

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 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 remotely on July 7, 2020, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Pettigrew, Captain Jim Reed and District Secretary Eric Quinn. Attorney David Luxenberg was participating in the executive session only. Others in attendance, if any, are as shown on the Attendance Roster.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 immediately prior to the meeting.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: Chief Pettigrew discussed and distributed the June 2020 call summary. The report shows call volumes are down this year. Fourth of July was also a bit slower this year. It was relatively uneventful; There were only 8 fire-related incidents this year, compared to 18 last year. The Covid-19 statistics have not changed too much. Chief Pettigrew discussed the critical care facilities in the district. Since last report, one more firefighter has been tested for Covid-19 and found to be negative. There has not been significant sick leave usage during the pandemic.

(2) Announcements: None.

**Correspondence.** See Attachments below.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

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

**Facilities.** Chief Marrs said insurance rates are up by 1.9% or approximately \$1000.00. He voiced approval of the insurance company.

**Equipment.** N/A.

**Personnel.** Chief Marrs said there will be an executive session later in the meeting to discuss bargaining. The District is assembling the comparable information.

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Promotional testing for Battalion Chief has been agreed to with the union. Captain testing will be held in odd-numbered years and BC testing in even years. Testing is used to create the eligibility for promotion list but also an Acting list. The testing process for BC will take place soon.

Chief Pettigrew discussed his work with Jack Lyons the outside test administrator. He outlined the process for testing. There are four parts to the process: (1) proposals for district projects; (2) oral presentations on the proposals; (3) tactical exercises; and (4) citizen panels. The proposals would be anonymous. Chief Pettigrew asked if board members could evaluate the proposals.

Commissioner Elwell voiced his approval of this approach. Commissioner Peden asked about the eligibility requirements to test for BC. Chief Pettigrew answered. Commissioner Sitterley asked what parameters would be established for the proposals. Chief Pettigrew said Jack Lyons would be developing those. Chief Pettigrew said he will know by this Friday how many candidates there are for the BC testing process. Testing should occur in September, he said. All three commissioners said they would be happy to participate in evaluating the proposals. Outside evaluators will be grading the tactical portion of the testing process.

**Events.** Chief Marrs updated the board on Covid-19 information. In the last 24 hours, there have been two new positive cases in Burien. The numbers are steadily climbing in King County. The District has enough masks to provide them to citizens on an as-needed basis. Currently, there are 76 cases per 100,000 population in King County. To move to the next phase there need to be no more than 25 cases per 100,000, so needless to say there is no chance now to move to the next phase. Chief Marrs discussed infection rates and that they are increasing among people who are more mobile. It is vital for the district to help prevent the spread of the disease. The district has been working with the City of Burien to encourage mask use. The risk of death is decreasing, but infection rates are rising. Test result turnaround rates are improving.

As reported earlier, call volume on the Fourth of July was down, particularly with respect to fire incidents. Chief Marrs said, at a recent Burien City Council meeting, the City Police took a great deal of criticism from the public.

**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 special meeting of June 23, 2020.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** None.

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**Executive Session.** The Board convened an executive session or closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining. The Board commenced the session at 5:40 p.m and concluded it at 6:00 p.m. Present at the session in addition to the Board and Chief Marrs was Attorney David Luxenberg. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.


**Good of the Order.** None.

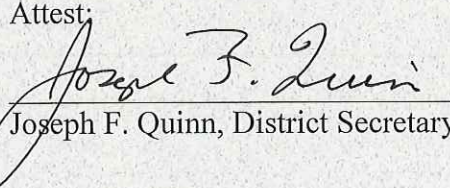
**Adjournment.** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:02 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.


**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

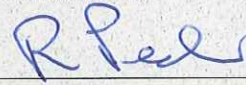
1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. call summary report
5. notice re: OPMA restrictions (extended to August 1, 2020)
6. notice re: NAEFO conference cancellation.

Minutes Approved: July 21, 2020.

  
Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:  
  
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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