

**Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Spokane County Fire Protection District 10  
929 South Garfield Road  
Airway Heights WA 99004  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2025

5:00 pm

Commissioner Hester called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Present**

Commissioner Gordon Hester, Commissioner Kevin Haughton, Commissioner Evan Lutz, Chief Don Malone, Assistant Chief Andres Steevens, and Administrative Director Christine Simmons.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as mailed.

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the June 3, 2025, meeting were approved as mailed.

Approval of Warrants/EFTs/ACHs processed 06/01/2025 through 06/30/2025 was approved.

Commissioner Hester made a motion to alter the agenda to allow the D.A. Davidson presentation to proceed before all other agenda items. Commissioner Lutz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

1. Jim Nelson from D. A. Davidson presented a general overview of bond financing as it relates to the purchase of land and building of a new station to replace Station 10-2.

**Chief's Report**

**Line of Duty Tragedy**

- Two fire personnel were killed and one critically injured while responding to a wildland fire.
- They served with **Kootenai Fire** and **Coeur d'Alene Fire**.
- A **moment of silence** will be observed in their honor and for their families.

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**Call Volume**

- **June Total Calls:** 150
- **Year to Date:** 873 (Tracking **10% higher** than this time last year)

**Breakdown:**

- EMS: 83
- Fires: 42 (including **17 Wildland Fires**)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA): 17
- Other: 8

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**Personnel Updates & Training**

- **Academy Graduation** – Completed successfully. 7 New members
- **Lieutenant Vacancy** – Posting will go out this month.
- **Public Education:**
  - Conducted **Wildland Ready Neighbors** surveys in the **Indian Bluff Neighborhood**.
  - Several **Providence EMT students** participated in ride-alongs.
- **Open House** – Well attended with an estimated **300–400 guests**.

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**Personnel & Operations**

- **Labor-Management Survey** – Completed regarding shared staffing.
- **District 3 Meeting** – Continued discussions on joint staffing options.
- **County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Currently being updated.
- **Strategic Plan** – Staff questions finalized and will be distributed this month.
- **Fire District 9** - Withdrawing from the Ambulance Service Board in 1 year to do fire-based transport
- **WSRB** – Going through a rework of their ratings

**Facility Updates:**

- Stations 10-4 & 10-5 – Painting complete.
- **Letter of Intent for Odom property** – Completed
- **Purchase and Sale Agreement** – In process
- **Working to look at grant opportunities**

**Additional:**

- **ASB Contract** – Negotiations continue.
- **DA Davidson** – Delivered a financial presentation to the department.

### **Department Expectations**

- Embrace a mindset of moving from **good to great**.
- Reinforce **high standards, accountability, and professional growth** across the organization.

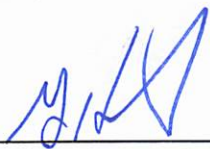
### **Old Business**

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be held on August 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.



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Gordon Hester, Commissioner

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