

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

August 11th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, August 11th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioner Joe Koehler (Virtually), Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved as written. Tom O'Haver inquired about the name change back and if there was a way or if we should look into "Doing Business As."

There were no items of public comment. The secretary gave her report which was a second half of the year financial report. The secretary presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of July 2025. The secretary reported some of the large finances that were flowing through the check register for July: annual insurance premium, annual services for fleet and pump services for our engines, and also the credit card had a lot of larger bills on it from signage to the bills of Lewis County being brought over to help the transition.

The chief read his report. We ended the month of July at 247 calls so far for the year. The event Ram Rod was during July and we treated one with no transports for the event. There was a major ESO outage (record management for writing reports) that has been corrected. We began the EMT IV course in July with four attendees from the department attending. We assisted Pierce Co for the 4th of July for Zone 6 and provided a Tender to their task force as needed. Call volume for the month of July was 57 calls. 43 were for EMS (23 of the calls were transports), 9 Fire Calls and 5 Others.

Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: South Pierce Fire & Rescue coordinating the IV Class. Meetings with Pierce County DEM- Wildfire Preparedness plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Pierce county Fire Chief Meeting and Pierce County EMS Meeting.

Commissioner Koehler did inquire about the need for tires for our rigs.

Old Business:

- The current additional credit card was tabled for the time being

- Employee Contracts are with legal for review
- We are still awaiting approval for the agency name change with no update yet

New Business: Tom inquired of who is attending the Washington Annual Fire Meeting in Oct; it was discussed that Tom will be attending and representing the district.

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

The Commissioner Nick Waruszewski from Lewis Co 17 did send in his resignation letter.

The board adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Chairman

Date

Commissioner

Commissioner

Chief's Report August 2025

General:

- August was a well above average call volume month. Thank you to all the staff who are responding to all those calls. This was tied for the fourth overall busiest month recorded. 58 is the current August record. With 60 as overall record month. As of August we are 7 calls behind the 2021 all time record and without the usual amount of Mutual aid calls to SPFR for July and August.
- IV Classroom portion completed.
- Attended a Memorial service commemorating two LODD's at Mount Rainier 30 years ago. Which also was a presentation of valor awards to 4 NPS Climbing Rangers for a rescue that was in 2017. A thank you to East Pierce Fire and Rescue for loaning their Service Bell for the event. It was very much appreciated.

Facilities:

- Fiber Service working at Elbe and Ashford.
- Hosted Nisqually River Council meeting here.

Responses:

	56	
EMS:	34	(1 PCF, 1 SPFR, 5 MORA, 13 LC)
Fire:	20	(2 mutual aid to SPFR, 1 LC, 1 PCF, 1MORA)
Other:	2	
Year to Date:	303	
Last Year Comparison:	55/273 (Aug 2024)	50/274 (Aug 2023)
Ambulance Runs:	13	D23 Transports (13 for Aug 2024) (6 for Aug 2023)
	9	SPFR (6 for August 2024) (7 for August 2023)
	1	ALNW
	23	Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chiefs Meeting
- Pierce County Fire Chief's meeting and
- Pierce County Fire Chief's E-board Meeting.
- FireComm Operations meeting.

Respectfully, Chief Medford