do to available space.

Geo Technical revised bid and board approved survey, will be 11.04.22

3. Lid Lift Community Information

Election will be 11.08.22

Fire Engines need to be replaced.

4. Volunteer Stipend Evaluation

Stipends should be raised. Three options were given to Commissioners. Increases could be \$5.00, \$10.00 or additional pay (depending on shift hours).

5. 2023 Budget Review/Questions

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dash Point Dock Area Park

After hours parking still an issue. Existing signage is minimal and not very explanatory. Metro Parks staff contacted about improving signage on park hours and parking.

Executive Session - Chief Wassall Review

The Board will be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of an employee (Chief Jim Wassall). The executive session will be for 15 minutes until 12:00 noon.

Continuation announced at 12:00 pm.

Review completed at 12:15 pm, returned to regular meeting.

COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., November 8, 2022, at 9:00 AM. Notice of this meeting change will be posted.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary