

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

June 9th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, June 9th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioner Joe Koehler, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved as written.

There were no items of public comment. The secretary gave her report which was blended with the financial report. The secretary presented a document with trends over the past 6 years. She noted the current position of investments and cash on hand. The document presented had various items including the cost of benefits for full time employees, timber tax years, and years where we had purchased multiple vehicles for the year.

The chief read his report. The Chief noted that May was a high-volume month. The traffic control "speed sign" appears to be making a difference for the added traffic into the park and slowing of speeders has been noted. Many of the local Chiefs all met and decided to start a burn ban on June 1 for all yard waste in Pierce County. Lewis County will be starting a burn ban in July also for yard waste. Also, June 10th Mount. Rainer Park started a full burn ban including a ban on campfires this is due to things like a faster snow melt year; this is rare for the park to have a full burn ban let alone this early in the year. Chief attended the Washington Chiefs Fire Conference. The Chief gave a facility update and status of where rigs are for service. Call volume for the month of May was 38 calls. 32 were for EMS, 2 Fire Calls and 4 Others. May was a record month prior record for May was 36 calls. Chief noted that as of the meeting June 9th; we were only nine calls away from hitting June's record.

Chief reported that he attended the: Lewis County Fire Chief's, Lewis County 17 Commissioners, Pierce County DEM Meeting, Wildland fire Preseason meeting, Pierce County EMS and the Washington State Chiefs Conference. Things are progressing on the EMS side for starting an IV class in Buckley with a class started in July for a few individuals to get training and needed field experience. There will also be an EMT advanced class which will be a bridge class for individuals to get additional training.

Old Business was discussed; the current additional credit card was tabled for the time being but will still be researched.

New Business the process of funds availability was discussed. It was concluded that the commissioners give approval of intra-transfers by the financial secretary pre-commissioners meeting however, before payments are submitted the check register will be approved at the commissioners meeting. It was also approved to have funds available in our Key Bank Account for payroll for all employees and health insurance obligations.

An agreement (ILA) was approved for Pierce Co Fire District 23 and the Ashford Water Company drafted by Legal Eric Quinn to share equipment.

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The board adjourned at 7.43 p.m.

Claudia Fry
Chairman

1-14-25
Date

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Commissioner

Commissioner

Chief's Report

June 2025

General:

- Attended Columbia Crest Field day, outdoor activities for the students near the last day of school. We set up an exciting course for all the students to participate in. Teams had to pull hose and "put out a house fire," "crawl low under smoke," and "rescue Kevin" and at the end we did a water show for the students, using our master stream allowing everyone to run around under the rain we created. Thanks to FF's Lemoine, Koehler, Walker, Ball, Curtis, Fisher, Lt. Walker
- Record call volume for the month which matches the weather we have experienced this month. Beat the previous record by eight. As of the end of June we are 13 calls behind 2021 which was a record year for us 203 calls by the end of June. Our second busiest year of 2024, we ended June with 159.
- Paradise Estates HOA meeting Met with them on the 8th with FF's Lemoine, Curtis, and Ball. Brought over an Engine, and talked about merger, Hazard Mitigation planning.
- Meeting with some of the zone 6 Chiefs talk about wildfire and just a general catch up.

Facilities:

- Eatonville food bank out to Ashford again.
- Ambulance repairs were heavy this month:
 - Finally got the Red Horton back from the shop, some minor issues remain.
 - White Braun had a radiator fail, Van Cleave was able to get the radiator quickly and it was down less than a week.
 - White Horton, Radios and headsets installed.
- Squad 87 "Idaho" graphics stripped, detailed and new graphics installed.
- Annual Engine servicing continues, third completed and started the 4th engine, Tenders to still go.
- Radio work on the surplus radios was finally figured out. Took a lot of work by the contractor but solid progress, radio from that lot went into white Horton.

Membership: New members up about 6

Responses:

	53
• EMS:	45
• Fire:	6 (1 Graham)
• Other:	2
• Year to Date:	190
• Last Year Comparison:	37 /159 (June 2024) 37 /164 (June 2023)
• Ambulance Runs:	13* D23 Transports (10 for June 2024) (10 for June 2023)
	8* by South Pierce (3 for June 2024) (1 for June 2023)
	21 Total Transports

* Approx 5 from Mount Rainier NP

Meetings Attended:

- PC Chiefs Meeting

- Lewis County Fire Chief's Meeting
- Lewis County 17 Commissioners Meeting
- PWCC Meeting with Pierce County and others
- Pierce County Hazard Mitigation Meeting Update.
- Wildland fire meeting with Zone 6
- SouthSound 911 meetings
- Paradise Estates HOA Meeting
- Central Pierce Fire Academy Graduation, Former member was hired and graduated
Congratulations.

Respectfully, Chief Medford