

MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

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

MINUTES: Commissioner Hirschi **MOTIONED:** to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 regular meeting **SECOND:** Commissioner Plews. Unanimous vote. **Motion passes.**

COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Plews reported he would be having the sign company deal with the County for permitting, etc. Chief Burbridge contacted Ascend Roofing and they are about 3 weeks out to begin work on Station 41. Lisa handed out conference & hotel confirmations for the WFCFA conference at the end of October in Yakima.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

AC Jenkins: attending NFA

Chief Burbridge:

- Linda is away for her first NFA experience. Class entitled 'New Chief'.
- GEMT Update: Met with Public Consulting Group, out of Massachusetts. July 1st began our billing to include GEMT funds, per eligible transport. Discussion regarding the funding trigger to activate federal funds.
- CERT Class was a huge success. 16 Squaxin community members successfully passed the course, and will be training regularly. On-duty crew did a great job, and obviously had a fun time. Among several topics of training, there was an MCI of ducks to conclude the students weekend.
- CPS – Car Seat Tech. Class will be completed this Saturday. Four tribes, three fire districts, and local area child care providers are in attendance. A fish fry has been planned, to close out this intensive training session. East Coast vs. West Coast boil.
- EF Recovery – A visit from Jim Clark, discussion on existing account and future support of the program. 12K to date using their program of reimbursement.
- Vacation – September 26, returning October 4th. Teton and Yellowstone time.
- October is approaching, plan for our next budget workshop. Dates? Needs? Beginning to enter new numbers in the Cushman Planning model.
- Seasonal employee Colton Schmidt was extended to the full 90-day seasonal period.
- Macecom – Rate schedule has been presented. Three-day training October 15, 16, 17. This is end-user training, with a roll out expected January. The district will maintain their ERS account for 2019 and end the agreement after all data has been transferred to ProPhoenix. The labor cost of transferring the data is not covered in the Macecom/ProPhoenix contract.
- EMAC Agreement is in final signature stage. This will be helpful for state to state needs, as well, next fire season.
- Allhands District Meeting, October 30. This will be a fifth Tuesday. A good time for dinner and discussion, also presentation of our CBA and new helmets/badges.

FD #5/MCMO update:

- Attended the EMS Region meeting on September 13th in Sequim.
- DOH have the following concerns and/or questions of the Region Board:
- Confirmation the trauma response areas impacted by this transition are correct.
- Do Fire Districts 4, 6, 11, 16, and 18 provide their own BLS service or does MCMO provide BLS and ALS transport?
- Verified Aid Service agencies, Fire District 1, 9, 12, 13, and 17 need both ALS and BLS transport?
- Does the regional council want to consider change(s) to the min/max numbers to accommodate future licenses for fire districts who wish to provide their own care?

- Assessment of the current and future state of inter-facility transport capabilities to Mason General Hospital and provide recommendations related to continuity of service to the hospital.
- OT costs and fees for service to smaller budgeted fire districts. DOH is concerned of a polarization of voting communities.
- Concern for out of county providers and their service to Mason General Hospital and seeks assurance MGH and its needs are met.
- DOH has issue with ineffective duplication of services.
- Fire District #5 seeks to bid, for a pending response area vacancy for ALS transport services, of which DOH has an open bid process currently for 30 days.
- MCMO, Olympic Ambulance has applied for an amendment to their ALS license in Mason County. DOH has not seen the application for amendment to date. It is probable that Olympic Ambulance will maintain an ALS presence in Mason County for inter-facility transports.
- The current bid will also provide BLS transport services to FD #1, 9, 12, 13, and 17.
- Should there be more than one bid, the grading criteria is attached to this report. WAC 246.976.395
- No financial sustainability is graded.
- District #4 will be sending a letter to the Mason County EMS Council, stating, the fire district will continue to provide BLS ambulance service to the community and mutual aid partners. There have been no stakeholder meetings called by any party.
- In preparation for an agreement with FD #5, I have spoken with Eric Quinn, son of Joe Quinn, who the district has previously used (10+ yrs. Ago.) Point suggestion from DOH for long-term planning is to have a comfortable out clause, stating the release of the trauma response area to ALS on request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IAFF Update:

IAFF – Current year holiday pay situation, with a Sept. 9 signing.

Employees shall receive a holiday paycheck in the amount of \$2,400.00 annually from the District; paid on or about November 15th. This check shall be paid separately from the Employee's regular payroll.—Newly hired employees and members that separate from employment will receive a prorated amount of \$200 for each full month that they have been employed. Temporary-hire employees do not qualify for the holiday paycheck.

Discussion.

Initial labor management meeting has been set for October 11, 1330 hrs.

23.1 The Union and the District agree to establish and maintain a joint labor management committee consisting of two Union representatives appointed by the Union (one of whom shall be designated as the nominal Union "spokesperson") and two management representatives appointed by the District (one of whom shall be designated as the nominal management "spokesperson"). This committee will be to provide a forum to discuss matters of interest to either party; however the committee is not to be used as a substitute for the existing grievance procedure or as a substitute for formal contract negotiations. This joint labor/management committee is established for non-binding discussions of mutual interest to the parties. Actions of the committee are not binding on either party.

IAFF Breast Awareness t-shirt proposal. email

BOARD AGREED to pay for pink t-shirts for non-IAFF members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: 2019 Budget Workshop – will be held October 31st at the Red Lion (if available) from 8am – 4pm. Lisa will check on availability.

October 17 regularly scheduled meeting is tentative at this time due to unsure schedule conflicts – will gauge as we get closer to the date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.
Minutes prepared by: Lisa Brengan