

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3  
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2023

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:31. A quorum was present with Commissioner Durr Excused. Also in attendance were D/C Boltz, A/C Adams, A/C Kelly, A/C Fiacchi, A/C Hebeisen, and Director Wick.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- *Pledge of Allegiance*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Rankin motioned, Clancy seconded**

**PRESENTATION**

- Engineer Promotion
  - Jake Stroud – Chief Sharp brought Jake Stroud forward and read his letter of promotion. Congratulated him on his hard work and is looking forward to working with him in his new role.
  - Commissioners and Staff congratulated Jake on his promotion and hard work. Jake's wife, Anna, pinned Jake with his new Engineer badge.

**Chair Dalton recessed the meeting for ten minutes to take pictures at 5:35.**

**Chair Dalton call the meeting back to order at 5:45.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Minutes of January 17, 2023. Warrants #67609 through 67683 totaling \$898,338.48 Warrants #67684 through #67723 totaling \$70,400.62. Warrants #67537 through #67608 totaling \$1,509,151.30. Warrants #67733 through # 67772 totaling \$96,028.06. Warrants #67773 through #67821 totaling \$135,130.35. Warrants #67822 through #67892 totaling \$153,536.60. Warrants #67893 through #67920 totaling \$51,013.00. December and January Alarm Summary. Finance report ending December 31, 2023. January payroll \$3,292,089.93.

**All approved unanimously**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**STAFF REPORT**

- Recent Incidents – A/C Hebeisen – Reported on a house/Apartment fire fatality. Crews extinguished the fire quickly and got the patient out quickly. The patient succumbed to her injuries. Fire is under investigation. Fire was contained to the one apartment.
- Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp
  - Meeting with Dupont with Chair Dalton and Chief Sharp, the Mayor, and City Manager of Dupont. They have temporarily increased resources and are working with JBLM and Thurston County. Also putting on the ballot in the fall for an additional firefighter. Discussion went well and they are taking steps to make a change. WPFR is looking at run cards and how they are structured. Dupont's run cards ask for a Pierce County back and left in the hands of dispatch. WPFR is the closest so it defaults to us. Chief Boltz and Sharp are going through run cards and will make changes to the calls. Chief Sharp will follow up with JBLM and Thurston County to see how they will fit into these run cards. Chair Dalton and Chief Sharp will meet again and show the steps taken to show the benchmarks and expectations. Developing a plan and strategy to improve the call volume

in Dupont. Chair Dalton feels that adding one more firefighter total will not fix the problem they currently have. Briefed the Board on his feeling of one additional firefighter will not solve this issue. Discussion regarding the expectations and what changes need to be made were shared with the Commissioners.

- Property search for Station 32. In July negotiations were on property on Custer. Negotiations have been going on for months. The decision was made to walk away from that property. Partners had gotten involved and the timeline for boundary line adjustments and city work left no time to purchase the property in time. Too many pieces had to fall the right way and no confidence that there was an agreement. Property search is still ongoing. Window of opportunity is short to file for a bond. At this time no recommendation to purchase. May recommend to hold off on the bond. Need property to show the community what we are doing with dollars and what that money will go for. Time is slipping away. Chief Sharp will keep the Board updated.
- PCFCA has changed to a meeting where it is Fire Chiefs only from each department. No Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief or Battalion Chiefs will be attending. By Laws have changed. Fire Commissioners were not happy with this decision. Chief Sharp has reached out to the commissioners association to explain the change.
- Chief Zaro has retired and his replacement is Patrick Smith from Birmingham Alabama. Chief Smith is very experienced and has served complex communities.
- Private ambulances have left Pierce County. AMR has left the area. This does not affect WPFR and we have built our EMS system to take ALS and BLS calls. WPFR does all their BLS transports. Western State is working with Olympic Ambulance and this agreement seems to be working. Briefed the Board on the work of Olympic Ambulance transports and they are officially licensed in Pierce County. Hope to have them fill the void that AMR left.
- Two brand new fire engines are in Service. Engine 22 is in service in Lake City. Engine 24 is in service in Oakbrook. A/C Fiaachi is going to back to put finalized plans on the Ladder.
- Red Knights academy started yesterday 21 new recruits. Looking forward to seeing them on the line in June or July.
- ILA for Emergency Management for Lakewood, UP, & Steilacoom is on the agenda for UP council. Serena is giving a presentation tonight at UP Council. New Emergency Manager will start March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Tammy applied for an AFG grant for approximately 1.4 million for SCBA equipment. Fingers crossed. A requirement to replace after 15 years.
- KIRO featured a story on Fentanyl and the overdose problems. KIRO rode with Station 20. The medics did an amazing job on the interview. Ate dinner with the crews.
- Provided a letter of support to LASA for a community project grant for low income housing. A letter of support for RAISE grant for infrastructure of roadways to the City of Lakewood.

Events:

- Chief Leschi walk. Walked with B/C Dobbs
- Steilacoom Kiwanis fund raiser.
- Caring for Kids, Happy Hearts auction. Netted over 74,000. WPFR auctioned off ice cream parties. Turned out we auctioned three parties for \$700 each. Great community event.

Upcoming

- Lakewood Lions fundraiser
- Read across America
- LMCC Claudia Thomas Award Gala
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Banquet

**ACTION ITEMS - None**

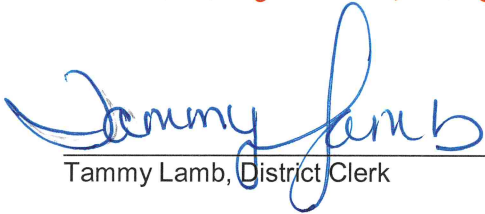
## BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Rankin** – Debbie McGrady will be presenting March 7, 2023. She does a great job and she is working hard to educate everyone on SS911. Would like Dupont to make changes for its citizens. Will not run for re-election. Will need someone to step up for SS911. Classes will be held for SS911 and it is a monthly commitment. University Place is having issues with speeding cars. Be careful out there.
- **Commissioner Clancy** – No comments
- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Nice to see promotions with family and friends.
- **Chair Dalton** – Congratulations to Jake Stroud. Nice to see everyone here. Thanked Chris Hannon for coming to listen to the meeting. Hope to see the grant for SCBA funded.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to bring to the Board, Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 6:08.

Next meeting: March 07, 2023 @ 5:30 Station 31



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Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



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Bart Dalton, Board Chair



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Koree Wick, District Secretary