

Chief's Report: See [attached report](#) for a list of drills and responses.

Discussed the tragic search for a missing kayaker the past weekend; a body was not recovered. Chief Cole described the coordinated search and the volunteers and agencies involved in detail.

Chief Cole has been accepted at the National Fire Academy and is enrolled in Command and Control classes, she will be attending October 22-26. All expenses, except for \$134, will be reimbursed.

Middle of the night emergency calls are often delayed because the new ferry crew is reluctant to turn out. A meeting was held between the Public Works Manager, Rachel (who has been trying to mitigate the problem), Chief Cole and Anacortes Fire Chief Harris. Chief Cole volunteered to give the ferry crew our six older pagers with brand new batteries, so that they will hear about our call outs and what it means for the people involved. Rachel is also working with the county commissioners on some kind of agreement, which currently does not exist, that will involve the county, the Inland Boatman's Union and Skagit Fire 17, to ensure ferry service is available in emergencies. Letter to county commissioners that our fire commissioners are willing to participate and help make the case that we need mutual cooperation from the union employees on the Guemes ferry; in the near future establishing a contract perhaps on the order of the county sheriff's and other fire suppression districts.

The Burn Center's Addendum to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Districts 11, 13, and 17 was presented for the commissioners' signatures. There is a dispute about the previous user's lack of clean up, breakage not being repaired or reported, etc. We use the Burn Center approximately once a year and we are a partner. Legal advice will be sought via Enduris, our insurance carrier, about this document.

Fundraiser for ATV discussed. This was tabled for some time in the future, needing more research about specific vehicle makes, prices, and availability of used vehicles. Chief Cole will nail down specifics and report to the commissioners at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

- Letter to Skagit County Public Works regarding campfire bans on Skagit County Beaches. Skagit County Fire Marshal will have a sign maker contact Chief Cole about the number of signs needed and where we want them to be placed.
- Letter to Guemes Community Association regarding survey of property adjacent to the Community Stage. Commissioner Wertheimer will draft a letter and send it to the other commissioners for suggestions and approval.

New Business:

- A note of appreciation for the outstanding service at the Guemes Island Community Church on the anniversary of 9/11 that was led by Dan Burnett, Shannon Pierz and Chief Cole. It was a moving tribute and was much appreciated by those in attendance.

Next Resolution will be 456.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, Treasurer

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman