

MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019

Chairman Plews called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Hirschi, Plews, and Bennett. Lisa Brengan was present as minute-taker.

MINUTES: Commissioner Bennett **MOTIONED:** to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 regular meetings **SECOND:** Commissioner Plews. Unanimous vote. **Motion passes.**

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief received a thank-you letter from the UW students that the District housed at Station 44 for a week last month.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

- Structure fire 301 SE Alder Rd. Accidental fire to detached garage and carport. Minimal heat damage to residential structure. Good tactics and save. (Fire stopped at the origin)
- Lobby work on behalf of Washington Fire Chiefs: The Washington Fire Chiefs in cooperation with the Washington State Association of Fire Marshal's is submitting a state code change to require residential fire sprinklers in new townhomes. The State Building Code Council (SBCC) is the group that makes the decision on our state fire and building codes. The model code requires fire sprinklers in new Townhomes but the SBCC deleted the requirement before they adopted the model code. The local SBCC member is Kevin Shutty, County Commissioner.
- Chiefs/Commissioner Assoc. contact with Mason County / DCD regarding wildland season and permit process. Seeking to reduce permit issuance during predictable fire danger. Chief Bakken is the lead, Jeromy Hicks is the contact to DCD.
- Naloxone to be dispensed by casino security. Several months working with Mark, Tressa, and security. They have received 10 kits from the health dept. Training is underway. This is a fantastic approach to the opioid issue. (Will save more lives)
- Official FD #4 Gov't Facebook page is in service. Marketing for employment is going well. 'Boost' has increased the message. FF Joseph Leonard is the social media lead for the page. Admin permissions will be Leonard, chief, AC, captains.
- SAFER- Contact with grant office regarding open position. We are articulating timely and active hiring practices. No threat to the grant.
- CBA 12.8 vs. Policy # 2325 Separation of Employment – Discussion
- FMLA for one FTE firefighter currently. One open FTE position currently.
- Linda (Currently at training) is chair of chief's association wildland overhead committee. Goal is to adopt Spokane County all-hazards evacuation route, which has been reviewed and approved by Ross McDowell, DEM. Additionally, establish a pre-planned overhead response per standards and availability.
- Current marketing campaign for FTE, PTE, Seasonal and volunteers. Assessment Center scheduled for May 31st, to establish a one-year hiring list. SHS posting for seniors interested in the fire service. Entry level wildland training and position. Consideration for min. wage and scholarship (\$500.00) following successful completion of the summer position. 12/hr @ 90 days \$6240.00 + \$500. Regular seasonal 15/hr @ 90 days \$7800. SHS shared their history with high school student employment challenges.
- Squaxin Gym discussion. After opening period, the tribe is offering use of the gym for district personnel. Roundtable of cost versus usage. The tribe is estimating \$10/person/month. Discussion with Local member to partner for costs, through the health and wellness program.
- Surplus: Actively seeking federal surplus (FFP thru DNR) for an additional vehicle for staff use, pickup/SUV type.
- DNR:

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- Forestland Response Agreement: During recent Open House, DNR provided weather, financial, and operational updates and changes. During the meeting the room was briefed on an up and coming agreement to standardize across the state. Upon receiving the update there are notable changes to address. See handouts for changes.
- Renegotiation date; Severability date
- Consideration to address following this fire season
- ROSS – Equipment and personnel have been updated and is now required for mobilization(s)
- New members:
- Wildland only – Recommend Austin Sillars advance from explorer status to adult member status. Austin has aged out and will remain with the explorer post as an assoc. advisor. BOARD AGREED.

AC Jenkins:

- Total incidents through April 3, 2019: 431
- Total incidents through April 3, 2018: 376
- Total EMS calls through April 3, 2019: 253
- Total EMS calls through April 3, 2018: 246
- Total transports through April 3, 2019: 66
- Total transports through April 3, 2018: 61
- Mason County Wildland Team – Chief's Association approved the creation of a committee to go forward and research all implications of such a program.
- Mason County Wildland Team Committee had first meeting at station 4-1 April 12. Successful first meeting. Several districts thinking similar. Moving forward with individual tasks to report back. Next meeting April 18 0900 station 5-8.
- Brush truck update: F350 is back and is....amazing.
- 401 in training in Wenatchee April 12 – April 17, 2019. Will return to district April 21. Classes attended: FF Fitness & Self-defense (bruises); Critical Thinking for the First in IC (2 days); The Leaders Toolbox; WAC Compliant Training and the Training Officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Re-designing Volunteer Association: Continue to put topic on agenda.

Open House/Community engagement/Newsletter: July 20 is date for Open House, discussed staffing, video, food, and activities. Lisa showed a mock-up of Newsletter layout; everyone was in favor of the design layout.

Continue to put topic on agenda.

Reader board will be installed on April 24th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief discussed the response to the parking garage fire at Little Creek Casino Resort.

Commissioners Bennett and Plews attended the Region 9 Commissioners workshop on April 13 and took away some great information.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chairman Plews called an Executive Session at 4:35 to discuss the performance of a public employee. Plews stated the EXECUTIVE SESSION would last 10 minutes. In session were Commissioners Plews, Bennett and Hirschi. At 4:45 p.m. Chairman Plews announced the Commissioners were returning from EXECUTIVE SESSION where they discussed the performance of a public employee and no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Lisa Brengan