

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

May 12th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, May 12th, 2025, at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koeher and Caleb Young (virtually), Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved as written. There were no items of public comment. The secretary gave her report.

Before the reading of Chief's report, Chief presented Caleb Young with a plaque for his service. The chief read his report. Chief noted call volume was slightly above average for the month specifically of note we would have multiple calls on single days including one day that had 5 calls in that single day. Chief assisted with testing this month and assisted with a Community Easter Hunt Event. Facility items of note the newly purchased truck was brought in for the Commissioners to see and overall annual servicing of rigs is getting slowed down as our shop is having supply chain issues with delays in parts. Call volume for the month of April was 30 calls; 25 were for EMS and 5 were Fire Calls. Year to date calls were noted at 99 which is ahead of last year. Chief attended the following meetings (April was a meeting heavy month): Lewis County Chief's Meeting, Pierce County Fire Chiefs E board, Pierce County Fire and Law Chiefs Meeting, Pierce County DEM Meeting, Pierce College Advisory Board, SS911 Fire Ops Meeting, Board of Directors, PSCOC, Pierce County Public Safety Committee meeting (PC Council members), Meetings with South Pierce for: UW Pack Forest, (Falls and access) and WA State Parks, Nisqually State Park progress trail access planning.

No Items were noted for Old Business. Chairman Frey inquired about Commissioner Caleb Young's Resignation. Caleb will put together a letter resigning and noting his future intentions. Chief again; Thanked Caleb for his service.

A New Business item for the month of April was around an additional Credit Card for the department. With the turnover of Nancy leaving and various financial accounts being held up as we moved them to new management and accessed; Chief proposed having additional back up credit card to ensure smooth processes in the future. Commissioner Joe Koehler and Chairman Claudia Frey were open to the idea of an additional credit


card to maintainContinuity of service; they both inquired about obtaining a credit card with points and what legal issues may surround credit cards and perks for government agencies. Chief and Kate were tasked and approved to look into this coupled with looking at a credit union for these purposes.

Update was given on the Merger; to move forward a specific date needs to be chosen. Chief proposed July 1, 2025; for various logistics. The commissioners all approved that date.

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The board adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Claudia Frey
Chairman

7-9-25
Date


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Chief's Report

May 2025

General:

- A high call volume month for us. High traffic in the valley. A new record for the month has been set; the old record of 36 was in 2023. We are currently slightly ahead of our second busiest year at the end of May 2023. This might be from a warmer drier spring that has moved in again and brought a larger number of people to the park and the valley.
- Variable traffic Sign out and seems to assist with keeping traffic at the appropriate speeds.
- This was the last month before the regular burn ban in Pierce County takes effect for yard waste. PC Fire Marshal's office and PC Fire Chiefs wanted to help deliver consistent messaging on burn bans.
- Attended WA Chief's Conference in Kennewick, several other Pierce and Lewis County Chief's.

Facilities:

- A06 Red Horton is still in the shop, waiting on a few key parts
- New F-350

Responses:

38*

EMS: 32 (1SPFR, 3 MORA)

Fire: 2

Other: 4 (2 PCSD SAR)

Year to Date: 137

Last Year Comparison: 27/122 (May 2024) 36/135 (May 2023)

Ambulance Runs: 6 D23 Transports (6 for May 2024) (8 for May 2023)

7 South Pierce (5 for May 2024) (5 for May 2023)

2 ALNW

15 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Fire Chief's
- Lewis County 17 Commissioners
- Pierce County DEM Meeting
- Wildland fire Preseason meeting
- Pierce County EMS
- Washington State Chiefs Conference

Respectfully, Chief Medford

