



# 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	Seattle Fire Department
Lt Noah Katka	Seattle Fire Department
Dan Mustard	City of Bremerton Fire Department
Derrell Sharp	Port Angeles Fire Department

## Others Present:

Patrick Gallagher	Marine Exchange
Michael Lingrey	Everett Fire Department
Chris Lombard	Seattle Fire Department
Brian Tracer	East Jefferson Fire & Rescue
Read, Russ	Port of Seattle
Captain Chris Perry	Tacoma Fire, Marine Division
Mike Mock	
David Michaelsen	
Greene, Chris	
Derrell Sharp	
Sean Merrill	
Chad Boulay	
Chris Ritter	
Sara Zeman	Admin: Marine Exchange

The October 2022, Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Chief Mustard at 1001.

Introductions followed.

**WELCOME AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

Chief Mustard brought to discussion what days and times would be best for future meetings. It was decided that future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each quarter through 2023 unless issues arise.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Chris Ritter of Bremerton Fire discussed the Spirit of Norfolk fire stating it was almost the biggest marine incident in the US, but it is lacking discussion because no injuries or fatalities occurred. Chris Ritter stated that it is a matter of if not when a large incident occurs and highlighted a proposed plan for a well-trained team for marine response.

Lt. Katka added that the proposition is similar to one in Portland which is funded by a small tax for vessels coming up the Columbia. A tax in Washington for a response team has been mentioned and working to be discussed.

Russ Read added that Washington Public Ports or Olympia would be good contacts for such a proposal as opposed to the Port of Seattle. Read will pass the discussion along to the governmental affairs department and email Chief Mustard once he has received a response.

**REGIONAL TRAINING OVERVIEW:**

Lt. Katka reported that a two-day course with Tacoma, Everett, Seattle, the Coast Guard and the Navy occurred in September, and models for further two-day courses for 2023 are being drafted. Katka expressed hopes to get local instructors help to with those courses and once the dates for them are finalized he will send out the information and follow up with stakeholders.

Katka also reported that the logistics for a Command Course are still being worked through and that the Seattle Fire Department did not receive the Port Security Grant. Russ Reed commented on the significance of that lack of funding and added that the need for support has been a discussion circulating the community.

**NAVY 8010 MEETING WITH SES:**

Captain Collins reported that there is a meeting scheduled next week with **Brian Bushtole** in hopes to leverage future responses including expectations of the manual, intent of drills and drill logistics.

Chris Greene added that the Biden Infrastructure Deal has not yet been exhausted and another version of it will be coming out. He highlights that it is an opportunity to tap into something new in the energy sector and possibly build an energy response program. Captain Collins has his full report and those interested can reach out.

Russ Reed discussed how current marine response reimbursement regarding federal funds operates, and Captain Collins requested that a Coast Guard guest speaker be recruited to further delve into the topic. Russ Reed will send out a possible contact for said speaker.

**STAKEHOLDER UPDATES:**

No discussion.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

No discussion.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 1052. Dates for the 2023 meetings will be January 10<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

/s/

Sara Zeman  
Recorder