



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES August 24, 2023

In Person at SS911 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 the picnic last month. It was a great turnout. Also we have a good turnout for tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

There were 10 people in attendance according to the sign in sheet and 12 people on Zoom for a grand total of 22 people in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER:

East Pierce Fire & Rescue FFPM Jen Killion on Mobile Integrated Health – President Moffett introduced Jen Killion who was attending via Zoom. She shared her screen and went through a powerpoint presentation on EPFR's Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedic Program. Developed the program in 2018. Brought on a behavior health specialist to help address mental health issues. Melissa Haney joined the program in April 2022. Both are on Peer Support Team. Last year we had 231 referrals. So far, this year have received 168 referrals. Meet and work with WPFR and CPFR CARES Managers. Jerry Bickett asked about Narcan being held on all Engines. Crews can administer, in PC Protocol. These are kits that are left at home for family to administer at a later time. A vending machine in Orting that people can get these kits. Commissioner Kadow asked if there are organizations or grants available for getting the Narcan kits? Get a grant through the Department of Health. Commissioner Wernet thanked very much for her presentation. Do FFs and EMTs that refer get feedback on referrals they make? And long-term cases mentioned. Jen stated that crews thank them as they see the reduction in response to high utilizers. Would be nice to have a better system to close the loop and get feedback from crews. Jen's email address: jkillion@eastpiercefirer.org.

President Moffett thanked Jen for her presentation, it was very informative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. There being no changes, it was moved by Commissioner Kadow and seconded by Commissioner Dannat to approve the agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF July 27, 2023, MEETING

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

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

N/A. President Moffett stated Denise received an email from Jodi Reynolds at Graham Fire regarding name badges needing to be printed. Denise will be sending out an email.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett

Apologized for missing the last two meetings. Not a whole lot has been going on at WFCFA. The annual meeting is coming up in October. Will be running for the Treasurer/Secretary position. If not coming to the conference, need to send in your proxy seven days before the conference. Shout out to the Orting Paramedics. They did an outstanding job. Communication issues with Pierce County – iNet viewer was mentioned. SS911 has and is tied into their CAD.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

No report.

c) SouthSound 911 – Deborah Grady

Mark Mears here in place of Debbie Grady. Budget for 2024 was approved this last Wednesday. Still working on onboarding McNeil Island for communication services. Moved on their GIS and mapping pieces. Big push is staffing – on fire discipline side down 3 people. Just hired a lateral from RiverComm. 2 more positions to fill. Currently 33 people on the dispatch floor. The fair is coming, and they have geared up for that.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Rankin reported meeting in September.

b) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

No report.

c) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

\$36.00 received. Commissioner Allison drew the ticket. Commissioner Werner had the winning ticket and received \$18.00.

d) Annual Picnic/Potluck –DORMANT - Arlene Dannat

President Moffett thanked Arlene for her work on putting together the picnic. She did a great job. Had 15 people in attendance.

e) Annual Banquet – Mike Cathey / Olivia Werner / Kathy Kadow

Commissioner Werner reported she spoke with Jodi and she has moved up her retirement to the end of the month. She is going to be taking the banquet information with

her. Tammy Lamb from WPFR will be taking over and they will meet to go over. Commissioner Cathey asked who the Chief's representative will be.

f) Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Commissioner Sutich reported he'll be meeting with Attorney Quinn the first of the year to coordinate training.

g) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Arlene Dannat, Olivia Werner

Have not met yet.

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

Have not met yet. Commissioner McElligott will coordinate a meeting.

i) Programs – Kevin Gorder

Not present.

j) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

No report.

k) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Reported 3 weeks or so is the annual conference.

l) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

President Moffett stated this is marked as Dormant, but it isn't. Be thinking about nominations. President, Vice President and Trustee positions are open. Need names for next month's meeting.

m) Audit – DORMANT – Olivia Werner / Ed Egan

n) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Reported budget was approved. More information on single system in the next couple of months and then work on governance.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

President Moffett reported at the end of the picnic last month it was suggested that next year we meet every other month at a station. Commissioner Kadow stated concerns for those who only attend remotely. Don't want to shut out, exclude people. Discussion shared. Some agencies don't have the ability to zoom. Suggested to make meeting locations at agencies that do have zoom capabilities. Commissioner Mitchell asked about having meals at the meeting again? Commissioner Rankin suggested checking with each agency to see if they allow food, etc. Suggested having the January meeting at Graham Fire and then seeing about also having badges done then for those that need them. Commissioner Wernet asked about this group getting together at the Conference.

Commissioner Kadow suggested starting out as a dessert or something simple instead of a full meal. Leave it up to each district to figure out what they want to do.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner McElligott received a reappointment to LEOFF 2 retirement board through State Fire Commissioners. 4-year term. Secure pensions for police and fire. Thanked Dan for recommending him and he will also reach out to Roger Ferris and thank him.

Commissioner Kadow reported their Lid Lift passed. Commissioner Rankin reported WPFRR's passed as well.

Commissioner Rankin reported he will be running for Commissioner and not sure who will be replacing him. Scott Casebolt is running in his place as well as a gentleman that is not very Fire Service friendly.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Commissioner Oharra Buttz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dannat seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,
Secretary/Treasurer

Website: <http://www.pcfirecommissioners.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

2023 Meeting Schedule:

January 26, 2023 – 7:00 pm - Remotely via Zoom
February 23, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
March 23, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
April 27, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
May 25, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
June 22, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
July 27, 2023 – 6:00 pm - PICNIC at Orting Park – 110 Train St SE, Orting
August 24, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
Sept 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
October 26, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Conference
November 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom
December 7, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Awards Banquet

Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedic Program

“Positively impacting the health and well-being of our community through expanded response and collaborative care.”



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Program Overview

- Developed in 2018
 - Reduce 911 calls from “high utilizers”
 - Reduce low acuity 911 calls
 - Improve quality of life for vulnerable citizens through care coordination
- Work collaboratively with Assisted Living facilities in our district to reduce/improve 911 utilization, especially around Falls Prevention.
- Opioid Outreach
 - Leave-home Naloxone kits on engines.
 - Automated referrals from EHR Software

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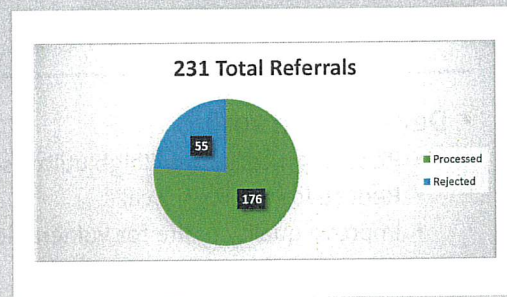
Program Overview

- Represent EPFR in developing partnerships with law enforcement and social services organizations, as well as informing best practices in the region.
 - 2021 Collaboration regarding mental/behavioral health 911 calls
 - Law enforcement, Sound South 911, Mental Health Resources
 - Best practices algorithm developed for crews
- Ongoing quarterly meetings to maintain communication channels and case review

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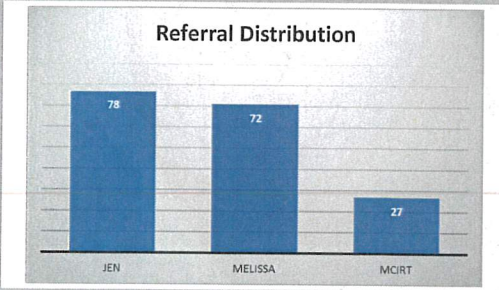
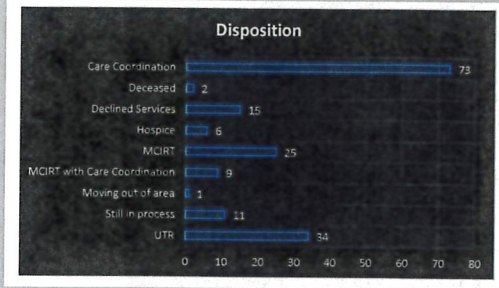
- 231 Referrals
 - 25% increase, possibly overdose-related
 - Increased referrals from outside partners
- Strengthening partnerships with Assisted Living Facilities
 - Falls Prevention Program at Mill Ridge
- Behavioral Health Specialist added April 2022



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2022 BHS Impact

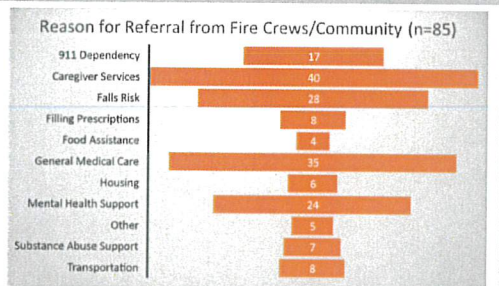
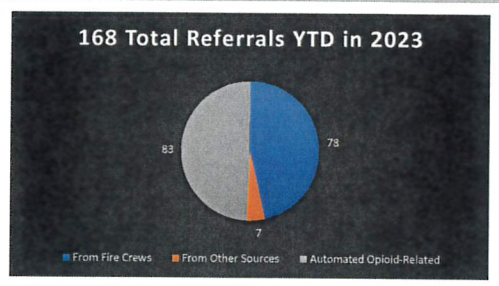
- True whole-person care
- More citizens served 'in-house'
- Broader development of resource network
- Increased community partnerships (Sumner School)
- Strong Peer Support presence



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2023 YTD

- 168 Referrals as of 8/23/2023
 - 83 Automated Referrals for opioid-related
- Naloxone Kit Program Expansion
 - 18 Kits handed out in 2022
 - 31 Kits handed out YTD in 2023
- Pierce County Falls Prevention Coalition
- Continuing to build network and strengthen partnerships



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Making a Difference...

Patient 1 : "Rick"

- ~ 60 y/o Male living in RV Park
- ~ Ten 911 calls
- ~ 5 ED visits
- ~ 1 Inpatient visit
- Collaboration with Recovery Navigator
- No 911 Calls since

Patient 2: "Lana"

- ~72 y/o Female lives alone
- ~ 17 911 Calls in year preceding referral
- ~ Referral for everything
- ~ Social isolation

