

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Sept 8th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:03 p.m., Monday, Sept 8th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey (Virtually), Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith (Virtually). Minutes of the August meeting were unanimously approved as written.

There were no items of public comment. Lieutenant Scott Beason brought to the attention of the Commissioners the intersection of Alder Road Cutoff and Mountain Highway; the amount of fatalities and/or accidents. He proposed the Commissioners or the Department write a letter about the need for either a study, roundabout, stoplight, or etc to the Department of Transportation. The Commissioners agreed that if there was a letter written they would sign the letter.

The secretary presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of August 2025. The secretary reported a few items of note due to the timing of the meeting and how the calendar falls; the department did not receive 2 bills prior to the meeting and also while August expenses were low due to timing and quarterly points payments and more September expenses will be high. Two checks were written to pay those bills and were rounded up. The checks that were written were to the Health Care Authority for \$3,000 (health insurance) and the Ashford Water Department for \$200.

The Chief read his report. August was a well above average month for PCFD #23; it was noted that we were tied for our fourth busiest month overall. For the month we recorded 56 calls with 34 EMS, 20 Fire and 2 Others. Noting within those calls there were 23 total transports. Chief updated that IV testing was completed for those that took the class and all attendees are in the process of getting their IV experience with South Pierce.

Chief brought to the commissioners attention for their approval to raise ambulance rates as per the prior resolution 3% to keep up with overall inflation costs. It was approved to raise rates 3% for 2026. The Chief also stated that we should revisit the range for

ambulance increases within the resolution early in 2026. Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: Lewis County Chiefs Meeting, Pierce County Fire Chief's Meeting, Pierce County Fire Chief's E-board Meeting and FireComm Operations meeting.

Old Business:

- The current additional credit card was tabled for the time being
- Employee Contracts are with legal for review

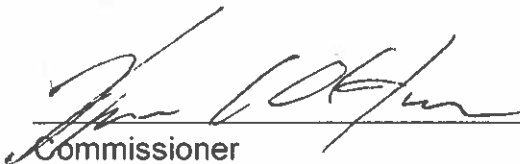
Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

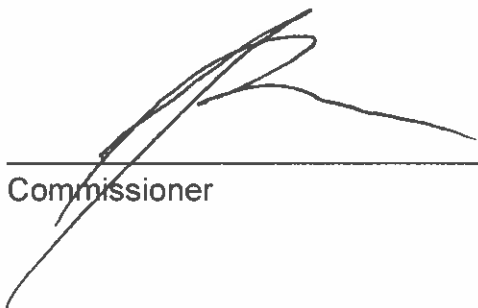
The Commissioner Dennis Day did send in his resignation letter. Dennis Day served initially with Lewis 17 and was essential in the merger with Pierce Co Fire District #23. Chief thanked him for his service and all he contributed to this successful merger.

The board adjourned at 7:23 p.m.


Chairman

10-13-25
Date


Commissioner


Commissioner

Chief's Report

September 2025

General:

- Call volume for September is above average again which is 32 calls for this month. Fortunately we did not set a record month but we definitely had some very busy days and critical calls.
- Some Substantial calls this month working very closely with our neighbors South Pierce Fire & Rescue and Pierce County Sheriff's Office. Our past relationships were of benefit to serving the community.
- EMT-IV Course is completed and paperwork sent to the state. I'm extremely happy to say that we were able to be a part of this process of being able to provide additional skills for Patient care in our valley. A very large thank you to the Instructors, Buckley Fire for hosting the class, South Pierce Fire and Rescue for allowing us to do our clinical time with and Paramedic & RN Beth McQueen for her skills and wisdom during this time. This is another progressive step for EMS care in Pierce County and is fantastic that we were able to be part of it.
- Ongoing training with Members from Mineral are attending, good relationships and sharing of knowledge has been positive.

Facilities:

- MTTA used Building for training
- Eatonville Food Bank used property
- Tender 87 in the shop for its annual service. Tender 85 back.

Responses:

	38	(45 Previous record 2023)
● EMS:	29	(mut aid to 1 SPFR) (1 MORA)
● Fire:	8	(mut aid to 3 SPFR)
● Other:	1	
● Year to Date:	341	
● Last Year Comparison:	47/320	(September 2024) 45/319 (September 2023)
● Ambulance Runs:	10	D23 Transports (14 for Sept 2024) (12 for Sept 2023)
	4	South Pierce (3 for Sept 2024) (4 for Sept 2023)
	1	Graham
	1	Life Flight
	16	Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Exec board
- Pierce County EMS meetings
- Pierce County Ops meeting w/ ss911
- EPIC/ USGS Chat working towards lahar preparedness.

Respectfully, Chief Medford