



PUGET SOUND MARINE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

Fire Departments

Anacortes Bainbridge Island
Bellingham Bremerton
Edmonds
Everett
Olympia
Port Angeles Seattle
Tacoma

Department of Ecology

Foss Maritime Inlandboatmen's Union

Marine Response Alliance

NPFVOA
Vessel Safety Program

Olympic College

Pacific Merchant
Shipping Association

Washington State Ferries

Washington State
Department of Ecology

Washington State
Maritime Cooperative

Western States
Petroleum Association

ADVISORY PANEL DHS FEMA

OSHA

Public Member at Large Recreational Boaters

Association State Fire Marshals Office

U.S. Coast Guard

Washington Public Ports
Association

Commission Members Present:

Andy Collins
CDR Lee Bacon
Chief Willy Barrington
Christopher Baugues
Lt Noah Katka
Tim Lupher
Dan Mustard
Derrell Sharp
Arel Solie

Seattle Fire Department
USCG Sector Puget Sound
Seattle Fire Department
LSS Lead, Customs and Boarder Protection
Seattle Fire Department
USCG Sector Puget Sound,
City of Bremerton Fire Department
Port Angeles Fire Department
Washington State Patrol

Others Present:

Todd Duke
Brian Dykens
Patrick Gallagher
Kyle Higgins
Dean Johnston
Michael Lingrey
Chris Lombard
Mike Moore
Danielle Ogden
Robert Poole
Luke Schultz
Rolf Schumann
Dan Smith
Brian Tracer
John Veentjer
Debra Walker-Goedhard
Eric Wilmarth

Resolve Marine
USCG Sector Puget Sound
Marine Exchange
Kirkland Fire Department/Resolve Marine Group
USCG Sector Puget Sound
Everett Fire Department
Seattle Fire Department
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
CBP LSS
WSPA
Seattle Fire Department Fireboats
East Jefferson Fire & Rescue
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue
East Jefferson Fire & Rescue
Marine Exchange of Puget Sound
Marine Exchange of Puget Sound
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

The February, 2022, Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Lt Noah Katka at 1003.

Introductions followed.

PRESENTATION - RESOLVE MARITIME:

Guest speaker Todd Duke gave a presentation on Resolve Marine highlighting their experience and capabilities and their responses on recent projects. Todd answered questions and let the group know that anyone interested in learning more about Resolve Marine may contact Todd Duke or Captain Kyle Higgins of Kirkland Fire. Todd let Noah Katka know that when possible, he would get approval to share his presentation.

FINANCIAL REPORT/DUES:

Andy Collins confirmed the account balance. He recommended pausing dues collection until a board is elected and can decide on recommendations for specific uses for existing and future funds. He noted that the only expense the group has is for the Marine Exchange for website hosting and administrative assistance.

TRAINING:

FPAAC Marine Consortium in Portland is sending a group down to TEEX (part of Texas A&M) to train and Noah Katka is working with FPAAC to if some local members may be part of that training. Hopefully PSMFC can help fund that with port security grant money, if permissible. This will take place later in the fall so there is time to work that out.

Eric Wilmarth has been helping direct drills between regional fire departments and the Navy at Vigor Shipyard in Seattle. There may be opportunities where the Navy could fund these drills so Everett, Seattle and Portland are working with the Navy to make this a reality. Andy Collins will keep the group updated on this.

TRAINING OUTSIDE LOCAL PORTS:

Noah Katka and Eric Wilmarth have been discussing sending regional firefighters to training that the Navy goes through. Of interest are schools in San Diego, one for sailors fighting fires aboard their ships and Federal Fire which has a live fire school. They have begun reaching out to the appropriate chiefs in San Diego to see how to make this a reality and increase understanding of what the Navy does. Eric Wilmarth has put the request in for funding and hopes to make it easily available when needed.

UPCOMING DRILLS:

There are drills coming up March 22, April 13, 19, 21, and Noah Katka extended an invitation to the group to be part of these. He pointed out that these drills will encompass an educational component where prior to the drill they will review some basics and learn about navigational access, water supply issues and integration, not only with the Navy but with other groups that will be involved. This will create a much more realistic and dynamic drill.

He added that Vigor Shipyard, based on lessons learned from the Bonhomme Richard fire, is offering the option of doing hot work in their in the shipyard and actually putting hose line with a cellar nozzle in the dry dock. Anyone interested in training and obtaining port security grant funding for their department contact him at: Noah.Katka@seattle.gov.

ELECTION:

Noah Katka briefed the group on the selection process for nominees to the board. Andy Collins gave an overview of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission which included terms and conditions of governance for the board. The 5 nominees were:

Chief Mustard, Bremerton
Chief Lingrey, Everett
Chief Barrington, Seattle
Chief Law, Tacoma
Chief Luke Carpenter (Ret), Washington State Fire Training Academy

Andy Collins opened the floor to other nominations and hearing none asked if anyone else was interested in serving or wanted to nominate someone. After discussion it was decided that Kyle Higgins, Kirkland Fire Department/Resolve Marine Group, will participate in the board in an advisory position.

The floor was opened to vote and all nominees were elected unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE

Dean Johnston, with the Response Department Incident Management Division, reported they have opened up federal projects to assist locally from their side and are able to bring in some national level assets and resources, such as stabilities review or strike teams if needed, to augment and contribute during responses. They work with communities, state counties, cities and first responders to make sure that response postures and plans are in sync to facilitate cooperation with industry.

He briefly explained Northwest Area Contingency Plan and let group know the plan is located on the [USCG homeport website](#) and on the [Northwest Area Contingency Plan Mutual Response Team 10 website](#) for those along the Columbia River. They intend to update the plan this year and will be reaching out for input to help build it up.

The next area committee meeting is July 12 at 0900. Mr. Johnston put his email (christopher.d.johnston@uscg.mil) in the chat area and asked the group to let him know if anyone is not currently getting information for the area contingency plan in the coastal zone so he can add them to the distribution list.

Tim Lupher let the group know that port security grants funding should be opening up in the next three or four months. Tim will make sure that Andy Collins receives notice so he can send it out to the community as a whole and recommended leveraging this funding from a regional aspect. Andy and Tim will discuss avenues for streamlining how port grant funding is received.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1133.

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Debra Walker-Goedhard
Recorder