

**Snohomish County Fire District 7
8010 180th Street SE
Snohomish, WA 98296**

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
May 28, 2009**

Commissioner Waugh called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 0800 hours. Commissioners Waugh, Doherty, Hausmann and Knapp were present. Commissioner Andrew was excused.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Union Comment: Lieutenant Smith reports an overtime savings of \$61,232.00 up to date. There is a drop off in savings due to the schedules being coordinated efficiently with the regulation of debit days. Currently staffing at all stations are always at the minimum even with two sick leaves calculated.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the May 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved to approve the summary minutes of May 14, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>
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Secretary's Report:

Correspondence – Commissioner Knapp reported that the PERC case has been closed because the case has been withdrawn.

Board of Volunteer Firefighters – meeting after the board meeting.

Financial Report:

The May 31, 2009 regular pay was submitted in the amount of \$499,743.43

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Doherty moved for the approval of the payroll as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>
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Vouchers #548-09 through 607-09 in the amount of \$200,851.60 were submitted for approval.

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of the vouchers as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>
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Commissioner Doherty asked what Trusteed Plans was, and Chief Eastman answered it was for the healthcare insurance. Commissioner Hausmann asked what the vendor Cedar Creek provided – Chief Eastman answered that it was MRE (Meals ready to eat) for emergency situations.

Action Items:

Department Policy # 056 – Labor Contract Memorandums of Understanding

MOTION: Commissioner Doherty moved for the approval of the department policy number 056 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution #2009-06 – Authorizing an Annexation

MOTION: Commissioner Knapp moved for the approval of the resolution 2009-06 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chief Meek briefly spoke about the petitions that were sent, 8 properties were absorbed and it would take the boundaries away from 55th Ave. There are still 3 properties that have not signed the petition. The recommendation is to have a public hearing after the next board meeting or the evening of the board.

Fire Chief Report:

Commissioner Waugh asked if the consulting fees were billed hourly, and Chief Financial Officer Tabor answered, she was billing her hourly rate for consultation. Commissioner Waugh also mentioned that during the Firetac meeting the RMS system was discussed and he wanted to know what the difference between this and the EPCR was. Chief Andrews expressed that the RMS has to do with general reporting at the fire department, which includes inventory, and reporting. EPCR is specific medical incident information. Commissioner Doherty asked how much the Hush was on sale for, Chief Eastman said it is on sale for \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Waugh asked Chief Rauma for a proposal report on how we are going utilize the EPCR in our department and ensure quality assurance. Chief Rauma will work on it and present it at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Hausmann commended the Public Information Officer Waite regarding her articles on the Everett Herald.

Discussion Items: No Discussion.

Old Business:

Training Center Update: There is going to be a meeting on June 2, and a group meeting on June 15 at 10:00. There the training committee will be recommending the consultants they chose.

Chief Eastman spoke about the boundary review board that it will be held today at 18:00. Attorney Cogdill will be present tonight for the hearing. June 9th – deliberations will be given. If we lose the case we will have 30 days to appeal. Chief Eastman asked the board if they were willing to appeal the case, if lost. The Board agrees that we should pursue it and appeal. Commissioner Knapp mentioned that it would be just like the Woodinville annexation a number of years ago where we appealed and won the case. Chief Eastman said that Bothell is stating unreliable claims that they cannot back up.

The draft for transport billing flyer by Captain Adolf was submitted. Commissioner Waugh asked if there would be a decline in transport billing payments. Chief Eastman answers that he heard from ones who

tried this that they did see a decline in receiving payment. There was discussion that there may be wording issues, and that we could add more information on CPR classes, helmet, and open house. However the idea for this flyer came about due to Lieutenant Smith's experience in dealing with one-off patients who refuse transport because they cannot pay the transport fee. Therefore, this flyer should be given to select patients instead of all. Chief Eastman said a redrafting of the flyer would be prepared for a later meeting.

New Business:

Next meeting ACTION ITEM Draft - Department Policy # 057 – Ambulance Transport Charges

Authorize the release of the retainage with Van Rossen contingent on our receiving payment of \$7108.04 from Van Rossen.

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Waugh moved for the approval of the release of the retainage to Van Rossen once we receive the overpayment of \$7108.04. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>

Committee Reports:

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2009.

Commissioner Doherty brought out the point that the near drowning experience should be reflected on and become a reminder to promote safety in our district. Commissioner Waugh wants to discuss at one point when senior staff is contacted. Chief Eastman said he tries to contact them and will address it further in the future.

Joint Fire Board: Date to be announced.

Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2009.

Commissioner Knapp mentioned someone asked how much we are paying since forming the group. Pregroup we were paying more every year compared to after forming a group. The reason why 2008 and 2009 increased is because of the hiring of SAFER grant firefighters, new tender, and new apparatus.

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2009.

Commissioner Hausmann said the meeting was mainly about the candidates for SNOPAC director's position. They chose the member from Clackamas County who has been in the business for 14 years, but nothing is finalized the job has not been accepted. There will be a special meeting on the 10th discussing negotiations and finalizing of hire.

Risk Management meeting: August 25, 2009.

Joint Shop meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2009.

Training Committee is scheduled for June 15, 2009.

Recess at 0910, adjourned at 0920.

Work Session:

Lieutenant Troy Smith gave a presentation regarding current healthcare coverage and alternative options. In the Post Retirement Medical Proposal presentation the analysis will demonstrate that if SCFD #7 provides retired firefighters with a post retirement medical compensation it will be cost savings to the district. Most LEOFF2 firefighters will continue to work beyond the age of 53 in order to maintain healthcare coverage, since Medicare eligibility is age 65. Average age of hire at SCFD is 27 and the average local is 35. The concept is a newly hired firefighter who earns less money replaces a 25-year veteran firefighter who earns more it will save the District money. This savings can be used to provide post retirement.

He discussed the Cost Comparison between a 25 Year Firefighter and New Firefighter. He also noted that Healthcare Plans that we currently have through Fire Commissioners Comp PPO Plus is not available to retired firefighters. Welfare Trust Plan 5 is a new plan significantly less expensive but comes with high deductibles and copays. By providing post retirement medical compensation by the District will encourage optimum age retirements, resulting in cost savings that will pay for the cost of the program as well as save the District money.

Training Division Software – Chief Clinton postponed the presentation until he gets it on Monday.

Adjournment:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Knapp, Commissioner
Secretary of the Board