Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes
911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

August 27th, 2026

Present Attendees:
Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Jade Bourke, Larry Bartel.
Chief John Nohr, AC Ben Peeler. Finance Manager Brian Salsig. Recording Secretary Kaitlin Tester.

Flag Salute.

Award ceremony for Sabrina Taylor, Alexis DuBay, Jessie Dorsey.

Meeting called to order at 4:20 p.m.

- **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
  - None
- **CALL FOR LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
  - None
- **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - Mention by Commissioner Bartell, Seconded by Commissioner Bourke. All in favor.
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - Chief Nohr reports receiving thank you from LifeFlight for outstanding teamwork on a challenging and dynamic scene during care provided to the patients and extraction techniques utilized during the response to the airplane crash.
- **COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT**
  - Councilwoman Katie Favela, City of Ridgefield
    - Multicultural festival on September 5th
    - Farmers market on Saturday September 5th will host a pop-up history museum.
    - Gee Creek Loop project to address flooding and storm water issues in the neighborhood with install of flashing crosswalk
    - No update for S. Royle and Gee Creek culvert construction timeline
    - City of Ridgefield 2045, growth management 20-year comp plan update has been completed. For additional information, the plan is available here
    - Chief Doriot, Chief of Police, to be honored at the Ridgefield City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 27th.
- **STANDING COMMITTEES**
  - **Clark County Fire Risk Management Group**
    - None
  - **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**
    - None
  - **Finance Committee – Town/Bourke**
    - Official State Auditors entrance interview is being scheduled, Commissioner Bourke and Chief Nohr requests Tuesday, September 8th

- **Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers**
  - None
- **WFCA Region VIII – Bartel**
  - Region 8 meeting will be held October 6th in Napavine at 6:30 PM
- **Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke**
  - Chief Nohr is scheduling a meeting on September 16th and will ensure to discuss the Boards desire to meet regarding the contract
- **EMS District 2 – Bourke**
  - None
- **Port of Ridgefield – Bartel**
  - None
- **Commissioner Updates**
  - None

- **CHIEF REPORT-Chief Nohr**
  - Invites are extended to the Commissioners to the fire engine push-ins scheduled
    - Friday August 28th at Station 23 in La Center at 9:00 AM
    - Saturday August 29th at Station 29 in Woodland at 9:00 AM
  - Swearing in Ceremony on Monday, August 31st at 5:00 PM
    - 8 new firefighters
    - Ian Fagan promoted from Captain to Battalion Chief
    - Bryan Borrelli promoted from Firefighter to Captain
    - Jason Gardner promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal
  - Hidden Meadows Fire held at 12 acres, 30 fire resources from the county, several Chief officers on scene, Firefighter Joe Tone assigned as IC.
    - At the evacuation location, Airen Elizabeth functioned as PIO, C.A.R.E.S 21, 22, 23 attended to provide support.
    - Chief Nohr commends the efforts of the response and is very proud of the response.
    - Chief Peeler comments that CCFR is a very collaborative resource to all districts, Sherrif's office did an excellent job with evacuation.
  - Memorial Service Saturday at 2:00 PM for CCFR Cadet Trent Richardson, Engine 22 will attend.
  - Challenges with apparatus entry at Ridgefield High school posed challenges during football season.
    - Chief Nohr is requesting a single resource brush unit schedule during football games to ensure coverage during games.
  - Chief Nohr requests hiring an Owners Rep to ensure the upcoming construction plans are completed in the best interest of CCFR.
    - Commissioner Bartel reports that an Owners Rep was utilized for the building of Station 21 and Station 151.
- **PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES**
  - Commissioners are interested in attending Clark FD3 board meeting on September 23rd, or October 7th.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING**
  - Continuing to move forward with work from AC Peeler and AC Ryan to meet with their specialty groups.

- **360-REVIEW OF CHIEFS PERFORMANCE**
  - AC Peeler reported that Staff are working on developing a Fire Chief evaluation procedure. Staff will provide a draft of the procedure based on best practices to the Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.
- **CALL FOR LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
  - None
- **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
  - None

Meeting Adjourned 5:03 PM

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary