

**WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2018
McLane/Black Lake Fire Department
OLYMPIA, WA
10:00-12:00**

PRESENT:

OLYMPIC	Ben Andrews
CENTRAL	Leonard Johnson, Steve North
SOUTH PUGET SOUND	Tim McKern, Dan Smith
SOUTHWEST	Ben Peeler
MID-COLUMBIA	Phil Mosher, Kelly O'Brien
LOWER-COLUMBIA	John Sinclair
NORTHEAST	Randy Johnson
SOUTHEAST	Bob Gear, Mike Harris
WSP-FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU	Melissa Gannie, Dan Johnson, Chuck LeBlanc, Bill Slosson, Esther Hernandez
DNR	Aaron Schmidt
EMD	Chris Utzinger

GUESTS:

Dan Atchison (WSP), Tabitha Laird (EMD), Ryan Scharnhorst (Pullman), Don Melton (DNR), KC Whitehouse, Jeff Wainwright (WSCFF), Todd Graves (WA Fire Contractors)

AGENDA ITEMS

- ❖ January 2018 Meeting Minutes - M/S/P approved as distributed.
- ❖ Committee Membership
 - Sub-committee met to discuss WSCFF request to be added to FDC voting membership.
 - Sub-committee recommendation was to deny WSCFF request but add a WSCFF Wildfire Committee report as a standing agenda item. M/S/P to accept sub-committee recommendation.
- ❖ Legislative Update
 - Discussion on bill 2733 (Prescribed Burning Certification) and 6548 (Leg Task Force).
 - 2733 – requires DNR to train/certify persons as prescribed burners, DNR has concerns.
 - 6548 – Leg. task force to review fire administration , amended to lengthen timeline.
- ❖ Mobilization Plan Changes
 - Changes to sections 10, 16, and appendix C presented to FDC.
 - M/S/P to accept changes as presented. FPB staff to seek clarification from WSP Budget and Fiscal Services regarding specific language in Section 16. Bill will report back at March meeting.
- ❖ Additional Agenda Items
 - Discussion on billing for mobilization. Esther is contacting agencies who have not yet submitted invoices. Payments are approximately 94% complete.

REPORTS

- ❖ Fire Protection Bureau
 - Move to new headquarters building is complete. FPB is planning on having an Open House, date TBD.
- ❖ Emergency Management

- EMD is reviewing its notification procedures; including making sure regional coordinators on the west side of the state and all fire chiefs in coastal counties receive Tsunami alerts from the Alert & Warning Center.
- Amtrak derailment reimbursement requests are due to Chris Utzinger by COB 3/15/18. Requests have been received from 9 departments.
- EMD will be hiring a 3rd person to assist with FMAG.

- ❖ DNR
 - Planning 3 interagency academies in 3 locations (Deer Park, Yakima, Rainier) as in the last 2 years. DNR also exploring opportunities to deliver training locally to agencies whose personnel cannot attend interagency academy.

- ❖ Northwest Geo-Board
 - Due to some turnover in a number of agencies, Bill Slosson will be chairing the Geo-Board through September. John Szulc from BIA-Northwest will be the vice-chair. Geo-Board has established a rotation based on agencies. IMT training will be in Yakima March 19 – 22. Anyone attending is asked to register, as current hotel bookings exceed number of people registered for the conference. The Geo-Board will meet at the IMT training.

- ❖ PNWCG
 - PNWCG is experiencing the same turnover as the Geo-Board, Chuck Turley will be the chair through the remainder of the year. PNWCG Steering Committee will be establishing a rotation in a similar fashion as the Geo-Board.
 - PNWCG will hold its March meeting at the IMT training.
 - PNWCG has established that the theme for the 2018 fire season should be focused around taking care of our personnel, before, during, and after incidents. PNWCG has tasked a couple of its subcommittees with developing the tagline for that theme.

- ❖ Good of the Order – Strategy meeting for Western Washington Type 3 teams immediately following FDC meeting. Interested parties welcome to attend.

- ❖ Adjourn