

## **ZONE 1 FIRE CHIEFS MEETING**

**9:00 a.m.**

**February 13, 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Jim Torpin, Fire Chief - Northshore (Chair)	Tommy Smith, Fire Chief - Redmond
Bob Van Horne, Fire Chief - Bothell	Matt Cowan, Fire Chief – Shoreline
Mark Risen, Fire Chief - Bellevue	Mark Correira, Fire Chief - Snoqualmie
Jeff Clark, Fire Chief - Eastside	Greg Ahearn, Fire Chief - Woodinville
Richard Burke, Deputy Chief - Eastside	Helen Chatalas, Assistant Director - KCEMS
Chris Connor, Fire Chief - Fall City/KCFD #27	Mike Mandella, Deputy Director - NORCOM
Steve Heitman, Fire Chief - Mercer Island	Josh Baker, Fire Liaison - NORCOM

The meeting convened at 9:03 a.m.

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

- Meeting minutes for January 9, 2017, were approved as submitted.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

- Incident Stress in the Workplace/PTSD added to New Business - Chief Cowan
- Sick Leave Usage Policies/Procedures added to New Business - Chief Risen

### **REPORTS**

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

- Following Governing Board meeting last Friday, discussion held with Medic One Foundation regarding Pulse Point. Will use interest based bargaining to negotiate contract. Chief Correira stated SnoPac is considering a similar program with a different vendor.
- PSERN report has been distributed but there are areas of concern regarding radio issues: lack of improvement for in-building coverage and watershed coverage area. PSERN group could provide a briefing if needed; however, Chief Heitman feels that may need to wait. Chief Connor asked for the timeframe of radios coming on board; Chief Heitman stated it should be sometime in 2018.
- There were two missed calls as a result of the recent Comcast outage. Josh Baker reported one was a misdial and the other called back and was provided immediate service.

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

- King County Medic One has assumed service on Vashon Island.

## REPORTS

### Zone 1 Ops - Deputy Chief Burke

- NORCOM and KITCOM will be transitioning services around March 15. All requests for service from mile marker 52 west will be managed and dispatched by NORCOM; mile marker 52 east will be managed by KITCOM. Snoqualmie Pass Fire will be operating on KITCOM frequencies and will be patched via a **TRIS link**. A geocentric line has been created around the Alpental Village and will be managed by NORCOM because it lies within the King County service area although Snoqualmie Pass is the primary agency for responses.
- All King County units will be conducting operations on TAC 8.
- All area hospitals within Zone 1 are working to complete implementation of ESO for patient records management.
- KCEMS has approved funds for our Quality Assurance program. \$323,000 has been dedicated to ensuring agencies across the region establish and maintain a QA program. Managers are working to develop the “how to” as well as establishing what data is collected and how it will benefit the agencies and our patient outcomes.
- February 1 saw a change in county-wide CVA protocols that established two specific medical facilities (HMC and Swedish Cherry Hill) as intervention facilities for stroke patients meeting a LAMS score of 4 or 5. These patients are now an ALS transport. These patients are a small subset of the acute CVA managed by our crews but will benefit greatly by the available interventions at the 2 facilities. There have been 4 interventions countywide, all with excellent results.
- Two full time academies with 34 total recruits; 19 in the North Academy and 15 in the South. Training has been going very well and all recruits are meeting the expectations of our agencies.
- Zone 1 Ops adopted the terms:
  - **“Quick Hit”**: A rapid short duration application of water on visible fire or super-heated spaces from a remote or exterior area.
  - **“Working Fire”**: Indicating an active fire scene and will have automatic “additional units” tied to this statement based on jurisdictional response plans. Chief Torpin asked if this is in replacement of “confirmed structure fire”; DC Burke confirmed that is the proposal.
- Thanks to all of the Operations Chiefs, especially BC Kraig Peiguss from Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, for the incredible work on the **Model Practices** that will come before this group shortly. A truly “Unified Commitment” to the safety and effective practices for our crews has been the overarching premise of this team.
- Hoping to gain support from our Chiefs Officers to develop a **county-wide training task force** to deliver these fire ground emergency procedures throughout the county.
- MAYDAY, Accountability and Withdraw and Abandon procedures must have commonality across any line or jurisdiction. These we must get right for the safety of the men and women who serve our communities.
- Zone 1 Ops is drafting goals and objectives for 2017 to ensure the creation of timely policies and procedures that align with the goals of our collective agencies.
- Discussion held regarding the relationship between Zone 1 Ops and King County Ops. Josh Baker stated there is a large PSAP contingency from Zone 1 present at the county level.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Chief Clark discussed the adoption of the Automatic Aid agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Incident Stress in the Workplace/PTSD - Chief Cowan

Chief Cowan discussed adding an incident stress awareness training component to the academy curriculum. Chief Ahearn stated Woodinville is currently doing this. Chief Correira is developing a model program with the intent to introduce statewide. Chief Smith asked for input on peer support programs. Dr. Maureen Pierce has been brought in to various departments to share her training program. Code 4 training will be held March 15-17.

### Sick Leave Usage Policies/Procedures - Chief Risen

Chief Risen asked for input on sick leave usage policies. Chief Smith asked about accrual rates. Agencies to send their sick leave policies and accrual rates to Dawn for distribution. Discussion held on how individual agencies deal with high levels of sick leave usage.

Chief Risen discussed the possibility of holding a Zone 1 Chiefs retreat, possibly in May, to discuss these topics.

### Paid Lunch Period - Chief Van Horne

Chief Van Horne asked for input regarding policies on length of time for paid lunch periods. Chief Torpin stated he believed State law mandates a 30 minute lunch break, paid or unpaid.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

### Shoreline

Looking for recommendations on presenters for Leadership Summit in September. Please share proposed topics and presenter contact information with Chief Cowan.

### Mercer Island

Chief Heitman asked for input on retrofitting sprinkler systems on multi-family buildings. Chief Torpin stated the retrofitting only applies to detection systems. Chief Risen shared FM Carlson has information regarding this topic. Mercer Island passed a mandatory residential sprinkler ordinance in January.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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