

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

April 13th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 13th, 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. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

There were no items of public comment.

The District Secretary presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of March 2026. She also noted that we had our large payroll for the volunteer stipends coupled with all the normal quarterly requirements. For the Month of March we also had our first electrical payment for the panel replacements, nitro supplies and more. The secretary noted that this was the first quarter that we will be submitting an additional report to the IRS for payroll taxes as we are now a bi-weekly payer due to our larger payroll costs.

The Chief read his report. March for PCFD #23 was a record month. March was made up of 32 calls; 22 EMS, 6 Fire and 4 Other. Other updates during the month of March the department visited Columbia Crest T-K class, the Eatonville Food Bank partnership will be starting again, and March 13 was a land/mudslide that PCFD #23 partnered with The County and WSDOT. Facilitywise overall all ambulances have completed their annual service and we are at 4 out of 4 engines that completed their annual service and still have 3 tenders to be serviced. Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: South Sound 911 Board of Directors meeting, Lewis County Chief's Meeting, Pierce County Chief's Meeting, Pierce County Executive Board Meeting, EMS meeting - Pierce County EMS, EVAC Genasys Project meetings, Country Chief's Meeting, EPIC LAHAR drill meeting coming up in April, and Pierce Co DEM Wildfire community planning meeting.

Old Business:

Chief reported the status of the replacement of all the electrical panels. Ashford was about 80% completed and Elbe was also 80-90%. We added a few items like lights and all generators, which are in place now. For the Alder location; the electrician estimates that it will take about 5 days, however that project has not been started. Chief noted that

we will be a bit over budget due to a few additional items and concerns that were found as the project progresses.

New Business:

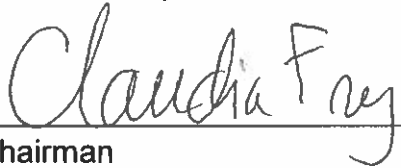
District 23 informed the Commissioners that Ashford and Elbe both need new electrical panels. Chief presented the bids that were inclusive of new meters and also a transfer switch for the generator to ensure all rigs are charged, even in the event of a power outage and other updates needed. Commissioners asked questions and approved the electrical needs and enhancements for approximately \$60,000.

Chief noted that we did have a deer strike with an ambulance and that rig has a bit of damage that is being worked on at US Fire. There was damage to the grill, bumper, corner panel and it has been already communicated to the insurance. All personnel and the patient were unharmed.

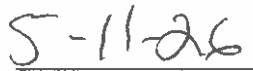
Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

An executive session began at 7:18 and ended at 8:10pm. Future contracts were discussed and tabled for further discussion.

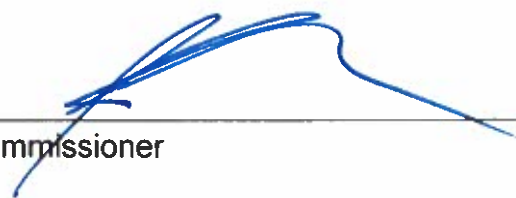
The board adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Chairman



Date



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Chief's Report April 2025

General:

- April was an above average month for calls for service, Average of 20 calls a month. The trend this month was days with multiple calls in one day and a couple day break. Of note was 5 calls in a day and a couple of days with two or three calls in a day. We are now ahead on calls YTD compared to last 2 years. We are still behind about 28 calls from our record year.
- Lahar evacuation drill in Puyallup. Assisted with that. Over 20k students participated in the evacuation drill. Multiple agencies participated. I was a last minute step in for the Fire Ops side, a deputy for PCF.
- Eatonville Family Agency again using Ashford station as distribution point.

Facilities:

- Electric projects happened. Removal of old electric panels and added generators to stations.
- Deer Strike while transporting a Pt to the hospital, able to get to Station 85 and swap vehicles. Crew and pt uninjured. The vehicle took damage to the grill and front right quarter panel. Towed from station 85 to shop for repair, started the insurance claim process. Working with our insurance company to move the repairs along.
- Annuals continuing on the fleet, progressing well. Last engine in the shop and then tenders into the shop.
- Allowing PCF to host a saw training at the alder property, was beneficial for both agencies.

Responses:

	27
EMS:	18
Fire:	7 (4 SPFR, 1 PCF)
Other:	2
Year to Date:	104
Last Year Comparison:	30/99 (April 2025) 15/95 (April 2024)
Ambulance Runs:	8 D23 Transports (8 for Apr 2025) (6 for Apr 2024)
	2 South Pierce (4 for Apr 2025) (2 for Apr 2024)
	10 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Fire Chiefs E board

- Pierce County Fire and Law Chiefs Meeting
- EMS Meeting with App budgeting & funding
- SS911
 - Fire Ops Meeting,
 - PSCOC
- EPIC and Nathan Wood USGS Meeting.
- Lewis Co EMS/Morton Hospital Meeting.
- WA DNR Aviation assurance/ ordering meeting. Annual refresher.
- SPFR/PCF Meeting on wildfire program opportunities.

Respectfully, Chief Medford