

# Pierce County Fire District 23 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting March 13, 2023

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023 for their regular meeting at the Ashford Fire Hall. Those present included Commissioners Joseph Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matthew Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams. Commissioner Claudia Frey attended by Zoom.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. The secretary gave her report. The board approved the Policy for Payment of District Expenses. The secretary said that she had completed the report for the Ground Ambulance Data Collection. She said that she and the chief would go over it one last time before submission. She added thanks to both the chief and Lieutenant Scott Beason for their assistance. She added the financial report.

The chief read his report. The board asked about the status of his truck, and the chief said it was supposed to be built this month. Comm. Young asked about the status of the Eagles Nest RV Park. The chief said he was going to talk with the volunteers about their concerns.

Under new business, the board briefly discussed the ongoing situation with Lewis County 17. Regarding potential stipends for the volunteers, the chief said that there had been a problem with getting volunteers to respond. The volunteers had suggested a potential stipend for responses. A point system might also be considered. The chief said that he had paid for a training with Snure for paying stipends and avoiding any potential pitfalls.

The vouchers for the month were approved after questions about specific amounts. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Claudia Frey  
Chairman

4-10-23  
Date

Caleb Young  
Commissioner



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Commissioner

## Chief's Report March 2023

### General:

- This month's call volume was closer to normal to above average for incidents.
- New SCBA deployed to the fleet.
- SPFR Purchased 3 Lucas devices, went and attended their train the trainer.
- Partnered again this year with Eatonville food bank, they are using our parking lot to serve the community.
- Snure webinar - Financing fire districts.
- Representative Schrier hosted a listening session about the farm bill. I attended and spoke in support of maintaining if not increasing funding to the upcoming farm bill. I was the only person to speak about the positive aspects of Rural Development for districts like ours, water and sewer districts need funding by way of grants and loans.
- Assisted Orting Valley Fire & Rescue with an oral board panel.
- Sat in on a presentation with Nancy on Budgeting software for moving towards our own warrants project.

### Facilities:

- Broken spring on overhead door station 87, repairs and upgrade in process. ETA Mid April repair.
- Last Engine back from Shop and started the tender through annuals.

### Responses:

	22	
EMS:	14	
Fire:	7 (2 mutual aid to SPFR)	
Other:	1	
Year to Date:	64	
Last Year Comparison:	25/92 (March 2022)	28/89 (March 2021)
Ambulance Runs:	3 D23 Transports (11 for Mar 2022) (9 for Mar 2021)	
	5 South Pierce (4 for Mar 2022) (4 for Mar 2021)	
	8 Total Transports	

### Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- EMS meeting - Pierce County EMS
- Pierce College advisory board meeting
- Farm Bill meeting

Respectfully, Chief Medford

