

# Pierce County Fire District 23 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting November 11, 2024


The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, November 11, 2024 at Station 87. Those present were Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams. Commissioner Claudia Frey attended via Zoom.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. The secretary gave her report along with the financial report. The chief read his report. Moving onto new business, Dennis Day from Lewis County Fire District 17 asked to renew the contract for one more year, adding that the election for merger was scheduled for February 2025. After some discussion, the Board agreed unanimously to the one-year contract extension.

The board went over the budget asking some questions for clarification, and then unanimously agreed to approve the budget, and Resolutions 24-003, 24-004 and 24-005 for 2025.

Ad hoc payments for the month were unanimously approved with \$31,437.10 for claims and \$13,677.53 for payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
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Chairman

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## Chief's Report November 2024

### General:

- Once again November is an above average month, fortunately not by much. Our monthly average is 22 for the month of November. Thank you to those who are stepping up and helping the citizens in the valley.
- A "Bomb Cyclone" weather event affected the valley, a heavy east wind event that brought down a slew of trees across the road and some minor damages to structures. Our valley fared pretty well compared to others in Pierce and King County.
- Critical Trauma call that involved multiple Agencies to care for one individual, SPFR, Graham fire to the scene and handoff to Airlift at Swanson Field. Excellent teamwork that happened with our neighbors to care for a member in the community. Five providers working in the back of our ambulance to care for one individual.
- "King of Elbe", an ORV Extravaganza, that happened and thankfully was mostly quiet for us. Good communication from DNR Recreation allowed us to pass along the details to our partners SPFR, GFR and SS911.
- IFSAC Testing in Eatonville
- Ongoing work with the Fire Ops Committee working on speeding up dispatching process. 5700 dispatch combination codes and working it down to the 77 main features and upgrading as needed. Good work done by Assistant Chief Black and SS911 dispatch and committee for doing a large lift. The goal is to get dispatch times shorter, from the time the call is picked up to the time units are dispatched.

### Facilities:

- Ambulance put into service, power load and cot added, radio transferred.
- Working on another ambulance still. Came back from the mechanic with nothing major, working on appt for it to go to another shop to have needed items ordered and installed.
- Treadmill likely killed on last power outage during bomb cyclone. Will look to replace.

### Responses:

	28	
EMS:	21	
Fire:	5 (2 SPFR)	
Other:	2	
Year to Date:	374	
Last Year Comparison:	31/377 (November 2023)	31/343 (November 2022)
Ambulance Runs:	8 D23 Transports (7 for Nov 2023) (12 for Nov 2022)	
	5 South Pierce (7 for Nov 2023) (7 for Nov 2022)	
	1 Graham	
	1 ALNW	
	15 Total Transports	

**Meetings Attended:**

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Lewis County 17 commissioners meeting
- Lewis County 9 Commissioners.
- Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (Fire Ops Meeting with Dispatch)

Respectfully,  
Chief Medford