



NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes: 3/11/2025

Present: Commissioners Paul Severson, John Inch, Kelley McIntosh, and Dan Kewish.
Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave

Zoom: Commissioner Bob Miller

Absent: None

Guests: Lt. Jeff Yates and D Shift

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes from the February 2025 meetings were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve meeting minutes; Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed. Chief Bakken noted a large expense, Sea-Western, Inc., for purchasing new hoses that will be reimbursed by our AFG funding.

Commissioner Inch moved to approve Voucher Numbers 250301001 to 250301091 for \$574,328.53. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

South MIHP Expansion: Chief Bakken shared that the Mobile Integrated Health Program will officially expand to the south end of Mason County on Monday, March 31st. This is in partnership with South Mason Fire, Central Mason Fire, CHOICE, and Mason General. Services will be based out of Station 4-4. Walk-in appointments will not be accepted; referrals will come through South Mason Fire and Mason General Hospital.

CRT Recruitment and Training: Chief Bakken announced the launch of Community Response Team (CRT) recruitment efforts for the Tahuya area. An informational meeting will be held on

April 17th at Station 81. Carl Bryant (COC) and FF/EMT Elli Lechner are leading the initiative. Training is scheduled to begin between May and June, with a goal of recruiting 20–25 new CRT members.

Pancake Breakfast (March & April): Chief Bakken thanked the North Mason Firefighters Association for their support in hosting two upcoming pancake breakfasts. March 29 at Station 21 and April 26 at Station 81 (Opening Day of Fishing Season – starts at 6:00 AM)

PA Precepting Program: Chief Bakken shared that the NMRFA has been selected as a preceptor site for the University of Washington’s Physician Assistant program. PA-C Adam Boyd will begin mentoring a PA student next month as part of this partnership.

Olympic College Nursing: Students: In a similar partnership, Olympic College nursing students will have the opportunity to shadow the MIHP team for a one-day field experience during the next academic quarter.

Mason County Public Health Contract: Chief Bakken discussed a new partnership with Mason County Public Health, which recently received UW funding to provide services to underserved populations. The NMRFA is supporting the initiative through its MIHP providers under a short-term contract focused on rapid testing and care linkage while MCPH establishes its own program.

Kitsap Fire Academy: Chief Bakken announced that three NMRFA members—Tuesday Palmer, Connor Taylor, and Chynna Borcharding—will begin the 15-week Kitsap Fire Academy program this month.

Mason County EMT Graduation: The Mason County EMT graduation ceremony will be held on April 14 at 6:00 PM at North Mason High School. Chief Bakken commended NMRFA Paramedic Robert Collamore for his outstanding work as the lead instructor for this cohort.

Old Fire Station 21 Update: Chief Bakken reminded the board that August 2025 will mark two years into the 10-year lease agreement for the old Station 21 property. Per the lease terms, rental payments will begin in September 2025.

Northwest Leadership Conference Recap: Assistant Chief Cooper expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Northwest Leadership Conference. He noted the experience was inspiring and provided valuable networking and professional development.

WFCA Conference - Commissioner McIntosh noted the following upcoming events:

- April 5th at Suquamish Clearwater Resort
- Region 9 Meeting – April 12th at Central Mason's Grapeview Station
- Chelan Conference – June 7th

Command Car Arrival: Assistant Chief Cooper reported that the new command vehicle is nearly ready for service, pending installation of a few final parts.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Recognition: Chief Bakken took a moment to recognize Lieutenant Jeff Yates for his 20 years of dedicated service to the North Mason Regional Fire Authority. Chief Bakken presented Lt. Yates with a commemorative 20-year service plaque and pin, expressing sincere appreciation for his commitment and contributions over the past two decades. He noted that Lt. Yates has been an invaluable asset to the organization and that the NMRFA is fortunate to have him as a long-standing member of the team.

Introduction Donna Short, LPN: Moved to April Meeting

Federal Funding and Legislative Updates: Chief Bakken provided a brief update on the current status of several federal programs:

- The National Fire Academy has been placed on hold, with no indication of when it may resume.
- The agency is anticipating changes to the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) funding; however, no official guidance or details have been released at this time.
- The SAFER Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which was expected to be posted, has not yet been released. Staff are continuing to monitor developments and will provide updates as information becomes available.

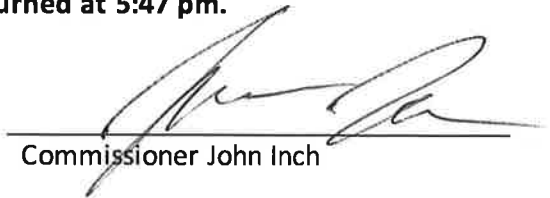
Public Comment: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Kewish moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

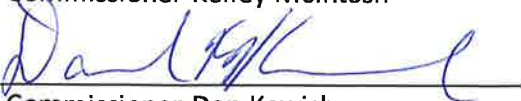


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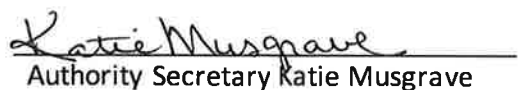
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