

# **SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8**

## **Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2025; 6:00 pm

### **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and accessible on Zoom. Commissioner Andy Rorie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Jeff Larsen (Via Zoom), Commissioner Lee C Boling, Interim Fire Chief Chris WYROBEK, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, HR Manager Renee Scacco, members of the District, and members of the public.

### **INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Rorie stated no comments were received via online or on the website.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK asked for an amendment to the agenda adding item 7D – Change Order for Station 85 (Action Required).

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve the Agenda as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 116517 through 116578 totaling \$893,896.83
- Electronic Payments 06/01/2025 – 06/30/2025 totaling \$ 698,311.73

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Wellness Coordinator:** Commissioner Rorie tabled this item until a new Chief is in place (expected 60-90 days).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FF/EMT Regalado Swearing in Ceremony:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK introduced Seth Regalado as the newest hire to recently graduated the Fire Academy; FF/EMT Regalado is currently serving his probationary period. FF/EMT Regalado was sworn in with Oath of Office.

At 6:05 PM Commissioner Rorie called for a short recess to celebrate FF/EMT Regalado.

Meeting reconvened at 6:17pm; continuing with new business.

**B. Resolution 25-06 Support of Bridge Naming – FF Traber:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek explained Resolution 25-06 supports naming the North Spokane Corridor bridge (crossing Rodgers Rd. on US-395) after Lt. Paramedic Cody Scott Traber. Lt. Traber served 18 years with Spokane County Fire District 9 and died in the line of duty on Aug. 26, 2021. Families, State Fire Commissioners, and regional agencies have also provided letters of support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen to approve Resolution 25-06 supports naming the North Spokane Corridor bridge (crossing Rodgers Rd. on US-395) after Lt. Paramedic Cody Scott Traber. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Letter of Support for SCFD9 ALS Trauma/Transport License:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek stated District 9 is seeking state approval for ALS trauma-verified transport license. District 9 intends to leave Ambulance Service Board (ASB) by July 31, 2026, moving to fire-based transport. Chief Wyrobek also noted additional transport capacity would benefit countywide EMS response.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen to approve the Board and Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek sign the letter of support. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Change Order for Station 85:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek advised the Board Station 85 required a hydrant, water, and gas line adjustments for fire suppression system; cost would be \$14,689.74. Chief Wyrobek noted since the change order was above \$10k single-occurrence spending limit, he is asking the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling to approve the expenditure of \$14,689.74. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORT:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek

**A. EMS Levy:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek stated the EMS Levy passed with 61% approval; higher than in April. Chief Wyrobek thanked our citizens, the Board, and Chief Rash for all their support. Commissioner Boling extended thanks to IAFF Local 3711 for their support. Commissioner Rorie all so thanked everyone for the quick turnaround and support. Chief Wyrobek also noted the certification is set for Aug. 19.

**B. Captain Promotional Process:** Interim Fire Chief Wyrobek shared four candidates tested, which included written exam, interviews, simulations, and public education demo. Chief Wyrobek noted Lt. Nate Hawley ranked first on the list and accepted the promotion to Captain; it will be effective Jan. 19. He also gave thanks to HR Manager Renee Scacco, our members, and partner agencies for their participation and contributions to the successful process.

**C. Probationary FF's Miranda and Motika:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK updated the board on FF/EMTs Martina Motika and Lucas Miranda successful completion of probation. He stated he will be scheduling meetings with them to gather feedback on the process.

**D. ASB Contract and Min/Max Assessment:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK stated the ASB and AMR entered new 3-year contract effective Aug. 1. Chief WYROBEK also noted District 9 departure in 2026 will not automatically reopen contract. Chief WYROBEK informed the board new transport rates would be approx. \$4,600 per transport; however, they are under review by DOH and Insurance Commissioner. Chief WYROBEK also commented that the Fire chiefs met with AMR to discuss public-private partnerships for efficiency. EMS Council will be new countywide council reviewing licensure expansion requests. Multiple agencies (Districts 3, 9, 10, Cheney Fire) pursuing ALS upgrades. Chief WYROBEK and MSO Chavez are on the committee for Min/Max and the Council decision is expected Oct. 2025; state approval by 2026.

**E. Insurance Renewal:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK noted coverage has been updated for apparatus, facilities, and contents; Station 85 & Maintenance 81 content coverage increased to \$150k; and VFIS to reassess building coverages post-projects.

**F. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK explained the hazard mitigation plan requires a 5-year review to maintain FEMA grant eligibility. Work includes tracking previous projects, identifying new strategies, collaborating with state/local partners. Funding uncertainty noted (federal training cuts).

**G. DRS Audit:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK shared with the board during a recent audit with DRS, it was revealed missing written verification of retirees' status. Four retired officials had not been reported as required. Corrective action: new verification form for all new hires/elected officials; retroactive reporting in progress.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT:** Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK

**A. None**

#### **DISTRICT SECRETARY:** Michelle Rodgers

**A. None**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. None**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:36 pm Commissioner Rorie requested an Executive Session for twenty-four minutes per **RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)** To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. And **RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)** that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposal made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Interim Fire Chief WYROBEK and HR Manager Renee Scacco joined the commissioners in the Executive Session.

At 7:00 pm, Commissioner Boling extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes.

At 7:15 pm Commissioner Rorie called the meeting back in session. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. CPR Save Pins; proposed for September meeting
- B. Captain Promotional Ceremony; proposed for September meeting
- C. Budget Workshop, September 16, 2025 @ 3:00PM
- D. November BoFC Meeting; date change TBD
- E. Special Meeting, August 22, 2025 @ 3:00PM

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

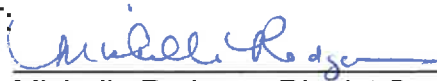
A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:21 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary