



**North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
City of Arlington Council Chambers and
via ZOOM
November 15 , 2021
4:00pm**

MOTION TO DIRECT THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SNOHOMISH COUNTY REGIONAL TRAINING CONSORTIUM, AS AN "ASSOCIATE AGENCY," FOR A ONE-YEAR TRIAL PERIOD TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM AND IMPACT ON THE ORGANIZATION

1st: Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Iverson

Discussion: the .50 FTE would be at the Captain or BC level. It is also believed that if NCRFA joins as an Associate Agency that we would be provided with some level of preferential treatment regarding securing spots at the Fire Academy.
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT MADE BY COMMISSIONER TOLBERT TO DIRECT THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXPLORE OBTAINING THE ILA AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL

APPROVED AS AMENDED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11102021-01 PROPERTY TAX CERTIFICATION

1st: Commissioner Nelson

2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11102021-02 EMS LEVY CERTIFICATION

1st: Commissioner Oertle

2nd Commissioner Tolbert

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

There was some discussion regarding whether or not to change the November 24th meeting to November 23rd. Due to conflicts it was decided to leave it scheduled for November 24th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kraski, Chief Smith and Chief Cermak met with Paul Gagnon from the Snohomish Training Consortium. They were encouraging North County to join as an Associate Agency for multiple reasons. With recent demand in the academy and scaling, the cost will increase for Participating Agencies sending recruits through the academy. Additionally, the Associate Agencies will take priority for positions in the academy as there are a large amount of vacancies due to retirement, vaccinations, and growth. They will need three academies and are in dire need of training space to meet the demand. This dovetailed into the need to use NCRFA Training Center as an integral part of the Snohomish Fire Chief's Consortium Academy. They are currently seeking alternatives to add training center capacity until it is completed.

The JATC reconvened to address changes in positions with the merged group of employees. After seating the new positions, we discussed the advanced placement of the two new lateral Firefighter Paramedics. The third candidate noticed NCRFA that he would be taking a position in Bellingham as it was closer to his home.

Katie Casey is working diligently to address the demands of testing and promotional examinations. She has been meeting with each of the captain's exam participants to review their examination. She is preparing the notices for Battalion Chief's Examination and Fire Marshal, while working simultaneously with BC Smith to complete the Part-Time Firefighter examination. Smokey Point Community Church has been very gracious in allowing us to utilize their facility, as NCRFA does not have the facility to accommodate the facility demands for these tests. As the training center is completed, NCRFA will have multiple areas to assist in making these accommodations within one site.

Chief Cermak attended the County Chiefs meeting. Nominations are open for President and currently Chief Hovis and Chief Llewelyn have been nominated for that position.

Chief Cermak attended the Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners meeting virtually with Commissioner Johnson and Longley. Snohomish County Fire Marshal and Planning Services presented and updated on current situation status and programs.



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Theresa spent three quality/long days with the CODE Three Levrum representative in training. Chief’s Kraski and Cermak presented several scenarios to test the new data analysis tools, which proved to be very useful for future decision-making capabilities.

Chief Cermak spent quite a bit of time evaluating and working on the Stanwood ILA for Fire Prevention/Fire Investigation and Emergency Management. The new ILA will mimic what has been developed in Arlington with fee structure changes to reflect the cost recovery for that service through the City of Stanwood and passed through to NCRFA as we provide service. Chief McNulty will continue to develop the data queries for the quarterly cost analysis for billing. The amended ILA will be before the Board of Fire Commissioners following The City of Stanwood City Council approval.

Rich Davis, Amanda Beard and Chief Cermak attended a virtual meeting with Snohomish County Health regarding the vaccination records retention. They are looking deeper into maintain all of the files for the vaccinations. It is my opinion that the Pandemic is a Health District disaster and records should be kept in a location for all of the sites together. They are looking at a searchable process to address records requests to streamline and destroy unnecessary duplicate records. It seems that the most necessary and unredacted information is already maintained through the WA DOH vaccination tracker.

Chief Cermak attended the virtual key communicators meeting for Stanwood School District.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee (Commissioners Iverson, Tolbert, and Cade) will meet on Thursday November 18 at Station 99.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Fire Commissioner’s conference in Spokane has released the dates and opened registration. Commissioner Cade will send out the information. Kayley noted that she has tried to register folks and was told that registration was not open yet.

Commissioner Oakes acknowledged the great work NCRFA staff is doing at the Fire Academy. He states the feels that their hard work has put NCRFA on the success map.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated Commissioner Nelson for her win for her continued seat on the City Council for the City of Arlington. He is thankful to be a member of the Board of Commissioners for NCRFA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Commissioners broke for Executive Session and expected to return at 5:35. At 5:34 Commissioner Oakes extended Executive Session until 6:00pm with direction given to the Fire Chief.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:05pm

1st: Commissioner Nelson

2nd: Commissioner Iverson

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

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