

ZONE 1 FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

9:00 a.m.

November 13, 2017

Attendees:

Jim Torpin, Fire Chief - Northshore, Chair
Todd Dickerboom, Deputy Chief - Bellevue
Bruce Kroon, Fire Chief - Bothell
Jeff Clark, Fire Chief - Eastside
Richard Burke, Deputy Chief - Eastside
Tommy Smith, Fire Chief - Redmond

Matt Cowan, Fire Chief - Shoreline
Mark Correia, Fire Chief - Snoqualmie
Greg Ahearn, Fire Chief - Woodinville
Helen Chatalas, Assistant Director - KCEMS
Mike Mandella, Deputy Director - NORCOM

The meeting convened at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - REVIEW/COMMENTS

Meeting minutes for October 9, 2017 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA REVIEW

TRT ILA added to Old Business - Chief Torpin

REPORTS

NORCOM - Mike Mandella

Tritech upgrade was completed smoothly. Working on interface between two different CAD systems. Sold RADAAR licensing agreements to two agencies outside of Washington State; offer will be extended to King County Police agencies, including those not currently being dispatched by NORCOM. Will be taking on dispatch responsibility for Normandy Park PD and Snoqualmie Tribe PD. Acquisition of additional agencies will ultimately lower costs for existing agencies. Mandella's last day at NORCOM will be December 15; starting with Mercer Island January 2 as Deputy Chief. Held week long leadership retreat; all NORCOM supervisors were in attendance.

King County EMS - Helen Chatalas

Working to fill existing vacancies prior to the end of the year. BLS funding issues are being addressed. 2017 contract amendments are still in approval process.

REPORTS (cont'd)

Zone 1 Ops - Deputy Chief Burke

- King County IMT proposal by Marcus Deyerin (currently with NWIMT 1)
 - Funding challenges
 - “Leadership void”
 - Will speak with KC Operations Chiefs

- Strike Team/Task Force
DC Wallgren, AC Dahl and DC Burke will be working with the King County Model Procedure Section 13 to define a North/South and possibly a central Zone ST/TF group of defined units; expect to be completed by December Ops meeting. This action will help to ensure:
 - Predefined units to respond to a geographic area or request
 - Departments defining “sacred” units that would be exempt from deployment due to their overall importance to continuity of operations
 - Improved training opportunities due to proximity of assigned units

- Zone1 Tech Rescue
Established a fixed instructor fee schedule (\$75/hour) to support improved planning for department budgets. Torpin asked if the \$75 per hour rate was the reimbursement rate or the rate in which instructors would be paid. A discussion ensued regarding potential conflicts with FLSA or CBAs if it was the TRT group’s intention to pay instructors the flat rate of \$75/hour.

- EMTG Communications
 - EMTG Training Chief Tryon will attend Z1 Ops meetings to ensure direction, requests, and communications are distributed and applied at the training officer position.
 - He will ensure representation of all departments; therefore, Chief Officers are not required to attend EMTG Training Officer meetings.
 - Updating “draft” proposal that defines the Submission of Concepts by department personnel to the EMTG training and development staff. That document will be ratified in the December Ops meeting.

- Creation of Model Procedures
Sub Committee is evaluating the need for three model procedures and is coordination with subject matter experts prior to making a final recommendation:
 - Civil Unrest model procedure
 - Scene of Violence model procedure
 - Coordinated Complex Attack model procedure

- Operations and Technology Committee
Will be forthcoming with specific recommendations regarding future MDC purchases

- After the Fire Pamphlet
Redmond Fire Marshal office is completing a draft for review.

Eastside Fire & Rescue will be coordinating a RFP for post fire services in 2018 due to multiple interactions with several post fire companies arriving on scene.

REPORTS (cont'd)

- Miscellaneous
 - Shoreline Fire is placing their new “Rehab” unit in service soon. They have developed an algorithm for evaluating and tracking firefighters from initial entry into the rehabilitation process, and re-entry to the scene or follow up with medical. In addition, a patient tracking sheet has been developed to ensure patient confidentiality is maintained but critical information is not overlooked.

- Z1 December Discussions:
 - Maximum deployment levels of Wildland Assets Zone/County wide
 - Seasonal assets
 - Type (Wildland/snow removal/Special access)
 - Date placed in service
 - Zone response capability
 - Made available through NORCOM
 - Call type reduction proposal (*attached*)

OLD BUSINESS

Call Type Reduction Recommendations - Deputy Chief Burke

Discussed during Zone 1 Ops report. Mandella asked if there was a provision for special call in units. Clark discussed the need for additional Battalion Chief responses to manage each division. Torpin recommended working with NORCOM to run mock scenarios to determine potential impacts of assigning additional units to the various alarms. Discussion held regarding all units being included in MUM. Smith suggested holding a joint meeting between Chiefs and Ops to discuss further. Group agreed to adopt changes as presented.

TRT ILA Discussion - Chief Torpin

Discussion held regarding possibility of including TRT into the EMTG ILA for governance and oversight. Correira stated there are agencies involved in the TRT ILA that are not a part of EMTG. Torpin indicated that issue would have to be addressed if TRT was moved into the EMTG ILA.

Smith recommended holding a retreat in early 2018 to strategically discuss all of these large scale issues. Torpin stated there is an immediate need to move forward with the EMTG ILA revisions and the intent was to write the EMTG ILA in a manner that would allow the addition of other services such as TRT or HAZMAT to the EMTG ILA.

Clark recommended Zone 1 Chiefs take on the TRT oversight while continuing with the TRT under the current agreement. The proposed \$75/hour instructor rate was not approved; Smith, Ahearn and Burke will work with Sanford to compile information.

NEW BUSINESS

PIO Representation for Zone 1 - Chief Cowan

King County Chiefs working on PIO plan; looking for representation from each Zone. Bothell and Bellevue will check into current availability.

ROUNDTABLE

Redmond

Posting Deputy Chief position externally today; no internal candidates have applied.

Shoreline

New rehab unit going in to service; will be a regional asset.

Bothell

Sending 5 recruits to January academy. Turnout times have gone down.

Northshore

Speaking to WA State Senate Local Government subcommittee in Olympia today regarding fire department finances and barriers to regionalization; asked for input from all agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn DeLoach
Redmond Fire