

ZONE 1 FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

9:00 a.m.

September 11, 2017

Attendees:

Mark Risen, Fire Chief - Bellevue
Bruce Kroon, Fire Chief - Bothell
Jeff Clark, Fire Chief - Eastside
Richard Burke, Deputy Chief - Eastside
Joe Sanford, Fire Chief - Kirkland

Steve Heitman, Fire Chief - Mercer Island
Tommy Smith, Fire Chief - Redmond
Helen Chatalas, Assistant Director - KCEMS
Mike Mandella, Deputy Director - NORCOM

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - REVIEW/COMMENTS

Meeting minutes for August 14, 2017 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes made.

REPORTS

NORCOM

No report.

King County EMS

No report.

Zone 1 Ops - Deputy Chief Burke

- *Zone Status Reports*
The Zone One Status report will continue to be provided based on increased activity within the zone due to wildland deployments, extreme weather conditions or specific activities that potentially could impact multiple agencies within the Zone.
- *1st Alarm Assignment on "Working Fires" Recommendation*
Zone Operations Chiefs will be bringing forth a recommendation to the Fire Chiefs for review and potential approval. This recommendation will provide a uniform response on alarm assignments across the zone.
- *Restrictions on wildland units*
Zone Operations Chiefs will be bringing forth a recommendation to the Fire Chiefs for review and potential approval. This recommendation will provide minimum wildland units maintained within the Zone.

The mission of the Zone One Fire Chiefs is to provide a forum for sharing information and coordinating efforts between north King County Fire agencies for the betterment of the communities we serve.

REPORTS (cont'd)

Zone 1 Ops (cont'd)

- *Inventory Software and Hardware across the Zone*

A complete inventory of software and hardware is underway by the Technology subcommittee of Zone 1 Operations.

OLD BUSINESS

Task Force Deployment - Deputy Chief Burke

DC Burke recently met with the Operations Chief representative from Seattle Fire and Zone 3. Zone 1 pulls 1 resource from the entire area. They take the 5 closest and send them.

DC Wallgren is sending him the most recent draft of their plan for review. DC Burke would like to see change take place to decrease response times. He will be working on a survey within the next month to send out and provide the results of that at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mobile Integrated Health Pilot Program - MSA Hilley, Redmond

- Purpose is to reduce emergent responses to low acuity patients.
- Use of TouchPhrase software will allow them to better manage patients.
- Developed a heightened sensitivity of providers for reporting that assists their department in defining programming and service needs.

PTSD/PTSI - Chief Smith

Distributed report regarding the King County Fire Training Officers Association (*attached*); discussion held regarding status of the organization. Chief Clark stated there should be an EMTG representative. Chief Torpin stated that the list of programs provided by KCTOA are not currently offered by EMTG. DC Kuhnenn stated that changes in the King County model procedures have had an impact on delivery of training. Group asked to provide further direction.

Zone Coverage for Special Events - Chief Smith

Chief Smith would like to see the Zone develop a back-fill model for awards ceremonies and other special events to allow as many staff as possible to attend and yet provide adequate in-service coverage at the same time. He was particularly interested in this for October 21 for Redmond Fire's award ceremony. Chief Risen also indicated that Bellevue Fire would need similar back-fill on October 11 for an awards ceremony.

DC Burke requested that Move-Up Kits be utilized.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

DNR Contract Language - Chief Risen

Current language of Bellevue Fire's DNR contract allows for the Incident Commander to work outside of the Zone to request staffing. This does a disservice to the process and allows certain staff to make a lot of money on these types of deployments. He would like to see an objective process that allows for rotation of personnel. Chief Risen requested that other member agencies look at their agreements for similar language. He recommends that at the next contract period that there is a unified effort to make sure the language is uniform in only providing for deployment through the Zone.

Chief Smith requested that all agencies forward their current DNR contracts to Dawn DeLoach for review and then a report out at the next Zone 1 Fire Chiefs meeting.

ROUNDTABLE

Bothell

Chief Kroon indicated how glad he was back to be in the Zone and will be grateful to have their guidance, counsel and mentorship in his new role.

Mercer Island

Les Kenworthy's last day is December 28. There are some internal candidates interested in the position, but at this time there isn't a clear path forward, especially given the possibility of coordination with the Bellevue Fire Department.

Eastside

Chief Clark indicated that he is in need of BC assessors for September 25, 26 and 27. He asked staff to contact DC Burke if they had staff interested in assisting them.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette Bechtold
Bellevue Fire