

## **North County Regional Fire Authority**

## COMMISSIONER'S MEETING STANWOOD / STATION 99

January 22, 2020 4:00pm

#### CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS** 

Greg Oakes, Chair - By Phone

Jan Iverson

Judy Williams

Ric Cade

Larry Longley, Vice-Chair

Rob Johnson

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief

Don Bartlett, Assistant Fire Chief

Mike Makela, Assistant Fire Chief

Katie Casey, Board Secretary

Randy Krumm, Finance Manager

Kayley Mizell, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm

**FLAG SALUTE** 

**EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A** 

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Iverson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Cade

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS** 

N/A

### **NEW BUSINESS**

City of Arlington City Administrator Paul Ellis provided the Board of Commissioners with the City of Arlington resolution which expresses their intent to discuss the possibility of a merger. There is a meeting scheduled with Karen Reid on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> at which point a general timeline for moving forward will be put together. Commissioner Johnson asked that both City of Arlington and NCRFA remain diligent in sending the same message to both communities regarding the merger to keep the public as up to date as possible.

Battalion Chief Smith presented the Training Report and announced that Zander Woofenden has been accepted as an instructor for the South County Fire Academy.

Assistant Chief Bartlett presented the Operations Report

Assistant Chief Makela presented the Community Risk Reduction Report

Randy Krumm presented the Finance Report



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Katie Casey presented Policy 55 to the Board of Commissioners for review. This policy is being recommended by VFIS to update to include verbiage regarding staff members in a non-supervisory position who are in a romantic relationship to report the relationship to the Fire Chief and/or Human Resources so a plan can be developed to protect all parties involved. This will be brought back to the Board at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> review and/or approval.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Cermak was out sick for a few days.

There has been no settlement in the ongoing litigation for a previous employee. We will be going to trial and Chief Cermak will be in Seattle for one to two weeks the end of February and beginning of March.

Rich Davis, Commissioners Oakes & Cade, and Chief Cermak continued to work on the CBA. They will meet again Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 0800—1330.

The US has its first Coronavirus case from Wuhan, China. It was reported in Everett, WA. We are currently building a regional response to prepare and address an outbreak. County EMS has implemented an electronic data tracking element that will flag these types of calls that we will monitor. Chief DeMarco has spearheaded a countywide meeting this Friday to address this issue as a count. Chief Cermak suggested including DEM, Snohomish Co Health, Hospitals, and Snohomish Co EMS. Our County EMS Director, Dr. Cooper, will also be part of this group. More to come as it develops.

A Labor Management meeting occurred earlier today.

This week is Community Risk Reduction Week. Chief Makela provided a news release and it has been placed on Facebook and sent to multiple media outlets.

Chief Cermak attended a County Fire Prevention meeting where Chief Makela presented to the group the Community Risk Reduction process with several others. While they were there, they met with District 7 Chief Fitzgerald and they will be donating the plotter and some GPS elements to North County to help develop our program. Chief Makela will take possession of the equipment for our agency and it will be utilized in Arlington as most of his plan checks are done for them. It will set the stage for us to digitally store all plans electronically rather than physically, increasing efficiency, recall and reducing storage costs and space.

Katie is adding the BVFF benefit for all new academy recruits for coverage to the academy entrance process. The fee for the academy will be adjusted to include that cost.

Additional work has been completed on the Training Center land acquisition as was also heard in Assistant Chief Bartlett's report.

Chief Cermak will be on vacation January 26-February 2.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

At the previous meeting it was asked that all Commissioners submit their Committee participation preference to Board Chair Oakes. This information was passed on to him for review.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE - N/A**

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Cermak stated that new photographs of all Commissioners will take place at the next meeting.

Chief Cermak congratulated Community Paramedic Darin Reid and Assistant Chief Makela for successfully completing their probationary period.



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ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:33pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Iverson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Larry Longley Vice- Chair

Katle Casey
Board Secretary