



## PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES June 27, 2024

In Person at CPFR AOC – 1015 39<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Suite 120, Puyallup  
and Remotely via Zoom

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Kadow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were 17 people in attendance according to the sign in sheet and 5 people on Zoom for a grand total of 22 people in attendance.

### **FLAG SALUTE and THANK YOU TO HOST**

President Kadow led the flag salute and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Chief Morrow thanked everyone for being here tonight. Welcomed to the AOC which is a little different from a fire station. It was intentional. In a leased environment for the next 10 years. Working on bringing together 3 agencies and soon to possibly be a 4<sup>th</sup>. Central Pierce, Graham Fire, Orting Valley and possibly South Pierce. Working on a new naming convention. Fun time to be doing what we are doing and appreciates the Commissioners support.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

#### **Lindsey Wade on Scene Preservation**

Vice President Werner introduced Lindsey Wade. She is a retired Tacoma Police Detective that was working cold cases. She's been a speaker at a number of law enforcement conferences around the country. She turned the floor over to Lindsey. Lindsey thanked the Association for inviting her here tonight. She was with Tacoma PD for 21 years. Retired in 2018. She retired early and worked for the Attorney General's office as a civilian investigator. Inventory of sexual assault kits. There were over 10,000 untested sex assault kits in Washington. Federal funding allowed to send to private labs to get DNA tested and then uploaded into CODUS. Also used some of the grant fund money to other law enforcement agencies to work on their cold cases. Nationwide issue – 100 of thousands of convicted offenders that are not in the DNA database and should be. Initially it was over 125,000 names. Was able to get that down to 50,000. Grant in 2018 and still ongoing. It's a time-consuming process to see if they owe a DNA sample and then locating, etc. Left AG's office about a year and a half ago and now works for a private company as a law enforcement consultant. Manage federal grants and help law enforcement agencies work on their cold cases. After she retired she decided to write a book. It was a long process. The book was published last May. Books are available anywhere you buy books. One of the cold cases in the book, Commissioner Werner's husband Wolfe was the lead detective on it. The book is called In My DNA. Jennifer Bastion's case from 1986. Has cards with QR code to find the book online. Golden state killer case solved about a month after she retired. Laws have changed for sex assault kits to be submitted to lab within 30 days. The lab also has requirements to have tested within 45 days of receipt. There is a new lab in Vancouver that uses robotics to process them. Now that all of the backlogs have been tested, now they have to be investigated. Very

few agencies have dedicated cold case detectives. She helped to get the Jennifer and Michelle's law passed. Took 4 years of lobbying to get legislation through. Allows to use DNA from deceased convicts. 2019 law changed. Technology is changing constantly. The Association thanked her for her presentation and presented Lindsey with a coin and thanked her for her presentation.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Kadow asked if there were any changes to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Moffet and seconded by Commissioner O'Harra Buttz to approve the agenda as amended and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Add to old Business to discuss meeting time change.

### **MINUTES OF May 23, 2024, MEETING**

Commissioner McElligott moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### **SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES**

President Kadow reported new badges have been received and distributed. For those who still need one please contact Lori Evans at Graham Fire to schedule a time to get that done. Her contact information is: 253-548-2512 or [levans@grahamfire.org](mailto:levans@grahamfire.org)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

#### **a) Regional Representative Report – Jon Linboe**

Reported next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>. Nothing to report at this time.

#### **b) Legal - Eric Quinn**

Reported Office of Civil Rights that enforces HIPPA. Used to be with Law Enforcement requests medical records. Effective June 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Law Enforcement has to get a court order to get medical records from a health provider. Let your public records officers. Will send Denise the new rule. Any violations between June 25 through December won't incur penalties to give people time to.

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

Not present.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

Not present.

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

Not present.

#### **c) Annual Picnic/Potluck – MAY - Arlene Dannat**

Reported everything is set. 6:00 pm at the Park in Orting.

**d) Annual Banquet – DORMANT – AUGUST - Olivia Werner / Kathy Kadow**

**e) Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett**

Commissioner Moffett has only received one suggestion for a presentation on TIFF. Just asked for any topics/ideas suggestions to let he or Tom know.

**f) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Arlene Dannat, Olivia Werner**

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

President Kadow reported Denise sent out to all of the District secretaries for longevity information for all Fire Commissioners. Might be a way to reconnect with Commissioners. Haven't discussed how to go about doing that.

**h) Programs – Olivia Werner**

Reported there will be no speaker next month. She is working on a speaker for August.

**i) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat**

No report.

**j) Nominating – DORMANT - August**

**k) Audit – Olivia Werner / Ed Egan – DORMANT - January**

**l) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott**

Reported met on Wednesday, self, Matt Holm and Scott Casebolt attended. Meeting next month to go over governance issues with single system. Final stages of finance for 2025 budget. Special meeting in the next month or so. They've done a bunch of hiring and at 97%.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Discuss Annual Banquet ideas/suggestions**

President Kadow reported a couple of suggestions to hold first couple of weeks of January and hold it on a Friday evening. Can ask Tammy Lamb with West Pierce to contact the Country Club to see what it would take to lessen the cost there and not have it in December. Commissioner Holm stated Local 726 has a nice facility that could possibly be used and have catered. Commissioner Werner moved to move the Banquet to January on a Friday or Saturday. Commissioner Dannat seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Have used Savory and Sweet Café for Catering and is really good. Discussion followed. \$50-60.00 cost would be preferred. Commissioner McElligott to look into the Elks club in Tacoma for possible location.

**B. Challenge Coin Quotes – Commissioner Napier**

Commissioner McElligott will talk to Commissioner Napier and find out where at on this.

**C. Meeting Time Discussion**

Commissioner Moffett moved to change meeting time to 6:00 pm permanently.  
Commissioner Darnet seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

N/A

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Thanked Chief Morrow for hosting tonight's meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Werner moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Darnat seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**2024 Meeting Schedule:**

July 25, 2024 – 6 pm - BBQ / Potluck – 110 Train St SE, Orting  
August 22, 2024 – SS911 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and Zoom  
September 26, 2024 – Key Peninsula  
October 24, 2024 - NO MEETING – STATE CONFERENCE  
November 21, 2024 – West Pierce Fire & Rescue  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday being Thanksgiving)  
December 5, 2024 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET