

Pierce County Fire District 23


Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

May 8, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District met at 7 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 at the Ashford Fire Hall for their regular meeting. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joseph Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

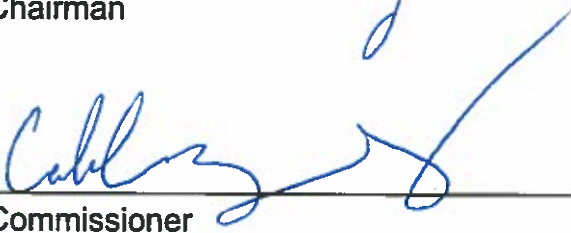
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. The secretary gave the financial report stating that the district had just over \$1.2 million in investments. The chief read his report. Under new business, the secretary reported that while she had not received official word, she had been told that the district had been approved to issue their own checks. She said it would probably still be a couple of months as it would take time to set up the bank account, continue setting up the accounts with BIAS. Comm. Koehler reminded Commissioners Frey and Young that starting May 15, they can apply to Pierce County elections board about being on the ballot in November.

Under new business, the board approved, after some discussion, the 3% increase for transports as per the resolution from 2020. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

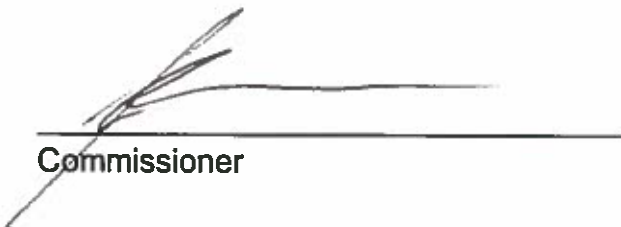


Chairman

6-12-23
Date



Commissioner



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Chief's Report

May 2023

General:

- A bit of a 180 degree turn for call volume from last year and a little bump from the previous months. Set a new record for May call volume, the previous record was 32, new record is 36. Our average for May is 21.
- Traveled to Emmitsburg, Maryland to the Emergency Management Institute, co-located with the National Fire Academy with approximately 65 other people for a training sponsored by Pierce County DEM. Focusing on Lahar Scenario for Pierce County. Partners from Federal (NPS, USGS, NOAA) State (WSP, WSDOT, EMD) County (DEM, Sheriff, Public Works) City/Local (Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Buckley, Orting) and others. 4 day seminar that had fantastic networking for this or other events that may happen.
- Warmer drier spring has led to the area having a few smaller fires already. Dead fine fuels seemed to have an early curing.
- Assisted with NPS with medical classes and hosted here at Ashford station.
- Continued coordination about USGS installing seismic sensors at the stations in Ashford and Elbe. This is to enhance the Lahar Detection network and help accurately locate earthquakes on the western side of Mount Rainier.
- PC EMS meetings, Case report of Expanded protocols that have been in place for about a year now and was received well by the different agencies in the County showing the benefits of the expanded protocols.
- Staffing Hired full time position to fill a position that has been vacant for a few years, onboarding and starting work.
- Worked with WSP to present some thank you cards and coins of appreciation to three employees at Suburban Propane in Spanaway. They were instrumental in confirming the location of a drive away of an individual with dementia from a business in the Ashford valley. A brief search was done in assistance with USFS LEO turned up nothing. Silver Alert started w/ Southsound911 and WSP. Fortunately the spouse left her phone in the car and was able to call and actually talk to him. The quick response of the business employees prevented the individual from driving further away and increasing the search area. Agencies involved: USFS, NPS, Southsound911, WSP, Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Also a thank you to Rick Johnson of Ashford Creek Pottery for his fast thinking and staying with the spouse and driving her up to be reunited with her husband.

Facilities:

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Responses:

36

EMS:

26 (1SPFR, 2 MORA)

Fire:

9 (4 mutual aid to SPFR)

Other:	1	
Year to Date:	135	
Last Year Comparison:	18/135 (May 2022)	29/161 (May 2021)
Ambulance Runs:	8 D23 Transports (5 for May 2022) (10 for May 2021)	
	5 South Pierce (3 for May 2022) (2 for May 2021)	
	13 Total Transports	

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Fire Chief's
- Lewis County 17 Commissioners
- Pierce County EMS Meeting
- Wildland fire Preseason meeting
- Pierce County EMS

Respectfully, Chief Medford