



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Commissioners Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



Commissioners present: Rick Nedrow, Robert Gervais and Tom Peters

Guest: Jerry Isenhardt, Rich Uhlhorn from Golakechelan, Jay Witherbee from KOZI and Erich Hilker from Lake Chelan Mirror.

Staff present: Chief Tim Lemon, Carol Kibler, Patrick Moore and Faye Barker.

Others: see sign in list

Call to order: Chairman Gervais called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Business:

- **Media Relations:** Discussion took place on how we can better communicate with the media. Items discussed included:

Use of a "Public Information Officer" (PIO) was discussed during and after the emergency incidents. Chief Lemon and/or a Duty Officer currently handle this. It was determined that a PIO was not needed and that the Chief is doing a fine job and will continue to handle all informational release on behalf of CFR.

Emergency Incident Summaries: Chief will work with staff to provide a short summary of significant incidents to the media following the call. If the Media wish to have more information and/or information about a call not considered significant, they can call the Chief.

Provide Appropriate Pictures: Most pictures acquired by CFR are post incident, not live action shots. If there is an appropriate picture of the incident, Chief Lemon will try and provide them.

Media Phone Calls: Chief Lemon will continue to respond to media phone calls in a timely manner. Chief Lemon has invited all the media to call him if they have a need for information. Chief stated he would call those back that leave a message if he is unable to take the call.

Go Lake Chelan has indicated that it is hard to get access to information from the fire district. KOZI Radio and the Lake Chelan Mirror were happy with the information access. The Wenatchee World did not attend the meeting, but left a voice mail that they were happy with the access as well.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.

Chelan County Fire District 7 Commissioner:

Robert Gervais

Richard A. Nedrow



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