



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



The CFR Board of Commissioners will conduct the meeting in person at the fire station, you are welcome to join via Zoom. The public is welcome to join by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516> Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782

Proposed Chelan Fire and Rescue agenda pending Board approval.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Commissioner Russ Jones, Commissioner Phil Moller, and Commissioner Karyl Oules.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 15:00.

Approve Agenda: MOTION To APPROVE the agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: *None*

Consent Agenda: MOTION to APPROVE the Consent agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: August 2022
- Payroll: July 26, 2022 to August 22, 2022 / Paid 09-02-2022 for \$141,776.04
- General Account Vouchers: 08-05-2022 Transactions 842 to 858 for \$23,987.98; 08-12-2022 Transactions 865 to 886 for \$14,927.94; 08-26-2022 Transactions 926 to 932 for \$38,398.29.
- Capital Account Vouchers: 08-04-2022 Transactions 859 to 862 for \$4,488.03; 08-11-2022 Transactions 869 to 884 for \$15,510.92.
- Minutes: August 17, 2022

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2022 Budget & Financials:

- August Financials are on track. The seasonal FF's are helping decrease the OT. No significant purchases for the month of August.

Emergency Response Reports:

- August Incident Response Report shows 125 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for August at 117 calls. This is our highest August volume since 2015.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 70 % of total calls for service with 31% of those non-transport (includes patients who died at scene) or patient transported POV.
- Major incidents for August: Refer to list
- As you can see we had multiple state mobes for the month of August. All were short assignments until the most recent September Mobe to Index. This has created some income for the department and has allowed our Firefighters to get some task books signed off for career development. Most importantly the positive feedback I've received through text messages, emails, and social media posts regarding how Stayman Flats and Union Valley Fires went has been very substantial. I think we have demonstrated over the last four years our ability to hit fires quickly.
- August turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010.
- Effective Work Force: Effective work force was acceptable. Most the fires were mutual aid which means we were helping them obtain an effective work force.
- Total fire loss for August was \$0 within FD7.



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Administration:

- Working on the 2023 budget. Staff would like to get a day scheduled before the next commissioner meeting to go over the budget.
- Workshop meeting to review the budget; Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 10:00 AM
- Continuing to prepare for the upcoming WSRB rating which has been rescheduled for October 18th.
- PIO group had a meeting and we are working on different informational items. Considering a winter wrap-up mailer. Summary of what we have done for 2022 and the citizens need to know what we have been up to.
- Working on updating pricing and fine-tuning apparatus replacement schedule and capital equipment schedule. Due to the financial climate.

Operations:

- We have one Firefighter on light duty with an injury. This has caused an increase in OT. We try and cover that with seasonals when possible, to reduce cost.
- They announced the first round of 2021 AFG grants. Hopefully, we're selected in the future for diesel exhaust removal.
FF's Odenrider (B-shift) and Byrne (C-Shift) have gone straight to shift.
- Feedback from FF's Preheim and Steady who are at the academy has been nothing but positive.
- Lots of the Regional Hazmat team equipment that was funded under a grant of \$250,000 is starting to arrive in Wenatchee. Chief Asher will be going down 9/29 to discuss the next steps for placement of equipment and training.
- We're in the discussion of being added back to the first alarm on the north end of DC4 for major incidents only (Commercial, Residential, Brush Fires)

Community Risk Reduction:

- Working on CDWG grant-Chief Sherman can give you an update on this.
- 5-yearar funded program funded through USFS. Interface with DNR in areas of Union Valley to create fire breaks, fuel reduction, and community outreach.
- 4 seasonal and 1 full-time staff and oversite by Captain Rains. We are working out the details. Equipment 2 industrial size chippers to assist land owner get material off property this would help with fire suppression efforts. Fire cashe trailer with equipment for communities to use (pumps, chain saw...equipment.
- 25% matching fund we will use in-kind services including vehicle, and personnel hours. We have to apply by Oct 5, 2022 award end of December 2022.
- We did not receive any more WRN requests during the month of August.

Apparatus Status:

- L71 is back and in service. The truck is functioning perfectly and looks great as we standardize our paint/stripping. The final transmission bill was about \$5,000 less than expected. (25,000) and the cost of repair came in lower at \$240,000.
- The former B79 (White DNR surplus) apparatus is now B72.



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- E79 has been moved to Station 74 Although it is temporally here right now while E71 is under repair.
- John fixed an Air leak in E75
- T74 has an overheating transmission issue. John has talked to some people for a fix. It is currently out of service.
- Found out today that the Chevy 2500 state bid was open for 36 hours and they filled every chassis available. Ford could potentially start coming available for order in November. What is the critical tipping point for replacing my apparatus? It is 5 years overdue. We have already replaced 2 2011 Fords and plan to replace a 3rd. We have put \$27,000 into it would be a very tough challenge to do what we need to do as an agency if one of the command apparatus goes down. We've made around \$37,000 off apparatus in state mobe so far this year.
- Chie Asher is looking for recommendations from the commissioners.
- Commissioner Moller agreed to start looking for a chassis.
- Commissioners Jones we need to be able to act when something comes available. I think in the future we will be able to find a truck. We did make \$37,000 on State Mobilizations.
- Commissioner Moller; saving money we still have the \$25,000 we didn't expect. Good that we made money on State mobe. We have spent a lot of money. If the money is in the budget for the vehicle, we can take a quick phone call to approve.
- Commissioner Jones; new is better than used.
- Chief Asher will have apparatus information at the budget workshop on Oct 11, 2022.

Stations:

- Station 71 LED sign install- Installed today. The sign was through a grant by DNR. THANK YOU, DNR.
- Station 71 flooring should arrive tomorrow and they will start to install beginning with the stairs on 9/27. And the installation will start with the stairs.
- Station 73 internet—The Starlink cable came in and Lt. Miner will have it up and running this weekend.
- Station 75 trouble alarm has been fixed after a lengthy investigation.
- We are waiting on a proposal from the Forest Service on St. 74.

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

Volunteer Recruitment / Training

- New recruits; Ben Barns full combat FF local business owner. Peter Brody would like to participate in the marine program.
- Retention lost one member from station 75.
- We have zero participation on the stipend shifts, hopefully, we will have some people participate in the coming months.
- We've been working with the new extrication equipment and will work with the burn trailer in early November. We are looking at structure training out on the south shore.
- BIG thanks to Bob Wentland for helping with training on the ladder operations.
- FF/EMT Belsky returned from the water rescue training. We haven't had a swift water program which makes us the hub for water rescue training. We will be able to pass along our knowledge/training with the Sherriff's water rescue program.



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- Chelan EMS has offered the EMT class this November. We do have some individuals who are interested in taking the class.
- Fire boat training – Tim Cote and Assistant Sherman are in review the training program SOGs.
- FF/EMT Rains applied and received a grant for an underwater drone.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons) nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Resolution 2022-04 Canceling Outstanding Warrants
MOTION TO APPROVE the RESOLUTION 2022-04 as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.
- Community Wildfire – Grant: in Chief Asher's report above.

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection September 22, 2022 @ 8:25 a.m. – Commissioner MOLLER /Chief Asher

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: none

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

There was a fireworks show in Chelan over the weekend. The show was permitted through the City of Chelan

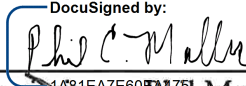
False alarm – nothing has been done through the city.

Chief Asher will write a letter regarding support of airport expansion.


Executive Session: none

Adjournment: There being no more business before the board of commissioners the meeting closed at 3:45 PM.

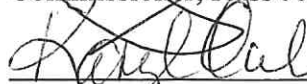
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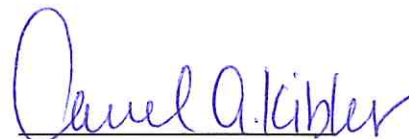
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