

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

SPECIAL MEETING

**2874 E. Verlane Street
Langley, Washington**

June 28, 2000, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland
Commissioner Bill Benjamin
Commissioner Bob Elliot

Guests:

AC Paul Busch, BC Les Hagstrom, BC Lanny Workman, Capt. Don Elliot, Capt. Kenon Simmons, Capt. Mike Cotton, Capt. Mel Grimm, Capt. Darin Reid, Lt. Jerry Beck, Lt. Connie Shields, Lt. Rick Furman, Lt. Jeff Parker, Lt. Frank Mestemacher

I. Call to Order - Chairman Mike Helland called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Benjamin moved to approve the agenda as printed; motion carried.

III. New Business

A. Reassessment of 2000 Goals and Objectives - Chairman Helland distributed minutes from the December 1, 1999 Special Meeting in which the District Officers met with the commissioners to discuss District Goals and Objectives. The discussions following focused on:

- Chief Smith stated that the following needs are essential to the District:
 - o A class room of significant size
 - o Quality breathable air facility, test bench, etc.
 - o Decontamination facility
 - o Bulk fuel fueling facility.
- The Officers and Commissioners agreed on the need to explore future station sites, and types of stations.
- There was consensus that Bayview is the centralized area of the District where any major training facilities and specialized equipment should be

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housed, and a class room capable of holding 150 people.

- A separate meeting will be held in the near future to discuss in depth the new Freeland station.
- Kudos were given to committee heads, Darin Reid and Les Hagstrom, for the extremely successful 1999 Recruit Drive. Scholarships for the High School Fire Fighters and a group health or catastrophic insurance for volunteers were ideas brought forward as future recruitment and retention ideas. These ideas will be explored further.
- A general public survey was discussed. Each person in the meeting was requested to submit to the Chief a possible question for the survey.
- Chief Smith introduced the idea of extending "300 Duty" to Volunteer officers in the District. This duty would include extra training and a stipend. The idea was received favorably.
- The research on a 5 person board has shown that a 5 person board may not be as efficient as a 3 person board for the size of District 3. The Chief proposed a survey of other Districts who have moved to a 5 person board.
- The EMS Response Rig specs are almost complete. The EMS segment of District #3 is growing and will soon be going through a period of redefinition.
- With the purchase of the house and lot adjacent to the Clinton Station a sleeper program will be established and tested. The daytime response of fire fighters remains a concern to the Board and Officers.
- The Board and Chief wanted the volunteers to clearly understand that the District is not planning on paid firefighters until such time that the volunteer programs are not capable of sustaining quality service for the public.

IV. Varia - No Varia

V. Executive Session (if needed) - no Executive Session.

VI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

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Paula Schuler
District Secretary