



# PUGET SOUND MARINE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

## Fire Departments

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

Foss Maritime

Inlandboatmen's Union

Marine Response Alliance

NPFVOA  
Vessel Safety Program π

Olympic College

Pacific Merchant  
Shipping Association π

Washington State Ferries

Washington State  
Department of Ecology

Washington State  
Maritime Cooperative

Western States  
Petroleum Association π

## 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:

Noah Katka  
Gilbert Barthe  
Andy Collins  
Michael Lingrey

Seattle Fire Department  
Tacoma Fire Department  
  
Everett Fire Department

## Others Present:

Kelly Snoden  
Ish Looney  
Brian Sinausky  
Andy Collins  
Steve Kelly  
Shawn Raymond  
Tim Lupher  
Kash Christopher  
Sara Thompson  
Trish Janzen  
David Michaelson  
Chris Perry

WA Dept. of Ecology  
USGC  
WA Dept. of Ecology  
Seattle Fire

WA Dept. of Ecology

Tacoma Fire Department

Sara Zeman

Admin: Marine Exchange

The February 2023 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Chief Gilbert Barthe at 1004.

Introductions followed.

Chief Barthe began the meeting with an introduction of the commission and a welcome.

**Sept. 2023 Full-Scale Exercise Review:**

Battalion Chief Andy Collins reviewed the 2023 September exercise scenario, participating agencies, activities and overall takeaways. Waterside rescue and hull cooling were both practiced alongside interagency communications and the adjacent interagency unified command structure.

**Regional Training & Grant Funding Status:**

Captain Noah Katka reported on regional training that has been ongoing. This included the November CO2 training, the December Navy/Port of Everett/Everett Fire training, and January's large Chapter 13 drill.

Katka reported that a large portion of these regional trainings have been grant-funded and the typical Port Security Grant funding is becoming much harder to receive. Some other programs have implemented fee structures and discussions of this, and other feasible funding options, are continuing.

**January Everett Navy Drill:**

Chief Michael Lingrey reported on the January Chapter 13 drill on Naval Base Everett. Partners from Seattle and local county responding departments were included in the training. Lingrey highlighted the fire scenario, response challenges and lessons learned. Communication and command structure challenges were key points similar to the trainings highlighted above.

**STAKEHOLDER UPDATES:**

David Michaels reported that Everett will be bumping up their daily staff from 6 to 17 within the next two years to better accommodate needs including marine firefighting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Barthe reported that the board of directors meeting will be held immediately following to discuss the collection of dues and to hold the bi-annual election of officers.

Ish Looney reported that Washington State Ferries is working on an upcoming exercise but has no further information yet.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 1050. The next Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Meeting will take place on May 14, 2024.

/s/

Sara Zeman  
Recorder

## Board of Directors Meeting

### **Present:**

Noah Katka	Seattle Fire Department
Gilbert Barthe	Tacoma Fire Department
Sara Zeman	Marine Exchange of Puget Sound
Andy Collins	Seattle Fire
Chris Perry	Tacoma Fire Department
Michael Lingrey	Everett Fire Department
Shawn Raymond	

The February 2023 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Chief Gilbert Barthe at 1052.

### **Bi-Annual Officers Election:**

Chief Barthe opened up elections for nomination.

Captain Noah Katka nominated Chief Andy Collins, seconded by Barthe and approved by the board.

The board decided to keep Barthe as Vice-Chair for another term with no objections.

The board also decided to keep Michael Lingrey as Secretary & Treasurer for another term with no objections.

### **Dues:**

Sara Zeman reported that the last time dues were collected in 2019, they were set at \$150. Contacts for dues need to be updated before this collection process can proceed and clarification on who is to receive dues and at what amount dues will be set need to be decided.

The current bank account balance is just under \$4,000 with annual expenses being \$500 to the Marine Exchange, \$20 to the Secretary of State, and a current monthly bank account fee of \$15.

Collins opened up for input on how much could be paid by various departments toward membership. Numbers around \$200-\$500 were discussed but a decision will be held off until members can discuss with their departments.

### **ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 1106.

/s/

Sara Zeman  
Recorder