

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2020 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held at Headquarters Station 28 on March 3, 2020, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending: Chief Mike Marris and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Agenda Approval. It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted with no changes.

Presentations/Announcements. Presentations: A pinning ceremony for newly appointed Captain Ryan Anderson was held. Chief Marris thanked Ryan for his enthusiasm and dedication.

Chief Marris presented the Call Summary report and discussed several recent unusual calls. There have been 1,388 EMS calls thus far in 2020. There have only been 14 calls for structure fires. He also said there were three shootings within 24 hours. He reported about a tree into building (with photographs) with entrapment, including a heroic rescue effort. Chief Marris stressed how the Zone response model was shown to be effective in an incident like this one.

He also mentioned the Construction Code and Fire Code Amendments, stating that Chief Pettigrew will be reporting later about this. He is stuck at a call right now, the Chief said, but Chief Marris touched on it briefly. He said there has been some discussion about adopting the International Residential Code as the code for sprinkler systems in new single family residential units. Chair Elwell asked if other changes might result if the International Residential Code were adopted and Chief Marris said he would look into that.

With respect to the conference call upcoming on Covid-19 Chief Marris said that the Board should advocate for maintenance of the "supply chain" as to EMS supplies. The King County EOC has been activated and Chief Marris said he was on a conference call today with King County EMS about the response to coronavirus in this region.

(2) Announcements:

- March 3 – Elected Officials Conference Call regarding Covid 19 at 10:00 a.m.

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- March 11 – KCFCA General Membership Meeting at Burien Fire Department Station 28, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with topic to be announced.
- April 15 – Due Date for Fire Commissioners to file Form F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the PDC.
- June 5 & 6 – Chelan
 - (a) June 5 – Washington State Risk Management Group presents “PTSD and Current Lawsuits” and “Strategic Emergency Education”, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lakeside Lodge, reception following at Campbell’s Resort; and
 - (b) June 6 – WFCFA Saturday Seminar Series Presentations include “Managing your Risk Exposure to Avoid the Witness Stand” and “WFCFA Self-Funded Health Care Program Update”, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Campbell’s.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

Administration Reports. Chief Marrs delivered the Chief’s Report as follows:

Facilities. N/A

Equipment. Chief Marrs said the pickup trucks have arrived about a month earlier than expected. The crews will be outfitting them. Chief Marrs is working on a replacement schedule for engines, aid cars, and staff vehicles.

Personnel. Chief Marrs updated the Board on the DRS appeal.

The recruit evaluations demonstrate that the three recruits are all doing well.

With respect to insurance coverage for age discrimination allegations, the District is covered but will not assign an attorney. Chief Marrs recommended that the District hire Dave Luxenberg’s office to address the age discrimination allegations. The Board asked questions pertaining to what the insurance company would actually cover, including but not limited to attorney fees. Chief Marrs will contact the insurance company about that.

Events. Chief Marrs discussed the temporary quarantine site in North Highline. See the Chief’s Report for more detail. The district’s involvement in the Hearts of Heroes is being postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. County Executive Dow Constantine held a press conference regarding modular homes, some of which may be March 3, 2020

placed within the district's response area (as quarantine sites). Chief Marrs is looking into that. He briefly discussed the district's response to potential exposures of district EMS personnel to Covid-19. King County EMS protocols are being adapted to deal with Covid-19.

Chief Marrs said most people "self-correct" and recover from the virus, but in many respects, the gravity of this virus depends on "how you do the math". In other words, establishing how to diagnose, treat and ultimately conquer Covid-19 is very much a work in progress. He did tell the Board that there is practically zero chance that young children can be infected with this virus. Chief Marrs gave the Board some statistics, but would not attest to the accuracy of those numbers.

Chief Marrs said, with respect to EMS supplies needed to minimize Covid-19 exposure to district employees, that this too is a work in progress. In response to a question from Commissioner Peden, Chief Marrs said the district has an adequate amount now to avoid exposure. He is reviewing the policies of other departments pertaining to quarantine of employees in the event of exposure. Chief Marrs discussed how the fear of respiratory viruses has evolved historically. He recommended an attitude of being "cautious, but not panicked" about Covid-19. The district is working on the public messaging regarding the virus, in conjunction with the City of Burien.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, and the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2020.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

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Executive Session: None.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 5:50 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Call Summary Report
5. Photos of tree incident

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Minutes Approved: March 17, 2020.




Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner



Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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