

**WENATCHEE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 & DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2023**

Commissioners: Commissioner Castellente, Commissioner de Mestre, Commissioner Dormaier, Commissioner Fennell, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Zimmerman

Staff: Fire Chief Brian Brett, Deputy Chief Andy Davidson, Captain Herb King, Lieutenant Rick Dueman, Cindy Blaufuss

- I. Called to Order: 2:00 pm
- II. Additions and Deletions to Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda as unfinished business.
 1. Douglas County Fire Code Support Interlocal Agreement
 2. Chelan and Douglas County Investigation Services Interlocal Agreement
- III. Public Comments: No public comments.
- IV. Consent Agenda: Commissioner Castellente made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The consent agenda items were approved.
- V. Correspondence: Kay McKellar is doing well after an injury. She thanked the department for the flowers and well wishes. A nine-year old from East Wenatchee is being recognized by NCW Life for her bravery during an apartment fire.
- VI. Staff Reports:

Administration: Chief Davidson explained the department has forty firefighters with less than ten years of experience; training is focused on honing basic firefighter skills. The Captains are finishing their Blue Card training. Blue Card training will be made available to the Lieutenants in the near future. There has been a focus on After Action Reviews following recent fires.

The push button radio response is in its final testing and training phase. Once complete, it will reduce radio traffic and improve response time accuracy.

Progress on the regional hazmat response team is going well with hopes to complete training by April. There is a need for a regional team because of the quantity of hazardous materials in Chelan, Douglas and Grant Counties. The department's goal is 15 hazmat technicians.

IAFF: Captain Herb King reported Guns and Hoses had great participation and attendance this year. Fundraising and attendance at the event were higher than past years. Members also participated in the Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics, raising \$1200. All members have committed to donate \$5.00 per month toward the Local's Benevolent Fund. The fund allows members to distribute gift cards when they see a need in the community.

Volunteers: Lieutenant Rick Dueman explained Kay McKellar is coordinating the auxiliary support members. The support members will be helping with the upcoming banquet. Volunteer Firefighter training is focused on springtime requirements.

- VII. Unfinished Business
 1. Facilities: The department received a Certificate of Occupancy for Fire Station 3.

To date, the damages related to flooding at the former Fire Station 3 total \$12,000. Chief Brett will collaborate with the realtor to estimate the station's value and make a recommendation on filing an insurance claim.

HB Hansen is working on a solution to the Fire Station 4 spalled concrete.

The insurance work for the water damage at Fire Station 2 is complete, and the insurance claim is being processed. Commissioner Johnson and Chief Brett met with personnel from the Port Authority to discuss future fire station options. Commissioner Johnson said it was a positive, informative meeting. Chief Brett reported that Chief Lindemann and a commercial realtor viewed several parcels near the airport.

Chief Brett said language regarding background checks and vetting partner-agency personnel was added to the Facilities Use License Agreement.

2. Apparatus: The 2023 GMC Pickup is complete and ready for delivery. Bill Kinsey is now managing the Station 17 Shop and Jerem Anger has transitioned to shift assignment. There aren't any updates on the Pierce Ladder 4 order.
3. Aviation: Annual maintenance on 1MR is complete; it will return as soon as the weather allows. An updated helicopter budget will be presented to the Commissioners at the April meeting.
4. Personnel: Five volunteer members met the LOSAP requirements for a 2022 award. It is up to the department to determine the amount of the annual LOSAP award; \$10,000 is budgeted this year. Chief Brett recommends awarding \$2,000 to each of the five Volunteers. The Commissioners discussed tiered awards based on participation.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to award \$2,000 to each of the five volunteer members who met the LOSAP requirements for 2022. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The motion was approved.

5. Policy Review: Commissioner Castellente moved to approve the policy updates as presented. Commissioner de Mestre seconded the motion. The policy revisions were approved.
6. Douglas County Fire Code Support Interlocal Agreement: The Douglas County Commissioners approved the Agreement without any amendments.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to approve the Fire Code Support Agreement as presented. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The Agreement was approved.
7. Chelan and Douglas County Investigation Services Interlocal Agreement: Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. There was a second from Commissioner Zimmerman. The Agreement was approved.

VIII. New Business

1. Resolution 2023-001, Commissioner Serve as a Volunteer Firefighter: Douglas County Fire District 2 adopted a similar resolution to allow Fire Commissioners to serve as volunteers.

Commissioner Castellente made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-001. There was a second from Commissioner Zimmerman. The Resolution was approved.

2. Resolution 2023-002, Hazmat Recovery: The Resolution is modeled after the Chelan County Fire District 1 Resolution and will authorize the department to bill the responsible party for costs associated with motor vehicle accident hazmat cleanup. Since

implementation in 2019, CCFD1 recouped \$100,000 in costs associated with motor vehicle accident hazmat cleanup. The department will contract with EF Recovery for the administrative and billing functions associated with hazmat recovery.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-002 for Hazmat Recovery. There was a second from Commissioner de Mestre. The Resolution was approved.

3. Declare Surplus, SCBA Equipment and RIT Bags: Chief Brett recommends the department surplus outdated SCBA equipment and RIT Bags that are not of use to the department. He further recommends donating the SCBA equipment to the Skills Center and RIT Bags to the Cashmere Fire Department.

Commissioner Castellente made a motion to declare the equipment surplus and donate the equipment to the Skills Center and Cashmere Fire Department. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The motion was approved.

4. Mission, Vision, Values and Leader's Intent: The updated Mission, Vision, Values document was distributed. These are the core values both fire districts adopted. They have served both organizations well.
5. 2022 Performance Standards Report: Chief Brett distributed the CCFD1 and DCFD2 Performance Standards Reports via email. He hopes the push button response will provide more accurate response time data for the 2023 report.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to approve the 2022 Performance Standards Reports. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The Reports were approved.

6. Executive Session: At 3:45 pm the Board adjourned to Executive Session to evaluate the performance of a public employee; the session was scheduled for 30 minutes. The Executive Session was extended an additional 15 minutes. The regular meeting reconvened at 4:30 pm. No action was taken.

IX. Other Business and Good of the Order: None.

X. Adjourn – 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Blaufuss