

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3 **Penny Farcy Training Center**  
4 August 8, 2007

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6 This is the regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting, which was rescheduled to Wednesday,  
7 August 8, 2007.

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9 Commissioner Turner called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Commissioners present  
10 were Turner, Hoffmann, Sommers and Nielsen.

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12 Welcoming Remarks

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14 All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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16 Minutes

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18 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the minutes for July 10, 2007 as amended.  
19 Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in  
20 favor.

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22 Voucher Approval

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24 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner  
25 Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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27 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW42.24.080 and  
28 those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been  
29 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date,  
30 August 8, 2007, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below and  
31 payroll expenses for \$154,443.35.

32 Vouchers 700021 – 700063 for the amount of \$4,980.00

33 Vouchers 700064 – 700084 for the amount of \$43,336.64

34 Vouchers 700085 – 700095 for the amount of \$14,560.14

35 Vouchers 700096 – 700107 for the amount of \$13,383.70

36 Vouchers 800000 – 800012 for the amount of \$12,373.75

37 Vouchers 800012 – 800029 for the amount of \$11,065.82

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39 Amendments to agenda

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41 Chief Yamane added Firefighter Overtime and SOG 1007 on volunteer reimbursement  
42 for the first reading.

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46 Correspondence

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2 There were thank you notes from June Dinsmore, the Nishiyori family, and Mr. and Mrs.  
3 Robert Hallowell included in the Commissioner packet.

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5 Volunteer Representative Comments

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7 Charlie Krimmert had no comment.

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11 There was no comment from the paid staff.

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13 Chief's Report

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15 Chief Yamane reported that firefighters participated in the Camp Sealth day camp and the  
16 Vashon Island Community Church for their Vacation Bible School "Make a Splash" day.  
17 The next Commissioners' meeting is August 21, 2007. Paramedic Huffman and Nielsen  
18 passed their probationary exams and were taken off probation. The physical agility test for  
19 the upcoming Recruit Academy was held on Saturday August 5, 2007, and the following  
20 members helped: Wolf, Becker, Morris, Bredice, Coronado, McCarthy and Everett.

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22 Chief Yamane reported that Tim McGuigan from the Washington State Ferries (WSF)  
23 said that VIFR is eligible for priority loading when returning from an emergency call.  
24 Chief Yamane talked to Roger Ferris, Executive Secretary of the Washington Fire  
25 Commissioners' Association, about negotiations with WSF; Chief Yamane reported that  
26 the Washington State Transportation Commission, which is responsible for setting fees  
27 for the ferry and roads system, passed a law giving emergency response vehicles free  
28 crossing on the new Narrows toll bridge. Ferris hopes that this will set a precedent to  
29 allow emergency responders to travel free on the ferries and will pursue this in his  
30 negotiations with WSF. Chief Yamane will be off-island this weekend.

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32 Finance Report June 2007

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34 District Secretary, Maridee BonaDea went over expense items that were over 50% and  
35 asked the Commissioners if they had any questions.

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37 Commissioner Turner asked Mikhael Schlossman, who arrived late, if he wanted to say  
38 anything as the volunteer representative. Mr. Schlossman said that the volunteers  
39 appreciate things like the t-shirts and the verbal appreciation they receive from the  
40 citizens, the administration, and the Commissioners.

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Committee updates

Battalion Chief Coll reported that the Volunteer Committee has been on a summer break and she is getting together a written report on the committee summarizing what the committee has done so far.

Chief Yamane sent out an email announcing a meeting for the communications committee and has heard back from only three members, which has been one of the problems with committee.

Rick Wallace of the Finance committee has been gathering information for a BLS transport fee report.

Recruit Academy Budget

Commissioner Sommers added this to the agenda because she wanted to discuss where the money for the recruit academy would be coming from. Battalion Chief Coll said that she was working on an estimate for the academy for 17 people and if all the applicants pass the screening there will be 20 participants. Chief Yamane said that the information will be available at the next meeting.

Volunteer Contracts

Commissioner Sommers wanted to review the volunteer contracts.

**New Business**

Resolution – King County EMS Levy

Commissioner Sommers stated that all the Fire Commissioner candidates at the forum last night were supportive of the EMS levy.

Commissioner Sommers moved to adopt Resolution 07-287 declaring support for the King County EMS Levy for 2008 – 2013; Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Mikhael Schlossman stated that he has a friend at King County who expressed their gratitude to Chief Yamane and Assistant Chief Kirk for all their support during the EMS levy hearings. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

Purchase order process

Commissioner Sommers said that this was her agenda item and was fine with dropping it.

Volunteer Report

1 Commissioner Sommers had asked for a volunteer report. Battalion Chief Coll compiled  
2 several reports with different information. Battalion Chief Coll reported that there are 62  
3 volunteers on the roster; three are on a leave of absence; and 20 have received letters for  
4 non compliance with requirements. There are 29 on-island volunteers and 33 off-island  
5 volunteers.

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8 Firefighter Overtime

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10 Chief Yamane explained that the bulk of the firefighter overtime was due to several  
11 changes in firefighter personnel. The firefighter overtime was at 87.7% of the budget at  
12 the end of June (50% of the year). If the overtime for the firefighters leaving or being  
13 promoted as well as the firefighter who took several sick leave days for the birth of his  
14 child were removed from the overtime expenses, the overtime would be at 49.86% for the  
15 year, which is well within budget. He also said informed the Commissioners that there  
16 will be another firefighter who will probably be out for the rest of the year, which will  
17 also have some impact.

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19 SOG 1007 - Volunteer Reimbursement

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21 Chief Yamane presented SOG 1007 covering volunteer reimbursement for the first  
22 reading before approval next month. The SOG was compiled by the Volunteer  
23 Committee, headed up by Battalion Chief Coll. The SOG will be posted for review and  
24 comments.

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26 General Comments

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28 Commissioner Nielsen said he will miss the August 21, 2007 meeting.

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30 For the Good of the Order

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32 Paul Stoddard asked a question about the firefighter overtime.

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34 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW  
35 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee and RCW 42.30.140 to  
36 discuss union contract negotiations after a short recess. The executive session will last 30  
37 minutes and a decision may be made. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All  
38 Commissioners present voted in favor.

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40 The executive session started at 9:00 PM. At 9:30 PM the executive session was  
41 extended for thirty minutes. At 10:00 PM the executive session was extended for twenty  
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44 The regular session was called back to order at 10:20 PM.

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1 Commissioner Sommers moved to authorize Commissioner Nielsen to write a letter to  
2 Firefighter Daron Buxton on the conditions of his leave of absence. Commissioner  
3 Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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5 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded  
6 the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor. The regular session ended at  
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9 Maridee BonaDea  
10 District Secretary

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