

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

July 14th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, July 14th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Dennis Day, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the June 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. In the future this will be blended on the agenda. The secretary presented a document with trends on a monthly basis and projections for future 6 month rolling income. She noted the current position of investments and cash on hand.

The chief read his report. First item that was noted was attendance of the department to the field day at Columbia Crest School which included children aged Kindergarten to 8th grade. Pictures of the fun day were posted on the shared drive and the following FireFighters from the department attended: Lemoine, Koehler, Walker, Ball, Curtis, Fisher, Lt. Walker. The Chief noted that June was a record breaking month; beating the record by 8 calls. The Chief gave a facility update and status rigs; June was a heavy month for ambulance repairs and engines continue to go in for annual maintenance. Radio issues that were picked up from the State Surplus were solved and moving forward. Call volume for the month of June was 53 calls. 45 were for EMS, 6 Fire Calls and 2 Others.

Chief reported that he attended the: 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 and Paradise Estates HOA Meeting and Central Pierce Fire Academy Graduation. Station 88 was discussed for storing equipment in the future.

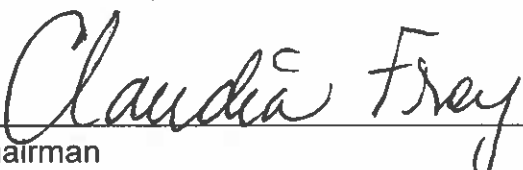
Old Business; the current additional credit card was tabled for the time being but will still be researched and discussion of an open house in the fall was brought up.

New Business: The following resolutions were discussed, presented and approved: Hazard Mitigation Update - Resolution 2025-002 and Name Change Resolution 2025-003. Ashford Water Company asked the Chief to send a bill for use of the equipment that was used during the water main break. Chief presented using the Chief's Wa State Mobilization Rates for billing purposes; the commissioners had no concerns with this rate. Chief Medford discussed the EMT-IV Endorsement and noted that 4 individuals from the department will be attending this class.

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

The board went into executive session to discuss employee contracts and reconvened at 8:50 pm. The Employee Contract Salary Payroll Table for Firefighter/EMT, Firefighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 was presented by the financial secretary and approved by the commissioners (note Commissioner J. Koehler abstained from voting.)

The board adjourned at 8.52 p.m.


Chairman

8-12-25
Date


Commissioner

Commissioner

Chief's Report

July 2025

General:

- Just set our second busiest month on record with 57 calls three away from tying our record month which was this time last year. Noticeable drop in Mutual aid calls to SPFR.
- For some comparisons as of the end of July we are 4 calls behind our busiest year being 2021 with 252 calls. Last Year, our second busiest year, 2024, had 218 calls.
- RAMROD (Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day) occurred early this year and in a clockwise fashion instead of counterclockwise due to construction in the park and a safer route for the majority of the course. Only one incident in the District, no transport.
- Major ESO outage with importing call data, in import for the bulk of the month.
- Start of EMT IV endorsement class started, 4 EMT's in the pilot class at Buckley. This is a big shift in Pierce County to have this added to our protocols.
- Assisted PCF with 4th of July, providing a Tender for Strike Task Force to cover Zone 6 (PCFD23, SPFR, Graham, Orting, Central Pierce, Riverside)
- Completion of Hazard Mitigation plan with Pierce County DEM

Facilities:

- Engines and tenders sent in for Annual services, moving through the fleet.
- SCBA Service & maintenance done
- Fiber Optic installation to the Ashford and Elbe Stations, Still waiting for other facilities to come online.

Responses:

60* (all time record for any single Month)

- EMS: 43 (4 MORA, 6 LC) 2024 (2 SPFR, 3 MORA)
- Fire: 9 (1 SPFR, 2 PCF) 2024 (6 mutual aid to SPFR)
- Other: 5
- Year to Date: 247
- Last Year Comparison: 59/218 (July 2024) 60*/224 (July 2023)
- Ambulance Runs: 8 D23 Transports (12 for July 2024) (9 for July 2023)
10 South Pierce (6 for July 2024) (7 for July 2023)
1 ALNW
4 PCF
23 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- South Pierce Fire & Rescue coordinating the IV Class.
- Meetings with Pierce County DEM- Wildfire Preparedness plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Pierce county Fire Chief Meeting
- Pierce County EMS Meeting

Respectfully, Chief Medford