

Pierce County Fire District 23 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting June 10, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., June 10, 2024 at the Ashford Fire Hall for their regular meeting. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes for the month of May were approved as written. The secretary gave her report. She reported that her computer's hard drive had failed, and that a replacement hard drive was on the way. She also gave the financial report. The chief read his report.

Comm. Young asked if any progress had been made on the side-by-side. The chief said that he wanted to talk to the DNR first and look at models other than a Polaris.

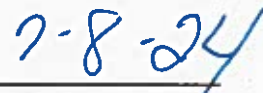
Under new business, the chief talked about a rate increase for ambulance transports. After some discussion, the board moved and unanimously approved to increase the rates by 3%. The chief updated the board on his work with the Pierce County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The board discussed a petition for merger from Lewis County Fire District 17. After some discussion regarding the various changes that would need to be made to names etc, the board unanimously accepted the petition.

Ad hoc payments for the month were approved as presented. The board went into executive session at 7:35 for 15 minutes to discuss employee contracts. At 7:45, the board came out of executive session. The board approved a two-year contract with Joseph LeMoine. Adjournment was at 7:48 p.m.



Chairman



Date



Commissioner



Commissioner

Chief's Report

May 2024

General:

- A bit of an average month for us for call volume.
- Warmer drier spring has led to the area having a few smaller fires already. Dead fine fuels seemed to have an early curing. Just kidding the final week we got quite a bit of rain as the burn ban went into effect.
- Attended Chief's Conference in Kennewick, several other Pierce and Lewis County Chiefs.
- Assisted SPFR with a Battalion Chief Assessment panel.
- Working on Hazard Mitigation plan with PC DEM.
- Exit meeting with the State Auditor.
- Sent People to EMS Conference.
- Attended Pierce County Law Enforcement Officer Remembrance evening.

Facilities:

- Tender back from shop
- New to us ambulance project is still moving forward.

Responses:

27

EMS: 22 (1SPFR, 2 MORA)

Fire: 5 (2 mutual aid to SPFR)

Other: 1

Year to Date: 122

Last Year Comparison: 36/135 (May 2023) 18/135 (May 2022)

Ambulance Runs: 6 D23 Transports (8 for May 2023) (5 for May 2022)

5 South Pierce (5 for May 2023) (3 for May 2022)

11 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Fire Chief's
- Lewis County 17 Commissioners
- Pierce County DEM Meeting
- Wildland fire Preseason meeting
- Pierce County EMS

Respectfully, Chief Medford

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