



**North County Regional Fire Authority**

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

**June 11, 2025**

**4:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Ric Cade

~~Rob Johnson~~, excused absence

Leonard Kelley

Greg Oakes

Marilyn Oertle

Al Schreiber

Holly Sloan-Buchanan

**FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF**

Dave Kraski, Fire Chief

Kari Wheeler, Board Secretary / Bus. Process Coordinator

Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Chief of Support Services

Chair Johnson led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS**

*None.*

**IAFF LOCAL 3438**

*No report.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Oakes      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Schreiber

**Discussion:** none.

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Cade      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Schreiber

**Attachments:**

- a. [May 28, 2025](#), Meeting Minutes
- b. [Chelan Workshop – June 6, 2025](#), Meeting Minutes
- c. [General Fund Accounts Payable](#) Check #'s 126406 - 126475 in the amount of \$221,417.63.

**Discussion:** none.

**APPROVED:** Unanimous



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**QUARTERLY DIVISION PRESENTATION**

- a. [Support Services](#) – presented by AC ten Hoopen

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Nothing Scheduled*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing scheduled.*

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief's Verbal Report Summary:

Chief Koontz has spent a lot of time at the training center with many ongoing training activities. Over the past two weeks, significant training efforts have taken place. Last week included four days of joint aerial ladder training with Marysville Fire, utilizing both agencies' ladder trucks and training new personnel. This week, live fire evolutions are ongoing at the Training Center in a joint training with Marysville, with crews from nearly every station rotating through in two- to three-hour increments. A roving engine has been used to provide coverage during these rotations.

EMS billing updates: District 21 was invoiced approximately \$169,000 for 2024 ALS services, and District 25 was invoiced \$31,000 for the second half of 2024. District 19 had previously been invoiced.

A successful retreat was held in Chelan last week, which the Chief found helpful. A follow-up retreat focused on the budget is tentatively planned for mid-to-late October, with Commissioner Randy expected to take the lead. Discussion included exploring a two-year budgeting model. The Chief confirmed that recent RCW amendments allow special purpose districts to consider this option, and Finance is currently reviewing its feasibility in coordination with Arlington's Finance Director.

Summer events are ramping up, including community gatherings such as the Arlington Street Fair, local parades, car shows, and fly-ins, alongside ongoing fire levy educational outreach.

A training center subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday with Commissioners Cade, Shreiber, and Chair Johnson.



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Labor negotiations are progressing well, with optimism that a resolution may be reached at Tuesday's session—potentially concluding over a year of talks.

The previously surplussed boat was picked up by Tulalip Bay Fire for potential use as a training vessel. Richard Davis is drafting the interlocal agreement for official transfer of ownership, to be presented soon.

The joint-staffed ALS unit with Fire District 21 has received approval from Snohomish County EMS and the Washington Department of Health and will launch on Monday.

Wildland season is arriving earlier than expected, with grass fires already occurring county-wide. Some relief may come from forecasted rain, but conditions are drying quickly.

Eight new part-time members are being onboarded early to address the expected loss of staff to September full-time hiring elsewhere.

The Chief reported recent productive meetings with Mayor Roberts and City Administrator Sean Smith, as well as with Arlington's City Administrator Paul Ellis regarding the community risk reduction contract.

The monthly Battalion Chief meeting occurred on Tuesday, with two Camano Battalion Chiefs attending. The group discussed improving inter-agency coordination, especially in scenarios where geographic proximity makes it more efficient for a neighboring battalion to respond. Communication systems and mutual support protocols are being strengthened.

A work party was held today at Station 46 in downtown Arlington to clear overgrown vegetation from the hillside behind the station. Concurrently, Snohomish County assisted in cleaning the underground water tanks at the training center using a vac truck. The tanks will be refilled with well water, completing a routine annual maintenance task.

The Chief concluded by noting that the department has a lot of active projects and is happy to answer any questions.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:23pm**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Commissioner Oertle

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Commissioner Cade

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous



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*Kari Wheeler*

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**Kari Wheeler**  
**Commission Secretary**

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**Date Signed**

Attest:

Signed by:

*Leonard Kelley*

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**Leonard Kelley**  
**Board Vice-Chair**

6/26/2025

**Date Signed**