



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
Andy Collins

Seattle Fire Department
Seattle Fire Department

Others Present:

Rich Gale
Mike Mock
Aaron Patterson
Michael Lingrey
Russ Read
Joel McKeen
Brian Kirk
Ish Looney
Barthe Gilbert
Sarah Thompson
Christopher Perry
Steve Kelly
Kris Doughty
Patrick Gallagher
Eric Wilmarth
Millan Collins

Sara Zeman

Admin: Marine Exchange

The November 2024 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Chief Andy Collins at 1000.

Introductions followed.

BC Andy Collins began the meeting with a welcome and overview of the agenda.

NTSB Workgroup Update

Lt Aaron Patterson, Seattle Fire, reported on the NTSB Investigation of the Grand Costa D'Avorio Fire that occurred on July 5th, 2023. The U.S. Coast Guard was the lead investigator, but the American Maritime Services of NY, Ports America, IAFF, City of Newark, Port Authority of NY/NJ and Grimaldi Deep Sea were also involved.

The report has not yet been released, but the IAFF workgroup was comprised of members from FDNY, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue FL, LAFD, Long Beach Fire CA, and Seattle Fire and has submitted their review. The workgroup will be staying together to develop training for fire departments to address the unique hazards posed by large ships.

Firefighting Training Proposal

Lt Patterson highlighted an OSHA proposal that was put forward. This would include a community-based hazard assessment and lead to the creation of standards for response.

Security Grant Update & US Navy Marine Firefighting Drills Funding:

Capt. Noah Katka, Seattle Fire, reported that they did not receive the recent Port Security Grant and provided details on the feedback.

Eric Wilmarth shared that the Navy continues to have a need for joint training that had previously been funded by these grants and has now secured Navy funding for these joint exercises across the country. He highlighted the details of this funding and how it will be used & organized going forward.

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES & GOOD OF THE ORDER:

BC Collins shared the meeting dates for 2025

- February 11, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- September 9, 2025
- November 11, 2025 (to be rescheduled, Veterans Day)

Patrick Gallagher reported that it is likely the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee will be hosting the 2026 national convention, and it would be a great place to highlight marine firefighting efforts.

Christopher Perry shared interest in more focused zone response discussion on the committee, and a general discussion was held regarding better coordinating and continuing PSMFC efforts.

CLOSING REMARKS:

No comments.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 1050. The next Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Meeting will take place on February 11, 2025.

/s/

Sara Zeman
Recorder