

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

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

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9 Welcoming Remarks

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

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13 Minutes

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15 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the minutes for August 21, 2007 as amended.
16 Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Sommers, Turner and Hoffmann voted
17 in favor; Nielsen and Jennings abstained because there were not at the last meeting.

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19 Vouchers

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21 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner
22 Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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24 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW42.24.080 and
25 those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been
26 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date,
27 September 4, 2007, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below
28 and payroll expenses for \$166,494.03.

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30 Vouchers 800107 – 800121 for the amount of \$8,311.03

31 Vouchers 800122 – 800130 for the amount of \$13,839.17

32 Vouchers 900000 – 900011 for the amount of \$9,683.03

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34 Amendments to agenda

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36 Commissioner Turner removed BLS Transport and added the Seligs' letters.

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38 Correspondence

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40 There was no correspondence.

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42 Volunteer Representative Comments

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44 No one was present.

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46 Paid Staff Representative Comments

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2 Assistant Chief Kirk handed out the response report for July 2007 from the last meeting.
3 Assistant Chief Kirk reported that were several District thank you notes, one was to
4 Barbara Cooper who is very resourceful and has setup a way to print our own business
5 cards in house, and found a vendor for fire prevention education material to take to the
6 schools.

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8 Battalion Chief Coll informed the Commissioners that Vashon Island Fire & Rescue
9 hosted a rope rescue class. The class went for 26 hours and the District now has 12
10 additional people who are qualified for rope rescue. Battalion Chief Coll plans on doing
11 quarterly drills to keep peoples skills current.

12 13 Chief's Report

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15 The annual disaster drill will be on October 13, 2007, Chief Kirk and Rick Wallace are
16 working together on the drill; The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for
17 September 18, 2007 and will include the first presentation for the 2008 budget; the annual
18 Open House will be held Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Station 55; Last Friday the District
19 sent a crew with the brush truck to a state mobilization in the Wilson Creek area; there
20 were 30 calls this week.

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22 Commissioner Sommers wanted the Commissioners at some future date to discuss where
23 the District wanted to go with Disaster Preparedness.

24 25 **Old Business**

26 27 Recruit Academy Budget

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29 Chief Yamane reported on the direct and indirect cost of the recruit academy.
30 Commissioner Jennings moved to make the changes to the 2007 budget as outlined in the
31 memo dated September 4, 2007, that itemizes the transfers totaling \$21,925.00 from
32 different budget line items to the Recruit Academy budget line. Commissioner Sommers
33 seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. A copy of the memo is
34 attached.

35 36 Washington State Ferries Negotiations

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38 Chief Yamane talked to Washington State Ferries (WSF) and there were two issues under
39 discussion, one for priority loading and the other regarding VIFR getting free transport on
40 the ferries for our emergency vehicles. The WSF suggested to Chief Yamane that he to
41 sign the proposed agreement and then negotiate the agreement to get free fares.

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43 Commissioner Jennings commented that signing the current agreement from WSF was
44 giving up the District's only leverage for further negotiations.

1 Bobbie Lewis a private citizen believes this is very important and concurred with
2 Commissioner Jennings.

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4 Commissioner Turner suggested contacting the Governor to let her know what our issues
5 are and what we would like to see.

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7 Commissioner Jennings thought contacting the Governor was not be a bad idea.

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9 Commissioner Sommers thought we should wait a little longer to see what results
10 Washington Fire Commissioner Association Executive Secretary, Roger Ferris' letter
11 producers and what his recommendations are. Commissioners concurred on this.

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13 SOG 1007 Volunteer Reimbursement

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15 Chief Yamane said that during the review period for SOG 1007, only Commissioner
16 Turner submitted some feedback. The copy with Commissioner Turner's edits was
17 included in the Commissioners' packet.

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19 Commissioner Nielsen said the District asks a volunteer to interrupt their daily life and
20 then in the revised SOG VIFR says we won't pay them the \$50 for a transport to the
21 Fauntleroy dock, he doesn't think that's the right way to treat volunteers.

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23 Commissioner Jennings said that it is impossible to create equity here; the unstated thing
24 is that most would rather go to a fire response than do an EMS transport.

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26 Battalion Chief Coll said that the distinction between the \$50 to a medical facility and
27 \$10 to Fauntleroy dock was a recommendation from the Volunteer Committee.

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29 Chief Yamane said that another difference in the revised SOG is that volunteers will be
30 paid for an 8, 16, or 24 hour duty shift.

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32 Resolution 07-288 Volunteer Reimbursement

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34 Commissioner Jennings suggested editing the resolution in the use of the terms
35 compensation, reimbursement and stipend to make it consistent in both the resolution and
36 SOG 1007. Also he asked about the term "one unit" of reimbursement and suggested that
37 the resolution and SOG both be rewritten to reflect units of service rather than dollar
38 amounts. One unit of service will pay \$10. All the Commissioners agreed with this and
39 the rewritten SOG and resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

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41 Seligs' letters of Commendation

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43 Commissioner Jennings moved to approve sending the commendation letters dated
44 September 4, 2007 to Lynn and Jim Selig with all the Commissioners signatures.
45 Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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1 Chief Yamane said the District still plans to have a celebration when Jim and Lynn are in
2 town.

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4 **New Business**

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6 **Grants**

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8 Commissioner Sommers said that there was a Department of Home Land Security
9 (DHLS) SAFER Grant for retention and recruitment of volunteers. This grant does not
10 require that the District provide any matching funds. She read the grant proposal.
11 Commissioner Jennings suggested that Assistant Chief Kirk with his administrative back
12 ground look into writing grants. Assistant Chief Kirk said that he has not written grants.
13 Commissioner Sommers said that this DHLS Grant was available for application every
14 year or every other year. Commissioner Sommers said she has written grants and would
15 be willing to help the District write grants.

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17 **General Comments**

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19 Battalion Chief Coll said she keeps an eye out for classes in the area and saw a class for
20 grant writing, which she was willing to attend.

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22 Alice Larsen said that some times the meeting was too informal and too rushed not giving
23 Board members time for discussion.

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25 Battalion Chief Coll asked if volunteers for the recruit academy should be paid points for
26 their time in recruit academy since SOG 1007 was not passed. Commissioners agreed
27 that the contract the new recruits were signing superseded the current SOG 1007 and that
28 the updated SOG 1007 will be passed at the next Commissioners' meeting.

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30 **For the Good of the Order**

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32 Commissioner Sommers announced that the annual Washington Fire Commissioners'
33 Association conference is coming up in late October and will be held in Pasco,
34 Washington. She encouraged Commissioners to attend.

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36 Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW
37 42.30.110 (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public
38 officer or employee and (g) to review the performance of a public employee. The
39 executive session will last 30 minutes and no decision will be made. Commissioner
40 Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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42 The executive session started at 8:35 PM and ended at 9:05 PM; no decision was made.

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44 Commissioner Turner called the open public meeting back to order.

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1 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded
2 the motion. The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

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4 Maridee BonaDea

5 District Secretary

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