



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA 98816



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: Chairman Jones, Commissioner Oules, and Commissioner Donnell. Fire Chief Asher, Assistant Chief Sherman, District Secretary Misty Fifield.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Commissioner Donnell called the meeting to order at 15:00 at 232 East Wapato, Chelan WA, 98816

Public Comment: Rich Ulhorn suggested designating a Public Information Officer (PIO) for sending media updates instead of waiting for the Chief to provide information about incidents. Chief Asher noted that we already have someone responsible for updating our social media pages.

Consent Agenda Commissioner Oules MOTIONED TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Donnell seconded the MOTION CARRIED.

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: July 2024
- Payroll: 06-26-2024 to 07-24-2024 Paid 08-05-2024 Benefits: \$136,662.75, Salaries/Wages (Net) \$158,244.20 Total \$294,906.95.
- General Account Vouchers: 07-04-2024 Transaction #921 to 927 for \$12,163.19; 07-12-2024 Transaction #929 to #940 for \$8,260.56; 07-19-2024 Transaction # 968 to 985 for \$6,254.38; 07-26-2024 Transaction #998 to 1011 for \$13,272.85
- Capital Account Vouchers: 07-06-2024 Transactions #928 for \$1,631.37
- Minutes: July 17, 2024

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2024 Financials:

July Financials- July saw a large increase in state MOBE OT which was to be expected. Rather than waiting till the fire is closed out Misty has started submitting for reimbursement. This fire has been more than 70 days and we have been involved in something most everyday of that.

Emergency Response Reports:

- July Incident Response Report shows 154 calls for emergency services. This is an all-time monthly call record for CFR. Our 10-year average call volume for July at 132 calls.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 57% of total calls for service with 37% of those non-transport (includes patients who died at scene) or patient-transported POV which is a bit lower than normal.
- Major incidents for July: Very lengthy list
- Major incidents for June: 06/04/24 – 3rd alarm brush fire E. Wenatchee
- 07/04/2024 – 3rd alarm brush fire Wenatchee
- 07/04/2024 2nd alarm commercial fire VindeLuc
- 07/04/2024 3rd alarm brush fire Rd. C NW
- 07/04/2024 2nd alarm brush fire Chelan Butte
- 07/06/2024 2nd alarm brush Beehive
- 07/07/2024 Brush fire Beebe bridge
- 07/09/2024 Hazmat Full response Wenatchee
- 07/13/2024 MVA Appl Blossom/97A
- 07/20/2024 Brush fire Apple Blossom
- 07/21/2024 MVA SR150 Willmorth
- 07/22/2024 State Mobe Stehekin E79
- 07/23/2024 State Mobe STL Black Canyon/Reach
- 07/24/2024 2nd alarm commercial fire Recycle Ctr
- 07/25/2024 Vehicle fire fully involved 25. St. Park



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- 07/28/2024 RV/Garage fire Stayman Flats
- 07/31/2024 3rd alarm brush fire US97 Orondo
- July turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010. Response times extended due to mutual aid
- Effective Work Force: Effective workforce was acceptable for call types. Total fire loss for July in district \$220,000
- We have the Pioneer Fire going on up lake. All engine strike teams were demobed on Monday. Currently BT71 is still on fire.

Administration:

- Credit Limit Update: We temporarily increased the credit limit for Cashmere Valley Bank credit cards. We are now securing a permanent credit limit increase.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan and CWPP Updates: Work is ongoing, with Annex 2 of 3 already completed. I aim to finalize Phase 3 by August 30.
- Budget Requests: I have begun receiving budget request items from leads for our various programs.

Operations:

- Staffing Update: We are now fully staffed, except for the BT71 assignments, which our volunteer group has largely covered.
- Acknowledgements: A big thank you to our team for their exceptional work over the past couple of months. Special thanks to Manson for filling the back seat position and assisting on the boat.
- Boat Schedule: The boat is now operating half days, with today being its first day back on the water.
- Task Book Signatures: We have received task book signatures for Tyee as ICT4 and for me as TFL.
- Trainee Opportunities: There may still be some trainee opportunities during the Pioneer for STL and other positions.
- First Due Migration: The First Due Migration has commenced, and I am confident we will be fully operational before the end of this year, ready to start fresh in 2024.
- One of our seasonals got hired full time with the School District therefore FF/EMT was moved to the C shift opening

Community Risk Reduction/Events:

- Farmers Market: The association attends the Thursday Farmers Market once a month.
- Fire and Cop on Top Event: We participated in the Fire and Cop on Top event last Friday. It was a great success, with many people enjoying the chance to spray water at firefighters and explore fire trucks. The event raised a few thousand dollars for the Special Olympics.

Apparatus Status:

- E79 Status: E79 has been stationed in Stehekin for 32 days and is expected to return by the 25th.
- CH72 Update: The CH72 apparatus is back in service with a rebuilt transmission. Jason still has a few additional repairs to address, but it is operational.
- New Apparatus: Jason and Chief Sherman have started spec'ing out a new apparatus and have been advised on the optimal timing for purchasing the truck.
- T75 Issues: T75 is experiencing recurring transmission and starting issues, which tend to resurface each summer despite previous repairs. Jason has sent it to Wenatchee for a more thorough diagnosis, as the problem seems temperature related. The team there is familiar with its setup and may have a solution. Replacement is not currently on the radar.

Stations:

- Station 71 Generator: We have received the new motor for the Station 71 generator, and it is currently downstairs. Jason will modify the bracket to facilitate easier installation.
- Station 71 Laundry Room: Drywall repair for the laundry room has been authorized.
- Station 75 Cleaning: Station 75 received thorough cleaning and detailing by the IA strike team attached to the Pioneer Fire. We allowed them to use the facility while staged for initial attack.



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Recruitment/Retention: Asst. Chief Sherman 3 new applicants. No new loss.

Training: Assistant Chief Sherman's report

Long Range Discussion:

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

- Training Event: The training event with Manson was a success. The meal we provided was a hit and it offered a fantastic opportunity to socialize with Manson.
- Stipend coverage-none
- Excited to complete the generator project

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

- T-shirts are a great sale, looking to plan winter events

Unfinished Business:

- TIF – No update
- Strategic Plan – The chief followed up with the commissioners.

New Business:

- Credit card limit increase from \$52,000-\$70,000.00

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection Thursday, August 22, 2024, @ 8:10 a.m. – Fire Chief Asher and Commissioner Donnell
- Thursdays- Farmers Market
- Lake Chelan Sailing Regatta 09/14/2024 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Labor Day Weekend

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

- Chairman Oules followed up on UTV options. Asst. Chief Sherman has reviewed some options. Commissioner Donnell wants to find ways to utilize a UTV and solid numbers to help justify such purchases.
- Commissioner Oules: Thanks to all the firefighters. Her friends have reached out, asking how they can show their appreciation and Chief Asher emphasizes the importance of remembering these positive moments in the future. Asst Chief Sherman notes the positive shift in community perception regarding the fire response as well. The community is now more open and supportive of how the fire management is being handled.
- Chairman Jones has heard positive feedback about our department's proactive approach
- Chairman Jones: Shares a recent example where being able to send a text to the mechanic to resolve an issue quickly then expresses gratitude for the Starlink service in Stehekin, as it also facilitates Zoom calls and improves communication and stresses the importance of having such technology in all our rigs to enhance communication.
- Assistant Chief Sherman and Chief Asher both highlight that communication tools like Starlink or similar technology would benefit firefighters by helping them stay connected with their families during extended absences. General census for exploring options like Starlink for the apparatus to improve communication and support for firefighters. Commissioner Donnell suggests exploring options for incorporating this technology into the budget.
- Commissioner Mark: Addresses the need for improving communication. He suggests finding someone to help communicate effectively with the public to enhance our outreach and engagement.
- Commissioner Donnell extends appreciation and commendation to Hillary Franz for securing resources. He requests that the department send a formal letter of thanks on behalf of the department.
- Roger Ferris sent out a survey to the WFC and WFC regarding insurance issues for homeowners.



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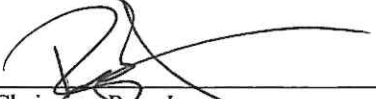
- Commissioner Donnell will attend a Zoom meeting next Tuesday for Fire Adaptive Communities put on by Kenton Brice with the NW Insurance Council to discuss the Eco System of homeowners insurance
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Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There was no more business before the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Oules MOTIONED to ADJOURN the regular meeting at 15:55. The MOTION CARRIED

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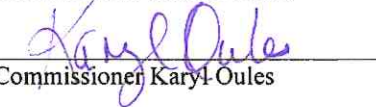
Board of Commissioners:



Chairman, Russ Jones



Commissioner Mark Donnell



Commissioner Karyl Oules

Attest: Misty Fifield