

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 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 on December 20, 2022, at Station 28, 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, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn and Trina Norsen. Others in attendance will be 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 immediately prior to the meeting.

Presentations/Announcements. (1) Presentations: AC Metz presented the call summary reports. He discussed some motor vehicle calls and said the new extrication tools are working well. There were two residential fire calls in the past month. Chair Elwell asked a question about the call summaries, and said he assumed the added aid car will help distribute the calls more equally among the stations. AC Metz said it probably would. Chief Marris said the opioid-related calls have nearly doubled in recent years, which is a reason for the increased call volume.

(2) December 21, 2022 – Holiday Outreach Delivery, with Captain Jason Day coordinating.

January 12, 2023 – Academy Recruit Class 15 Graduation Ceremony, at River of Life, or streaming online, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. Colby Cruz spoke about the lifting of the vaccine mandate and said many departments in Zone 3 are bringing terminated firefighters back. He asked that the Board consider bringing him back. The Board thanked him for his comments.

Local 1461 Comment. IAFF Local 1461 President Matt Ready echoed Colby's comments. He said there is a labor-management committee meeting shortly. He discussed what other departments are doing with respect to bringing terminated firefighters back to work.

Administration Reports. Chief Marris delivered the Chief's report as follows:

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Operational Update. AC Metz said Engine 328 was deployed to its first fire this month. He also discussed the recruit academy and future deadlines for academy opportunities. He said the district will eclipse 12,000 calls in 2022. Chief Marrs discussed a CPR call involving a ten-month-old child. Law enforcement arrived first. After 90 minutes of CPR, the child passed. The police are going to do a critical incident stress debriefing and an after-action meeting, to which district personnel are invited. We are being very proactive about getting responders talking after these stressful calls.

Fire Prevention Update. AC Desmarais reported on Fire Prevention. He described it as “business as usual” at the Fire Marshal’s office. Substantial donations are coming in for Holiday Outreach. The Exchange Club had to cancel their participation due to weather conditions, but he said: “we will make it work.”

Facilities. N/A.

Equipment. N/A.

Personnel. Chief Marrs said the Union is in favor of moving from the EAP to the Ready Rebound program. The wellness benefits that are being provided *outside* of the EAP are far better than those provided in the EAP itself. That is why the EAP was underutilized. The Union is fine with dropping that EAP. We agreed to use Ready Rebound, which is a private company that specializes in addressing on-duty and off-duty injuries for police and fire. The EAP was actually going to cost more than Ready Rebound anyway.

Commissioner Peden has resigned effective at year end. We thank him for his years of service to our district, the Valley Regional Fire Authority, and Tukwila Fire Department. The district appreciates his 46 years of service. We will be looking for a person to appoint to fill the remainder of his unexpired term. Commissioner Peden said the department is in good hands and that is a good feeling.

Firefighter Recruit Candidate Jordan Ryan declined our offer of employment and accepted a position elsewhere. We will move forward with three new recruits with a hire date of January 30, 2023.

Events. Chief Marrs said there will be a Motion to continue the CARES car MOU and the 3rd Inspector for another year.

The Board and Chief discussed moving regular meetings in the month of January to the 10th and 24th, instead of the first and third Tuesdays. Commissioners Sitterley and Elwell both said they are available on those dates. Chief Marrs thanked the administrative staff for getting us through the last few years with all of the challenges we have faced. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. Chair Elwell asked about the CARES car MOU and whether that applied outside the department. Chief Marrs said it did not.

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Chief Marrs discussed the mental health professional. Lindsay from Sound Mental Health will be starting on January 9th, on the CARES car. He spoke favorably on the CARES program generally, and how it helps people who are not experiencing an EMS emergency but are in some sort of crisis, and in need of access to resources.

Consent Agenda. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the Chief’s Report, the meeting minutes of the November 15th and December 6th regular meetings, and Voucher Approval for December as follows: **Expense Fund:** Voucher No. 221201001 through 221201087 in the amount of \$1,663,626.21, due for payment December 30, 2022.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. 1. Motion to Extend MOU for Additional CARES car Personnel.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs to sign a one-year extension to the CARES Car MOU for the term January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion to Extend MOU for Additional Dayshift Captain.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs to sign a one-year extension to the Additional Dayshift Captain MOU for the term January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Motion carried, 3-0.

Executive Session. None.

Good of the Order. Commissioner Peden asked about bringing Colby Cruz back to work. Chief Marrs mentioned the recent order pertaining to vaccination of “contractors” by the King County Executive. Dr. Rea’s guidance is still that front-facing EMS providers need to be vaccinated. Chair Elwell asked whether EMS funds might be withheld by the county if the order were not complied with. Chief Marrs admitted that the issue is controversial, but that there had not been discussion at the King County Chiefs level. Commissioner Peden said it might be worth discussing at the chiefs’ level. Chair Elwell said he would like to know what the King County Chiefs think. Commissioner Sitterley said there were many factors that went into the decision in the first instance, as related to Cruz’ employment. He mentioned the attestation the county required about vaccination of all contractors. He said more information is needed. Chief Marrs said he would follow the board’ direction and that he would check with other chiefs. Commissioner Sitterley said if we can legally bring Colby back, we should consider that, and the other commissioners agreed with that point.

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Chair Elwell and Commissioner Sitterley wished Commissioner Peden the very best.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

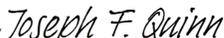
1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Blanket Voucher Approval Document
5. Call Summary Reports and Station Reports
6. Academy Graduation Ceremony Flyer

Minutes Approved: **January 10, 2023**


Chris Elwell (Jan 11, 2023 15:05 PST)

Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn (Jan 12, 2023 09:53 PST)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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