



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 10/14/2025

Present: Commissioners Bob Miller, Kelley McIntosh, Dan Kewish and John Inch
Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Musgrave

Zoom: Commissioner Paul Severson

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

Meeting minutes from the September 2025 were presented and reviewed. **Commissioner Inch moved to approve meeting minutes; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed by the Board. Chief Bakken noted the payment to JH Kelly for the solar project, Door Systems Plus and 5 sets of bunker gear were purchased to replace expiring gear.

Commissioner Severson moved to approve Voucher Numbers 251001001 to 251001104 for \$866,621.98. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

AFG Grant Award-Therma Imaging Cameras: Chief Bakken noted that the NMRFA was awarded a micro-grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras to be used on first-out rigs. He thanked Captain Rhead for his efforts and work in securing the grant.

AWC Award-City of Shelton: Chief Bakken shared that the City of Shelton, in partnership with NMRFA, was awarded grant funding through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The funding will support the creation of a Peer Support Specialist position within the Mobile

Integrated Health Program (MIHP). This position will serve the central and south regions of the county.

Camera Installation – Stations 81, 82, and 83: Chief Bakken provided an update that security cameras have been installed at Stations 81, 82, and 83. He thanked Community Outreach Coordinator Carl Bryant for completing the installation.

Fire Prevention Week: Chief Bakken noted that Fire Prevention Week was observed October 5–11. NMRFA held a smoke alarm giveaway in partnership with McLendon’s Hardware and conducted a social media campaign to promote fire safety awareness.

Mindy Bishop Return: Chief Bakken shared that MIHP Provider Mindy Bishop has returned from her reserve training in Oklahoma and has resumed serving patients in the North Mason community.

South MIHP Provider Hiring:

Chief Bakken provided an update on the South MIHP Provider position, noting that an offer has been made and accepted by Melissa Nunez. She will be a great addition to the team. Two other interviews and ride-alongs were conducted during the selection process. Melissa’s start date is scheduled for November 17.

Tuesday Palmer Hiring: Chief Bakken announced that Firefighter Tuesday Palmer has been offered a full-time position. She has been assigned to A-Shift. Tuesday began her service as a volunteer and recently completed the Fire Academy. Congratulations to Tuesday on joining NMRFA as a full-time member and continuing her career in the fire service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Ferris Retirement Announcement WFCA: Commissioner McIntosh shared that Roger Ferris will be retiring and will be honored at the upcoming Fire Commissioners Conference. Chief Bakken noted that this is a significant loss for the Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA), as Roger has dedicated many years to supporting the organization and its mission.

EMS Transport Rates: Chief Bakken requested a review and approval of the updated EMS Transport Rates. He noted that there are no changes to the existing transport rates; however, an updated *Treat and Refer* rate has been added. This rate allows NMRFA to bill Medicaid (not the patient) for non-transport incidents in which patients are referred to medical providers or the MIHP team for follow-up care. The established fee for this service is \$115.34.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the EMS Transport Rates as presented; Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MACECOM 2026 Budget: Chief Bakken shared that he recently met with Joe Schmidt regarding a potential rate adjustment with MACECOM. It appears that rates will decrease rather than increase as originally discussed. The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will need revision to reflect the updated terms. Chief Bakken also noted that MACECOM currently has 17 dispatchers on staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner McIntosh thanked Chief Bakken for conducting CPR training for the Mason County Search and Rescue team.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

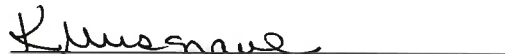
Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch



Commissioner Bob Miller



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave