

## **ZONE 1 FIRE CHIEFS MEETING**

**9:00 a.m.**

**April 10, 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Jim Torpin, Fire Chief - Northshore (Chair)	Joe Sanford, Fire Chief - Kirkland
Bob Van Horne, Fire Chief - Bothell	Steve Heitman, Fire Chief - Mercer Island
Mark Risen, Fire Chief - Bellevue	Tommy Smith, Fire Chief - Redmond
Jeff Clark, Fire Chief - Eastside	Greg Ahearn, Fire Chief - Woodinville
Richard Burke, Deputy Chief - Eastside	Helen Chatalas, Assistant Director - KCEMS
Greg Tryon, Deputy Chief - Eastside	Mike Mandella, Deputy Director - NORCOM

The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - REVIEW/COMMENTS**

Meeting minutes for March 13, 2017, were approved as submitted.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

No items added.

### **REPORTS**

#### **NORCOM** - Mike Mandella

- Asked if the group had seen the letter from EPSCA that was forwarded by Josh Baker regarding four radio channels being turned over to PSERN for testing. During this test period, the chance for receiving a busy signal will be increased.
- Provided an update on the recent PSERN Joint Board meeting. Concerns regarding in-building reception with the new system have been raised. Although it will not be known how well the new system will function inside some of the larger buildings until it is deployed, there are concerns that it will be no better than the current system. A discussion ensued with all in agreement that system coverage in and out of buildings is an important issue for the radio end users. More information to follow. PSERN representative will be in contact with individual agencies to discuss any concerns; suggestion made to have presentation given at next Zone 1 Chiefs meeting.
- NORCOM Principals Assembly will be held this Friday, followed by Governing Board meeting. Chair and Vice Chair will be selected.

#### **King County EMS** - Helen Chatalas

- Levy planning is underway.
- BLS Working Group meeting this Wednesday, GEMT will be discussed. Next meeting will focus on CMT.
- Offering "Levy 101" primer May 31 in Renton.

## **REPORTS (cont'd)**

### Zone 1 Ops - Deputy Chief Burke

#### TRT

- Evaluating the effectiveness of a coordinated regional response to TRT incidents. This will take the place of agency duplication of response capability.
  - Decrease in overall personnel requiring training.
  - Improved coordination of trained/experienced members.
  - Cost savings.

#### Wildland

- In an effort to reduce fiscal loss, a training session for agencies accounting sections is being coordinated to discuss items to take forward to DNR symposium in May:
  - Different invoicing techniques
  - Lessons learned

#### EMS

- The new County protocol regarding acute CVA with high LAMS score has been incredibly impactful.
  - 12 of 18 patients made a full recovery from what would have been a devastating/life changing event.
  - 2 of 18 had significant intracranial bleeds and benefitted from the rapid recognition treatment and transport.

#### Other Items

- Will provide a briefing on Ramadan holiday at Zone 1 Ops. A briefing sheet is being compiled regarding cultural events for crews to be aware of; will be shared with all agencies.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Tech Rescue/HazMat ILA Update - Chief Smith

Chief Smith asked for an update on the process. Chief Risen stated no progress has been made; this item will be added to the retreat agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Zone 1 Fire Chiefs Retreat Agenda Topics - Chief Torpin

- Sick Leave Usage Policies (All)
- TRT/HazMat ILA (All)
- EMS (Clark)
- Regional Disaster Response (Smith)
- Regionalization (Risen)
- Station Locations/Response Times (Smith)

Additional agenda items are to be forwarded to Dawn.

Meeting will be held at Tam O'Shanter Country Club (address included in meeting notification); lunch will be provided by Bellevue Fire.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

### Bothell

- Chief Van Horne retiring May 15; Jim Roepke will be Interim Chief May 16 until possibly end of August, pending nationwide search for new Chief.

### Kirkland

- DC Helen Ahrens-Byington is moving to OEM; will be working to fill vacant DC position.

### Mercer Island

- King County Chiefs Leadership Summit will be held September 27-28 at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort. Registration \$175.00.

### Redmond

- Interviewed 27 candidates for Emergency Manager, interviewing 8 finalists on April 28. Expect to have position filled by end of May/beginning of June.
- Completing interviews for firefighter hiring process. Large number of candidates withdrew prior to interviews due to acceptance of positions with other agencies. Will ultimately hire 6 candidates.

### Bellevue

- DC Mark Moulton will be retiring end of June. Andy Adolfson will be promoted to DC Operations.
- Reminder that State Chiefs conference will be held in May.

### Northshore

- Recruit academy graduation will take place Friday, April 14.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn DeLoach  
Redmond Fire