

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Feb 9th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:04 p.m., Monday, Feb 9th, 2026 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith (virtually). Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

Justin Belk, a representative, from WSDOT, attended the commissioners meeting and presented. He presented how WSDOT is funded, Crash Prevention and Reduction Programs, and Low-Cost Enhancements The state will be using the Low-Cost Enhancements of transverse rumble strips, refresh of markings and signs and review parking occlusions. Public comments were presented and concerns were followed up on, noted for future or addressed.

The secretary presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of January 2026. She also noted the following items: 2026 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) were completed as part of payroll and Chief during 2026 will continue to pay out his vacation (30 Hours) in order to reduce the vacation liability for PCFD #23.

The Chief read his report. The January PCFD #23 month was made up of 27 calls; 15 EMS, 5 Fire and 2 Other. The overall month of Jan was of average call volume with the busy times being filled with apparatus shuffling. Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: Lewis Co Chief's meeting, Pierce Co Chief's Meeting, Pierce County E Board, Pierce Co EMS Meeting, Small district chief's collaboration and South Sound 911 Board Meeting.

Old Business:

Nothing was noted or discussed.

New Business: Chief presented a case for and a request for additional Nitro Devices that are each about \$4,200 each and he would like to purchase 2 of these items. These items help with pain management to meet a medic OR enough pain medication to be able to handle the transport on our own. Commissioners asked questions around the

use case for this item and around the financial status of the district and what is the best time to purchase. It was decided to purchase these items.

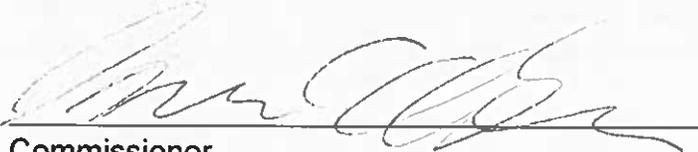
There were no questions of the vouchers. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

The board went into executive session at 7:40 to discuss a legal matter and resumed at 7:54.

The board adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Chairman

2-9-28
Date



Commissioner



Commissioner

Chief's Report February 2026

General:

- Call volume was a little above average for Feb, we seem to be on a similar pace as last year. Calls seem to bunch together and then subside for a few days. Transports were up this month.
- Attended retirement of Town of Eatonville Officer McGuire. I thanked him for his service to the area, it was not uncommon to see him respond to our areas for larger incidents like traffic accidents or drownings at the Lake. His presence was welcomed and helped keep a safe scene to allow us to focus on treating the injured.

Facilities / Equipment:

- Red Horton back from the shop with exhaust and drop chain issues fixed, Rear axle out of alignment brought back into proper alignment.
- Annual services in progress, Seagrave engine back and the KME sent in.
- Electrical panel issues at Ashford and Elbe.
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Membership:

Responses:

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| | 23 | |
| ● EMS: | 17 | |
| ● Fire: | 4 | |
| ● Other: | 2 | |
| ● Year to Date: | 45 | |
| ● Last Year Comparison: | 17 / 44 (Jan 2025) | 23 / 58 (Jan 2024) |
| ● Ambulance Runs: | 8 D23 Transports (6 for Feb 2025) (3 for Feb 2024) | |
| | 2 South Pierce (4 Feb 2025) (1 Feb 2024) | |
| | 1 PCF | |
| | 11 Total Transports | |

Meetings Attended:

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| ● Lewis County Chief's | ● SS911 operations meetings |
| ● Pierce County Chief's E-board meeting. | ● SS911 Board Meeting |
| ● PC Chiefs Meeting | ● SS911 PSCOC Meeting |
| | ● Country Chief's Meeting |

Respectfully, Chief Medford

