



## PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES May 25, 2023

In Person at SS911 – 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA and Remotely via Zoom

### CALL TO ORDER

President Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Moffett thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

### ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

There were 8 people in attendance and 12 people attending via Zoom for a total of 20 people in attendance.

### GUEST SPEAKER – Scott Hamel with SS911 on What Three Words App

Vice President Gorder introduced Scott Hamel from SS911. Gave an overview of 911. Location has evolved over time. Only thing available was land line when it first came out. Used to get location from the phone provider. As technology has changed, well over 80% of calls that come into 911 are now cellular. Nontraditional service through modem, i.e. VOIP, customer has control of location by registering their device. Problematic when live in one place and then move and don't update their registration, when they call 911 from that device it would route through where it was registered. Shared screen to show and explain triangulation with cell towers for approximate location. ECRF Emergency Call Routing Forwarding. Another tool that recently came out is Rapid SOS. Expands on how to get the best location. Cellular device transmits your GPS location to a national data clearing house. Latitude, Longitude and references what3words. An alternate way to convey where person is located. Can be more precise in providing a location. Every 3-meter square has its own 3-word assignments. RapidSOS also allows for someone to enter health information. Commissioner Kadow asked for contact information of in-house educator. Question if have GPS turned off on cell phone, does the system override? Scott stated that yes, they system will override and give location. Commissioner Cathey stated on the news heard that 911 hang up calls are increasing. Is SS911 experiencing that as well? With technology – detected apple watch fall, etc. Also, if the power button is pushed 5 times it will call 911. Old phones that no longer have service, given to kids to play with, can still call 911. Question on non-emergency phone line, advised to call 911. Shouldn't be afraid to call 911.

911 Education Coordinator, Jessica Kulaas, [jessica.kulaas@southsound911.org](mailto:jessica.kulaas@southsound911.org), 253-287-4817.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Egan and seconded by Commissioner Rankin to approve the Agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### MINUTES OF April 27, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Kadow moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Any discussion? There being none, the minutes were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

## **SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES**

We still need to make arrangements to have pictures and badges made.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

## **REGULAR REPORTS:**

### **a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett**

Reported no meeting this month so not much to report. Upcoming seminar on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lake Chelan. Registrations for WFCFA Conference in Tulalip are open, conference dates are October 25-28. Phone number for 866-716-7162 lodging and request WFCFA group rate. Memorial service submissions cutoff date is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Service submissions by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn**

Eric reported getting questions on tax increment financing for funding. Statute needs to be addressed legislatively. So far don't have a client that has come forward with a mitigation plan proposal. Statute doesn't give any guidance. Paid family medical leave supplemental benefits relating to bargaining.

President Moffett thanked Eric again for his DEI presentation last month.

### **c) SouthSound 911 – Deborah Grady**

Not present.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **a) Legislative - Brandon Faust**

Not present. Legislative session is over.

### **b) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin**

Reported have a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30.

### **c) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan**

Reported he has received \$10.00, winner gets \$5.00. Commissioner Allison drew the ticket. Commissioner Gorder won the drawing. \$10.00 for coins sold last month.

### **d) Annual Picnic/Potluck –Arlene Dannat**

Reported the Orting Park is reserved. Hard time finding any food trucks. Question to everyone is – she had called the pizza place we had used before and looking around \$180.00. Is there money in the budget? Yes, can move money from the Meeting Refreshments. Agreement to do so.

### **e) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey / Olivia Werner / Kathy Kadow**

### **f) Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett**

No report. President Moffett stated if anyone has any suggestions for education next spring, let know.

**g) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Margaret O’Harra-Buttz, Arlene Dannat, Tom Sutich**

**h) Membership – Arlene Dannat / Pat McElligott / Kathy Kadow**

Kathy reported she has done a little research to find out county commissioners names, when their Board Meetings are, etc. Had sent to Arlene, was not able to send to Pat. Denise will send her Pat’s email address.

**i) Programs – Kevin Gorder**

Reported East Pierce Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Jon Parkinson will be speaking on the topic of responding to an incident with a patient who has autism.

**j) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat**

No report.

**k) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson**

Reported September meeting in Vegas. Attendance has been 13-15.

**l) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin**

President Moffett stated if anyone is interested in working on this committee, let him know. Has 2 names. End of June need to vote on to submit to WFCA for those running for District 7.

**m) Audit – DORMANT – Olivia Werner / Ed Egan**

**n) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott**

Not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

If anyone would like to sign up for snacks for June meeting, let know.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Commissioner Rankin talked to staff at WFCA – starting to set up for conference in October. 75<sup>th</sup> Year. New coin designed. Will also do a couple of other things during the dinner.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Egan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Allison seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**2023 Meeting Schedule:**

January 26, 2023 – Remotely via Zoom

February 23, 2023 – hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

March 23, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

April 27, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

May 25, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

June 22, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

July 27, 2023 – BBQ/Potluck – Orting Valley Park

August 24, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

September 28, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

October 26, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Conference

November 16, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

December 7, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Awards