



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
August 13, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad.  
District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich, Battalion Chief Jay Van  
Middendorp and District Administrator Jo Olson

**ABSENT:** Training Division Lieutenant David Moe, Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.,  
and Commissioner Larry Moore.

**GUESTS:**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

**Items signed by the Commissioners:**

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Invoice Vouchers
- Warrants in the amount of           \$10,039.09
- Payroll in the amount of           \$14,842.34

**July's Treasurer's Report:**

- Starting Balance:                   \$171,601.00
- Tax Receipts                       \$1,640.62
- Misc. Receipts                     \$85,649.00
- Warrants                           (\$43,829.85)
- Ending Cash Balance               \$215,060.77
- Investment Starting Balance      \$164,636.83
- Pool Investment Interest           \$52.27
- Total Cash & Investment Pool    \$379,697.60

**Bank of the Pacific Statement:**

Beginning Balance (7/01/2013)	\$2,054.86
Deposits/Misc Credits 14	\$14,440.49
Withdrawals/Misc Credits 5	\$14,665.78
Ending Balance (7/31/2013)	\$1,829.57

**Misc:**

- Warrants
  - Yorkston Fuel higher fuel cost discussed

**Correspondence:**

- correspondence reviewed
  - Notice on commissioners getting a raise was discussed
- Letter from the City of Sumas was discussed
  - Commissioner Graham will try to get clarification on some of the issues discussed
  - District Chief DeBruin and Commissioner Graham will meet with City of Sumas about the contract

**New Business:**

## EMS

- East County meeting was discussed but without Training Division Lieutenant Moe's input it was decided to discuss it at another time so he could participate

## More Volunteers needed

- Welcome Station
  - District Chief DeBruin is trying to get some student volunteers
  - He indicated we have had some great success with the students becoming great volunteers
  - Battalion Chief Hemmerich indicated participation has been better
- Kendall Station
  - Kendall numbers are pretty good right now but we always welcome new volunteers
- Sumas Station
  - Has some new student volunteers, they are working out well
- Commissioner Bjornstad asked if we should be actively trying to recruit volunteers.
  - District Chief DeBruin indicated he is always trying to recruit

## **Fire Station Reports:**

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
  - Sumas Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicates all is well at Sumas
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr., absent
  - District Chief DeBruin indicated all is going well here at Kendall
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich
  - Battalion Chief Hemmerich says there are no issues here at Welcome
  - Better participation from volunteers here at Welcome, as I indicated earlier
  - Hose testing has been done
  - District Chief DeBruin asked about grounds under the new sign at Welcome
    - Battalion Chief Hemmerich indicated at this time all that is needed is fresh bark and some trimming of the vine maple
- District Chief DeBruin reminds all of the Pumper Tanker Training on Monday, August 26, at Kendall
- District Chief DeBruin brought up the recent fires
  - Discussed was the dangerous conditions in the dark with all the stumps and water usage
  - Better helmet lighting for safety
  - Foam use cutting back on water usage

## **District Chief Jerry DeBruin:**

### Vacuum Splints:

- District Chief DeBruin talked with Sean Farnan about getting a vacuum splint out here for us to try out. I have not heard back from him as yet
- District Chief DeBruin also talked with different people in Bellingham about them and there have been some issues with them so maybe that's why I have not seen one out here yet
- District Chief DeBruin still has some concerns with the vacuum splints that will need to be reviewed - of course the cost of changing from our current ones and if there is a grant available for us to use

- Commissioner Bjornstad asked why we need to change from our current ones
  - District Chief DeBruin indicates these newer ones are stronger than the ones we have - they get puncture holes easily.
  - District Chief DeBruin says we do have patches available now for our current ones so we can patch ours as needed
  - Chief DeBruin does not think we necessarily need to change from our current one at this time

Commissioner Graham asked about T-92 and E-91-02

- District Chief DeBruin indicated T-92 has been not tested yet and indicated E-91-02 has another shipment of parts due in and when they are received, the work will begin on E-91-02

Commissioner Bjornstad asked about the new washing machine situation

- District Chief DeBruin indicates that he and Training Division Lieutenant Moe are still researching which machine will be best for the department

**Good of the Order:**

- District Chief DeBruin announced that Battalion Chief Cain Jr. said there is going to be a 70th birthday party for Frank Cain Sr. on Saturday September 7th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Battalion Chief Cain Jr.'s home, all are welcome
- District Chief DeBruin announced his daughter Amanda (a volunteer for the department) received a job offer from the City of Bellingham as a dispatcher for the Sheriff Department and Bellingham Police

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting will be at Kendall Station on September 10, 2013

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COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

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COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

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COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

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DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson