



EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Meetings are conducted in-person with the option of attending virtually.
Meeting Location: 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr. E, Bonney Lake 98391

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86297239789>

Viewers may ask questions at the appropriate time via the chat option available within the application. Statements and or questions may also be emailed to cbyerley@eastpiercefir.org.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/WELCOME

- a) Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Welcome the Public
- c) Honors and Recognition
 - i) Oath of Office: Ed Egan, Randy Kroum

3. ELECTIONS

- a) Election of Board Chair for 2024 & 2025
- b) Election of Board Vice-Chair for 2024 & 2025
- c) Board Committee Assignments for 2024 & 2025

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approve Minutes of the December 19th Regular Meeting Pages 3-6
- b) Treasurer’s Report Pages 7-8
- c) Approve Finances Pages 9-15
- d) Financial Waiver None

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) None

7. VISITORS Open to Public Comments

Any individual may request that the Board recognize them to give their comments on items not on the agenda. Please identify yourself and state your address for the record before commenting. Comments/Questions should be submitted via chat feature on webinar or emailed to the District Secretary at cbyerley@eastpiercefir.org. Please submit copies of any reports, statements, etc. to the District Secretary for the Board via email or mail. The Board may not have the information at hand to address a subject or take action at this time.

8. BOND-2018:

- a) Update - Herrera Pages 16-21

9. CHIEF’S REPORT

- a) Monthly Chiefs Report Pages 22-24

- b) Deputy Chiefs Report..... Pages 25-26
- c) Monthly Injury Report..... Page 27

10. COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Planning Committee – None
- b) Finance Committee –..... None
- c) HR Committee –..... None

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Resolution XXX – Levy Lid Lift – April Ballot (1st Reading) – Parkinson..... Pages 28-35

12. NEW BUSINESS (*Board Chair will allow for public comments via chat or email*)

- a) None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (*Board Chair will allow for public comments via chat or email*)

- a) None

14. COMMISSIONER TRAINING/EVENT REQUESTS:

- a) PDC Reminder (April 15th) – Byerley..... None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

16. COMMISSIONER ACTION/DISCUSSION: None

17. ADJOURN

2024 EVENTS:

- January 25th PC Commissioner Meeting (Graham and Zoom)
- February 22nd PC Commissioner Meeting (SS911 and Zoom)
- March 28th PC Commissioner Meeting (EPFR and Zoom)
- April 25th PC Commissioner Meeting (SS911 and Zoom)
- May 23rd PC Commissioner Meeting (CPFR and Zoom)
- June 27th..... PC Commissioner Meeting (SS911 and Zoom)
- July 25th PC Commissioner Meeting (6:00 pm - BBQ / Potluck)
- August 22nd PC Commissioner Meeting (SS911 and Zoom)
- September 26th PC Commissioner Meeting (TBD and Zoom)
- September 28th EPFR Annual Open House
- October 24th NO PC MEETING – STATE CONFERENCE
- November 21st PC Commissioner Meeting (3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)
- December 5th NO PC MEETING – ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF
EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE**

December 19, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue was held on December 19, 2023, in-person at Station 118 (10105 24th St E, Edgewood) and via conference/video call through Zoom. Notice and link to join meeting was posted for public access. Chair Jon Napier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present by roll call were Commissioners Ed Egan, Mike Cathey (virtual), Pat McElligott, Randy Kroum, Cynthia Wernet, Chief Jon Parkinson, Deputy Chief Kevin Stabenfeldt, and District Secretary Corina Byerley.

Commissioners Excused: Commissioner Kevin Garling
Commissioners Unexcused: None

AUDIENCE: Project Manager Phil Herrera, Assistant Chief Bill Sandlian, Battalion Chief Mike McGinnis, Capt. Freeman, FF Kuiper, FF/PM Swanson, FF Watkins, FF/PM Crawford, MSO Wagner, Dina Sutherland, the Stabenfeldt family, Summer Parkinson, and Nikki Wagner.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: Chief Parkinson gave Deputy Chief Kevin Stabenfeldt his oath of office.

Chairman called for a break for 10 minutes at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

District Secretary Corina Byerley requested to amend the agenda as follows:

- Agenda Item 14 (Executive Session)- add an executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

Commissioner McElligott moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroum and carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Egan moved to approve the consent agenda (minutes from the November 21st Regular meeting; treasurer's report; current expense vouchers 231203001-231203079 in the amount of \$543,560.47; payroll vouchers 231204001-231204010 in the amount of \$432,228.90; electronic payroll in the amount of \$ 2,356,107.84; and Capital expense voucher 231201001 in the amount of \$112,752.06.). Motion seconded by Commissioner McElligott and carried.

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

BOND-2018:

Project Manager: Project Manager Phil Herrera gave an update on the Capital Facilities Plan included in packet.

Station 111: Roof framing is nearly complete except some eave overhangs. Roofing will begin this month. Interior wall framing in the admin area is at 50%, completion by year end. Second floor interior

framing is underway, January completion. Electrical and Mechanical rough-in is underway in the admin area. Window install to begin this month. A new updated schedule from the contractor is due next week.

Station 112: Still in Conditional Use Permit process. Site permit and building permit documents are underway. We will submit these to run concurrent with the CUP process.

Station 114: Exterior framing is nearly complete and interior framing is underway. The apparatus bay roof framing to begin this week. Storm system tie-in is underway, there will be some disruption to traffic patterns during this work. Currently looking at May/June completion.

Station 117: Foundation footing work has begun with the first 100 yards of concrete poured last week. Additional footings along with foundation walls is underway this week. The heavy rain last week required extra effort by the contractor to control runoff from the site. Construction vehicle parking may become an issue for this site. We are exploring ways to resolve some concerns by the county.

Station 118: Station is operational, and crews are settling in. Minor break-in items are being taken care of by the contractor. Awaiting issuance of permit for fuel island. Awaiting the final report from commissioning to submit for final CO. Major contractor work is completed.

Station 124: The renovation work has begun. Demolition work complete. Plumbing and electrical underway. Scheduled construction completion for late December pending receipt of cabinetry. Asphalt work has been completed earlier than expected.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Monthly Chiefs Report: Reviewed the Chief's monthly report with the Board. Included in agenda packet. Chief Parkinson's report included: the WSAO 2022 financial and accountability audit is underway; FF-EMT interviews underway throughout December for winter recruit class; WFC Legislative is Tuesday, January 23rd; the levy workgroup continues to meet and refine messaging; Chief recommended having the 2024 Board Workshop in May (two hours before regular meeting); and Chief gave a brief presentation of a recap of 2023.

Monthly Deputy Chiefs Report: Deputy Chief Stabenfeldt gave a brief overview of each division's accomplishments for the month. DC Stabenfeldt highlighted work by East Pierce personnel at the Training Consortium. Many compliments have been received regarding staff knowledge and specifically FF/PM Lovejoy who is currently serving as the senior EMS instructor.

Q4 Strategic Plan Update: Update provided in agenda packet.

Q4 Standard of Cover Update: Update provided in agenda packet.

Q4 Financial Assessment Update: Update provided in agenda packet.

Monthly Injury Report: Update provided in agenda packet.

COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee – Commissioner Wernet provided an overview of the Committee's meeting on 12/1. Notes from meeting included in agenda packet.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1041 -Transfer of Funds to Reserve: Chief Parkinson presented to the Board Resolution 1041 requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,685,700 from the General Fund to the Reserve fund per the approved 2023 Budget. Commissioner McElligott moved to approve Resolution 1041 to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,685,700. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroum and carried.

Resolution 1042-Transfer of Funds to GL: Chief Parkinson presented to the Board Resolution 1042 requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,955,412 from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund. This transfer is the remaining balance that is to be transferred to the General Fund to cover the expenditures for Capital Purchases approved by the Board for FY2023. Commissioner Kroum moved to approve Resolution 1042 to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$1,955,412. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egan and carried.

Resolution 1043- Transfer of Funds (Project Manager): Chief Parkinson presented to the Board Resolution 1043 requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$89,769 from the Capital Fund to the General fund to cover the wages and expenditures of the project manager. Commissioner McElligott moved to approve Resolution 1043 to transfer funds from the Capital Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$89,769. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroum and carried.

Resolution 1044- Surplus: Assistant Chief Sandlian presented to the Board Resolution 1044 requesting the surplus of miscellaneous items from IT, EMS, and Logistics Divisions. The items are no longer are of use to the District. Some items have been replaced or are damaged beyond cost of effective repair or placed out of service for meeting expiration date criteria. Commissioner Egan moved to adopt Resolution 1044, the surplus of miscellaneous information systems, EMS division, and Logistics division equipment and to dispose of, donate, sell, or recycle at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McElligott and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vehicle Maintenance: Assistant Chief Sandlian presented to the Board an assessment of the EPFR Vehicle maintenance program. Assessment criteria included workload, workforce, and workplace. No action taken, information only.

Legal Service Contract: Chief Parkinson presented a 2024 proposed agreement with Attorney Eric Quinn for legal services. The agreement is the same as past agreements. Staff recommends continuing services with the Eric Quinn. Commissioner Kroum moved to approve Attorney Eric Quinn's 2024 contract for legal services and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the contract on behalf of the District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egan and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER TRAINING/EVENT REQUESTS:

Legislative Day: District Secretary Corina Byerley provided information in the agenda packet regarding the upcoming Legislative Day on January 23rd.

2024 EPFR Meeting Schedule: District Secretary Corina Byerley provided information in the agenda packet regarding the 2024 EPFR Meeting Schedule.

2024 Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting Schedule: District Secretary Corina Byerley provided information in the agenda packet regarding the 2024 Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

New Daily Rate: District Secretary Corina Byerley notified the Board of the increase in the daily rate of pay for commissioners beginning January 1, 2024. The daily rate will be increasing from \$128/day to \$161/day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Napier called for an executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee discussion at 8:50 p.m. for 5 minutes.

Executive session extended at 8:55 p.m. for 2 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

COMMISSIONER ACTION/DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

District Secretary Corina Byerley

Chairman Jon Napier/Vice-Chair Ed Egan

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December 2023

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Current Month	Year to Date	Budget Resolution 1038	Remaining Amount	Remaining Percent
0 Months Remaining =				0.00%

General Fund (Current Expense)

Net Cash & Investments 12/31/2022 **\$ 15,604,661** Budgeted

Operating Revenues					
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget Resolution 1038	Remaining Amount	Remaining Percent
Property Tax - Current	87,599	35,193,147	35,588,266	395,119	1.1%
Property Tax - Prior Year/Delinquent	5,341	334,777	292,000	(42,777)	0.0%
Other Taxes	-	46,906	18,500	(28,406)	-153.5%
Regular EMS Transport	280,780	3,112,451	2,800,000	(312,451)	-11.2%
GEMT Transport	276,676	3,642,891	3,400,000	(242,891)	-7.1%
GEMT Reconciliation	-	654,229	654,228	(1)	0.0%
Intergovernmental	134,885	761,668	399,000	(362,668)	-90.9%
Tehaleh Mitigation	-	2,450	3,000	550	18.3%
Transfers in from Reserves/Capital	2,045,181	3,876,629	9,938,239	6,061,610	61.0%
Other Revenue	60,901	1,722,701	1,892,691	169,990	9.0%
Total Operating Revenues	2,891,363	49,347,849	54,985,924	5,638,075	10.3%

Reserved: Advance Travel & Petty Cash (Imprest Accounts) \$15,100 Not Included

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget Resolution 1038	Remaining Amount	Remaining Percent
Operating Expenses					
Administration <i>(Comm, Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Finance, HR)</i>	202,901	2,821,729	2,931,818	110,089	3.8%
Operations <i>(Fire, Training, Volunteers)</i>	2,331,883	29,253,606	30,172,400	918,794	3.0%
EMS	214,447	2,740,001	3,056,911	316,910	10.4%
Prevention <i>(Fire Prevention, Pub Ed)</i>	110,857	1,343,793	1,320,488	(23,305)	-1.8%
Logistics <i>(Logistics, Emerg. Mgmt, IT)</i>	421,681	4,565,953	4,793,239	227,286	4.7%
Capital <i>(Project Manager)</i>	20,296	846,113	387,013	(459,100)	-118.6%
Reserve Purchases <i>(Equipmt., EMS, Facility)</i>	55,205	2,974,542	9,551,226	6,576,684	68.9%
Transfers Out	1,685,700	5,243,339	5,220,593	(22,746)	-0.4%
Total Operating Expenses	5,042,971	49,789,077	57,433,688	7,644,611	13.3%
Payroll Clearing Accruals	(25,540)	(30,172)			
Operating Expenses Net of Accruals	5,017,431	49,758,905	57,433,688		
Ending Net Cash & Investments			\$ 13,156,897		

Reserve Fund

Net Cash & Investments 12/31/2022 **\$ 27,075,250** Budgeted

Reserve Balances	Other Revenues	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Balance as of 12/31/23	(Short)/Over
General Reserve				3,690,080	175,636
Equipment Reserve		1,685,700	1,845,997	12,932,857	N/A
Facilities Reserve			109,415	1,100,066	300,066
Employee Compensation Reserve				905,478	105,478
Capital Facilities Phase 2				14,255,516	Balance
Sale of Tax Title Property					
Investment Interest	151,412				
Current Month Total	151,412	1,685,700	1,955,412		
Year to Date Total	\$ 1,620,743	\$ 5,220,593	\$ 3,455,531	\$ 32,883,998	



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Capital (Construction) Fund UTGO Bonds 2018	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget Resolution 1038	Remaining Amount	Remaining Percent
Net Cash & Investments 12/31/2022			\$ 15,999,374	Budgeted	
Revenues					
Investment Interest	-	436,537	453,800	17,263	3.8%
Transfer In - GF - Vendor Tax Refund	-	22,746	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	459,283	453,800	17,263	3.8%
Expenses					
Capital Expenditures/Expenses	-	61,105	-	(61,105)	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 111	-	9,526,517	8,400,000	(1,126,517)	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 112	-	189,236	100,000	(89,236)	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 114	23,525	3,540,249	2,600,000	(940,249)	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 117	-	1,080,952	500,000	(580,952)	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 118	(542)	1,578,456	1,600,000	21,544	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 124	-	104,619	90,000	(14,619)	0.0%
Transfer Out - GF - Cap Fac Mgr	89,769	421,098	387,013	(34,085)	-8.8%
Total Expenses	112,752	16,502,232	13,677,013	(2,825,219)	-20.7%
Ending Net Cash and Investments			\$ 2,776,161		

Capital (Construction) Fund UTGO Bonds 2022	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget Resolution 1038	Remaining Amount	Remaining Percent
Net Cash & Investments 12/31/2022			\$ 40,482,068	Budgeted	
Revenues					
Investment Interest	192,692	2,093,210	1,524,018	(569,192)	0.0%
Total Revenues	192,692	2,093,210	1,524,018	(569,192)	
Expenses					
Capital Purchases	5,130	5,130	-	-	0.0%
Capital Purchases-Station 111	445,272	445,272			
Capital Purchases-Station 112	100,352	100,352			
Capital Purchases-Station 114	230,150	230,150			
Capital Purchases-Station 117	545,381	545,381			
Capital Purchases-Station 118	54,783	54,783			
Capital Purchases-Station 124	61	61			
Transfer Out - GF - Cap Fac Mgr	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	1,381,130	1,381,130	-	-	0.0%
Ending Net Cash and Investments			\$ 42,006,086		

**** Note: \$1,000,000 of Ending Net Cash reserved for IRS for arbitrage true-up ****



Finance Department
District Payment Transmittal

District Name: East Pierce Fire & Rescue #22

PAYMENT LISTING

Trans Date	District Ref #	Payee Printed Name	Amount
1/11/24	77	JONES & ROBERTS CO.	\$548,957.44
1/11/24	78	MOBILE MODULAR	\$1,115.00
1/11/24	79	OTTO ROSENAU & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$3,231.47
1/11/24	84	ROBERT HALF	\$4,116.00
1/11/24	3	ACROSS THE STREET PRODUCTIONS	\$2,431.23
1/11/24	74	ANDY JOHNSON & CO. INC.	\$269,130.90
1/11/24	75	CITY OF EDGEWOOD	\$15,194.46
1/11/24	76	JODY MILLER CONSTRUCTION	\$265,623.74
1/11/24	81	PIERCE COUNTY SEWER	\$35.03
1/11/24	82	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	\$527.71
1/11/24	86	TRANSPGROUP	\$3,756.25
1/11/24	2	ABM JANITORIAL SERVICES	\$1,140.71
1/11/24	80	PERFORMANCE VALIDATION INC.	\$99.00
1/11/24	83	RICE FERGUS MILLER ARCHITECTURE	\$124,676.97
1/11/24	85	TERRA ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$2,373.50
1/11/24	4	ADVANCE TRAVEL FUND	\$478.00
1/11/24	11	CITY OF BONNEY LAKE-REIMB UTILITIES	\$3,916.21
1/11/24	12	CITY OF PUYALLUP	\$27,435.00
1/11/24	17	EMS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS LLC	\$6,135.05
1/11/24	19	FUGATE FORD	\$1,089.62
1/11/24	21	GALLS, LLC	\$390.11
1/11/24	23	HUGHES FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$2,043.57
1/11/24	5	BARNHART MD PS STEPHEN W	\$4,612.50
1/11/24	8	CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	\$3,620.02
1/11/24	10	CINTAS CORPORATION # 461	\$11,074.03
1/11/24	13	COMMERCIAL LIGHTING	\$297.23
1/11/24	14	D&D CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$110,492.47
1/11/24	15	DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	\$1,758.94
1/11/24	16	EIGHT TWENTY EIGHT	\$3,750.00
1/11/24	20	G + N SEPTIC TANK SERVICE LLC	\$670.22
1/11/24	22	HEALTHCALL	\$14,400.00
1/11/24	24	INTTERRA LLC	\$20,187.36
1/11/24	6	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$828.76
1/11/24	7	BYERLEY CORINA	\$2,908.22
1/11/24	9	CENTURYLINK (035B/376B/785B/786B/442B)	\$79.36
1/11/24	18	EPFR PETTY CASH CHECKING	\$316.33
1/11/24	30	LEVEL ONE SECURITY INC	\$163.95
1/11/24	31	LEXIPOL, LLC	\$16,590.07

1/11/24	42	PACIFIC OFC AUTOMATION (OR)	\$199.17
1/11/24	44	PC BUDGET & FINANCE DEPT	\$14,785.75
1/11/24	46	PIERCE COUNTY SEWER	\$72.22
1/11/24	51	RAYBELL PLUMBING	\$311.78
1/11/24	25	JAMES OIL CO. INC.	\$16,640.32
1/11/24	28	LARSEN SIGN CO	\$3,622.30
1/11/24	29	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	\$8,753.68
1/11/24	32	LIFE ASSIST	\$15,399.13
1/11/24	33	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	\$1,200.27
1/11/24	34	LUND FAUCETT	\$1,775.00
1/11/24	35	MASTER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	\$2,314.84
1/11/24	37	NATIONAL TESTING NETWORK	\$310.00
1/11/24	41	PACIFIC BIOMEDICAL INC	\$418.93
1/11/24	45	PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION LLC	\$10,190.28
1/11/24	26	KBUILT LLC	\$736.81
1/11/24	27	L N CURTIS & SONS	\$12,088.75
1/11/24	36	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$1,073.16
1/11/24	38	NORTHWEST SAFETY CLEAN	\$741.48
1/11/24	39	ORCUTT REX	\$463.16
1/11/24	40	OREILLY	\$40.35
1/11/24	43	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION	\$599.12
1/11/24	47	POE WILL	\$2,000.00
1/11/24	48	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	\$8,516.77
1/11/24	52	READY REBOUND LLC	\$24,486.00
1/11/24	49	QUADIENT	\$250.00
1/11/24	50	QUINN ERIC	\$600.00
1/11/24	54	RON & LEOS WELDING SERVICE	\$326.40
1/11/24	55	SEAWESTERN	\$4,799.50
1/11/24	56	SITECRAFTING, INC.	\$99.00
1/11/24	57	SNIDER PETROLEUM	\$2,091.53
1/11/24	58	SOUTH SOUND 911	\$140,815.00
1/11/24	60	SUMMIT LAW GROUP PLLC	\$891.00
1/11/24	61	SUNSET FORD	\$2,862.03
1/11/24	65	US BANK	\$71,152.67
1/11/24	53	REHN AND ASSOCIATES	\$175.00
1/11/24	63	TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE	\$17,878.63
1/11/24	64	TREASURY MANAGEMENT SVCS - US BANK	\$78.63
1/11/24	68	VIPER EMR	\$2,397.41
1/11/24	70	W.F.C.A.	\$6,000.00
1/11/24	71	WA STATE AUDITORS OFFICE	\$3,228.12
1/11/24	73	WCIF-Life/Dental/EAP	\$22,142.54

1/11/24	59	SPRINGBROOK HOLDING CO LLC	\$8,693.21
1/11/24	62	TACOMA DIESEL & EQUIPMENT	\$3,251.62
1/11/24	67	VALVOLINE LLC	\$307.05
1/11/24	69	W.F.C.	\$5,684.00
1/11/24	66	UW VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	\$4,730.75
1/11/24	72	WASHINGTON AUDIOLOGY SERVICES INC	\$132.00
Payment Count: 85			Total Amount: <u>\$1,900,971.79</u>

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Payment Count: 85
Payment Total: \$1,900,971.79

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or labor performed as described herein, and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date	_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date
_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date	_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date
_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date	_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date
_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date	_____ Authorized District Official Signature	_____ Date

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

Submit signed Transmittal To Pierce County Finance Department

FAX:
253-798-6699

EMAIL:
pcacctspayable@piercecountywa.gov

PC Finance Department Use Only

Authorization Recieved on _____

Batch Verified by _____



Finance Department
District Payment Transmittal

District Name: East Pierce Fire & Rescue #22

PAYMENT LISTING

<u>Trans Date</u>	<u>District Ref #</u>	<u>Payee Printed Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/20/23		WSCFF-Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan	\$282.59
Payment Count: 1		Total Amount:	\$282.59

Payment Count: 1
Payment Total: \$282.59

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or labor performed as described herein, and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

Michelle Helton

12/20/23

Authorized District Official Signature

Date

Authorized District Official Signature

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Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

Submit signed Transmittal To Pierce County Finance Department

FAX:
253-798-6699

EMAIL:
pcacctspayable@piercecountywa.gov

PC Finance Department Use Only

Authorization Recieved on _____

Batch Verified by _____

January 2024	
General Fund	
Total AP	\$ 662,134.32
AP Vouchers	
Vouchers # 240101001 - 240101072	\$ 662,134.32
Total Payroll	\$ -
Payroll Vouchers	
Vouchers # 24010x001 - 24010x0xx	\$ -
Electronic Payroll	\$ -
Total Expenditures (AP + Payroll)	\$ 662,134.32
Total BIAS Expenditures (111 - 999)	\$ 654,959.32
Difference	\$ 7,175.00
jury duty reimbursement	\$ 40.00
sickleave reimbursement	\$ 7,135.00
Capital Fund 302	
Total AP	



To: **Board of Fire Commissioners**
From: **Phil Herrera, Project Manager**
Subject: **Bond Update – January 2024**

Station 118

- Punch list items are being addressed as they arise.
- Final vehicle exhaust system installation begins third week of January.

Station 111

- Interior framing continues.
- Rough-in plumbing and electrical continue.
- Elevator installation begins next week.
- Roofing is progressing slowly due to the rainy weather, causing impacts to timeline.
- Windows and storefronts arriving this week for installation this month.

Station 114

- The weather is holding up roofing on station 114 as well.
- Interior framing is 90% complete. Primarily soffits and blocking at this time.
- Right of way work is 50% complete. We are currently addressing elevation conflicts with Natural gas and water lines.

Station 117

- All footing work is complete. Foundation walls are now underway.
- The site is underwater at times slowing progress. We have been lucky however as the soils are holding up well to the wet conditions.

Station 112

- Permitting in process.

January 2024 Station progress photos

Station 111



Exterior finishes and windows begins in January



Final site sub-grading of the site underway.

Station 111



Interior framing continues. Rough-in electrical and plumbing underway.

Station 114



The site is very wet but holding up to the weather. Fortunately the site utilities are already 90% in place.

Station 117



All footings are complete. Foundation walls are underway. Lots of water but the site is actually holding up well.

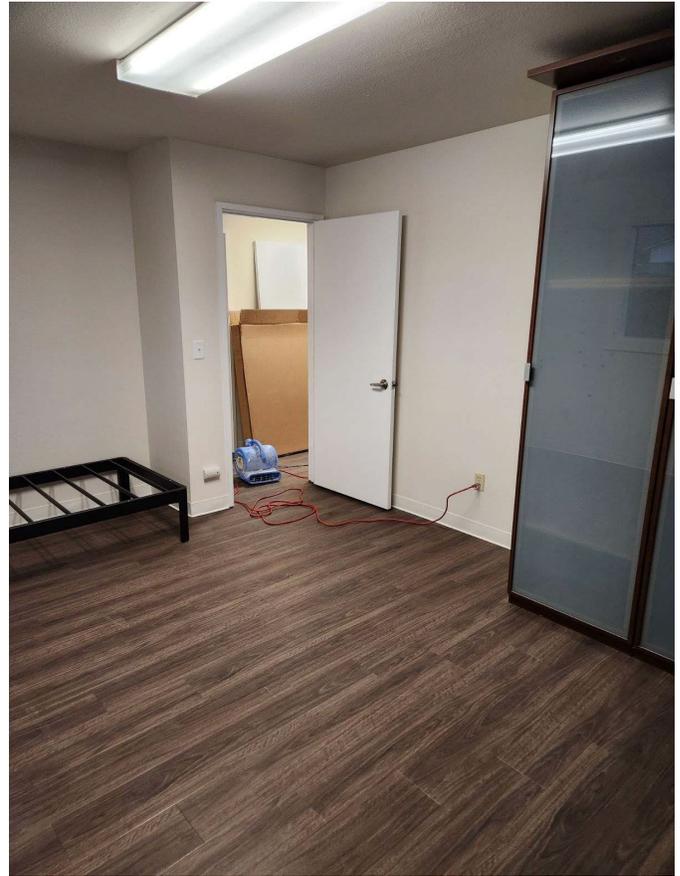
Station 124



New asphalt rear apron.



Station 124



Interior finishes, Doors, trim, and flooring.



To: **Board of Fire Commissioners**
From: **Jon Parkinson, Fire Chief**
Subject: **Monthly Chief's Report – January 2024**

WSAO – 2022 Audit

We have completed the 2022 financial audit and received a clean audit report. We have now begun the 2022 accountability audit, which we expect to wrap up later in January.

E124 – Station 124

Engine 124 was placed into service on January 3rd. It is currently being deployed out of Station 118 until the completion of the Station 124 remodel, which should occur later in January. Having E124 in service has already impacted Edgewood/Milton's responses and the use of Station 113 (Sumner) units.

New E116

The new Engine 116 (stock engine) will be placed into service later this month.

Windmill Appraisal

An appraisal of the property was ordered in early December. We are still awaiting a final appraisal report.

Milton Fire Station – Joint Study

We will have our first meeting with the workgroup from the City on January 24th.

WFC Legislative Agenda & Day on the Hill

The WFC and WFCA "Day on the Hill" is Tuesday, January 23rd.

Committee Reminders

Planning Committee: Friday, February 2nd @ 10 am

Other activities in the past month

- Pierce County Fire Training Consortium Administrative Board
- Sumner Rotary
- Sumner Public Safety Committee
- FME Chamber of Commerce



Washington Fire Chiefs

2024 Legislative Agenda

- **Stable Funding & Revenue**
 - Seek legislation to exempt or at least mitigate the impacts of tax increment financing areas on fire districts and regional fire service authorities (RFAs).
 - Support efforts to modify the property tax growth limit to reflect population growth and inflation, with a cap of 3%.
 - Continue exploring opportunities for local levy reform and funding stability.

- **State Fire Marshal's Office**
 - Seek to implement the recommendations from the Fire Service Delivery Workgroup, including establishing the Fire Service Advisory Committee to evaluate, educate and advocate for fire service funding and policy needs with the SFMO, WSP, OFM and the Governor's office, and continuing to work toward the creation of an independent State Fire Marshal's Office.
 - Support efforts to increase funding to support Firefighter 1 and 2 Training, Hazardous Materials Training, Regional Direct Delivery Training, the Firefighter Apprenticeship Program, Firefighter Professional Development Certifications, and Firefighter Training Reimbursement.
 - Support efforts to fully staff and fully fund the All-Hazard Mobilization program to address growing workload management challenges and ensure prompt and full reimbursements for mobilization deployments.

- **Firefighter Health & Safety**
 - Support proposals that provide firefighters and paramedics with protection from obstruction and attack when performing official duties.
 - Continue supporting efforts to address first responder mental health needs.
 - Continue supporting data-driven expansion of presumptive disease coverage for firefighters and paramedics.
 - Support efforts to improve the safety of firefighting gear, including enhancing regulatory standards and promoting the use of PFAS-free turnout gear.

- **EMS, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Substance Abuse Response & Co-Response**
 - Support efforts to address hospital capacity and ER wait time issues.
 - Support proposals aiding co-responder programs, including training and integration with the 988 system and first response (CROA).
 - Continue supporting the GEMT program, focusing on protecting stable reimbursement rates.



- Support proposals providing funding and assistance for integrated response to individuals dealing with substance use disorder, including support for leave-behind Narcan and other prevention efforts.
- Support efforts to reduce the reliance on emergency response to care facilities, including proper staffing and training for care facility employees.
- Monitor efforts regarding balance billing to ensure fair payment and reimbursement for ground ambulance transport.

- **Wildland Fire**
 - Continue supporting the All-Hazard Mobilization program to ensure adequate staffing and funding.
 - Support full reimbursement to local departments for wildland and other mobilization deployments.
 - Support efforts to fully fund DNR’s forest health and wildfire resilience program established in HB 1168 (2021).
 - Support continuing efforts with DNR and the SFMO to improve and expedite the process for approval of aerial assets in early wildfire attack.
 - Continue to work with stakeholders to identify unprotected lands throughout the state, and to identify strategies for ensuring protection for rangelands and other vulnerable land.

- **Washington State Association of Fire Marshals**
 - Support inclusion of fire and life safety measures in new housing options that address the housing crisis and housing shortages.
 - Support efforts to enhance training on best practices for firefighter response to EV, Lithium-Ion battery, and other energy fires.
 - Support efforts furthering the effective use and implementation of the Wildland Urban Interface Code.

- **Volunteer Firefighters Issues**
 - Support efforts to incentivize the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

- **Fire Service and Local Government Partners**
 - Support, as appropriate, proposals important to other fire service stakeholders and partners, including the Washington State Council of Firefighters, the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, the Washington Fire Commissioners Association, the Washington Firefighters Association, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Washington State Fire Marshals Office.
 - Support, as appropriate, efforts of local government coalition partners on issues of mutual interest, including public records reform, property tax reform, infrastructure investment, public safety reform, and efforts to address homelessness.



To: **Board of Fire Commissioners**
From: **Kevin Stabenfeldt, Deputy Fire Chief**
Subject: **Monthly Deputy Chief's Report – Jan. 2024**

Operations

- Recruit Class 23A-1 is completing EMT training and is scheduled to graduate from the PCFTC on February 1st.
- Recruit Class 23B-2 is completing their Block 3 examinations and is scheduled to graduate from the PCFTC on March 14th.
- Engine 124 was placed in service on January 3rd and is currently responding out of Station 118. Crews will transition to Station 124 once the remodel process is complete.
- Captain Jason Freeman was appointed as the hazardous materials team lead.
- Continuing to collaborate with neighboring agencies to review response packages, station orders, and emergency services zones (ESZs) with the goal of improving efficiencies and service delivery.

Logistics

- Continued support efforts for the Station 124 remodel process.
- Managed the upfitting of Engine 124 to support the recent operational deployment.
- Managing the upfitting of the recently delivered rescue/pumper that will be deployed as Engine 116
- Took delivery of a hazmat truck and trailer secondary to the dissolution of PCHIT. Staff if working on addressing maintenance, inventory, and upfitting.

EMS

- Developed pilot program for IV Tylenol administration in place of opioids when appropriate.
- Transition and implementation of new mobile integrated health (MIH) data platform
- Completed follow up secondary to quarterly EMS survey (providers, SS911, System Design)
- Completed Q4 paramedic airway training program
- Completed development of Q1 EMS training schedule
- Submitted survival data to WA CARES for 2023 cardiac arrest survival report
 - Preliminary data indicates that our witnessed cardiac arrest survival rate for 2023 is the best on record

Fire Prevention/Public Education

- Supported Local 3520's holiday outreach efforts (Coats 4 Kids, Pancake Feed, Santa Run) with marketing.
- Assisted Santa Run efforts with establishing the Santa Tracker app that allowed the community to track Santa's location in real time.
- Partnered with other area agencies to facilitate the distribution of 2,000+ toys to families in the 98391-zip code who needed gift assistance for children 1-12 yrs.

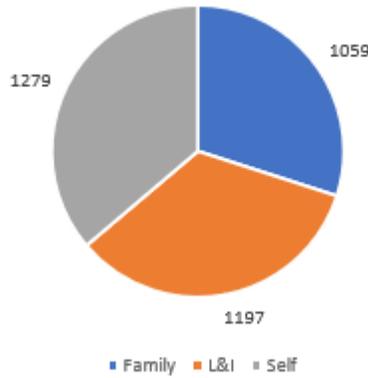
Other activities in the past month

- Response Workgroup (Central Pierce, Graham, East Pierce)
- LifeScan Workgroup
- PCFTC Operations Advisory Team

Injury – Medical Leave Report – December 2023

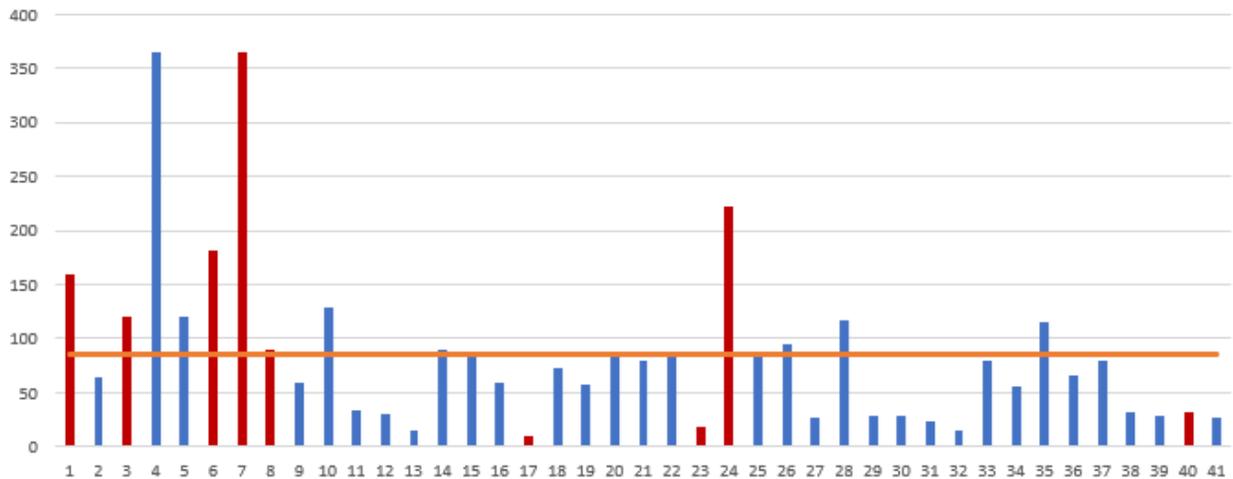
- As of December, our annual total is 41 employees who have experienced extended leave (greater than three consecutive shifts); this includes both L&I and Non-L&I leave.
 - The average time loss of these employees is estimated at 85.59 calendar days

Time Loss by Type (calendar days)



- 9 L&I claims for time-loss have occurred in 2023 (seen below in red).
 - 2 of the 9 qualify for the Stay-at-Work program through L&I

Time Loss by Employee (calendar days)





Board Meeting Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date:	January 16, 2024
Title:	Resolution – Levy Lid Lift – April 23 rd Ballot – First Reading

Recommendation from Staff:	N/A
Recommendation from Committee:	N/A
Recommended Action/Motion:	<i>None – First Reading</i>
Presenter:	Chief Parkinson
Attachments:	Resolution, Explanatory Statement, Draft Voter FAQ

Summary:
<p>Ahead of the April 23rd election, the District must approve a resolution to place the levy lid lift on the ballot. This resolution requires two readings prior to approval and before submitting the request to King & Pierce County. Tonight is the first reading, with the second reading occurring on February 20 at the Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.</p> <p>In addition to the first reading of the resolution, Chief Parkinson will also review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The voter’s pamphlet explanatory statement• Draft voter education FAQ• Levy timeline• Levy workplan

Fiscal Impact:	N/A
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EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 23, 2024 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER \$1,000 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District that it is essential for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that high quality fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for operations, equipment, maintenance and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$1.09 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55 places a 1% limitation on the increase of tax revenue collected by the District annually. Such 1% limitation on the increase would cause a loss of revenue to the District of \$_10,096,472_ in 2025. Such losses will necessitate reduction in services and increase response times as enumerated in the first recital above. This resolution and the resultant election would give the voters the opportunity to choose to continue services pursuant to the previously authorized levy rate approved by the voters, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55 (commonly referred to as a "lid lift"); and

WHEREAS, the District has previously levied its regular property tax at the rate of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation of taxable property, as approved by District voters. This rate has eroded as stated above in the first recital, due to the 1% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that a 1% growth in revenue established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases to maintaining District operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners deems it necessary to restore its regular property tax rate to a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation throughout the District and establish that the levy dollar amount collected in 2025 shall serve as the basis of calculating future levy increases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire and Rescue as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services of high quality in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and facilities, and employ personnel to effectuate optimal services.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the increasing costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve

funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy, beginning in 2024 for collection in 2025 pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue sufficient to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2024, the District has determined that it must levy regular property taxes at its maximum rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in 2024, for collection in 2025. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1. The dollar amount levied in 2024 and collected in 2025 shall serve as the District’s tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the special election dated April 23, 2024, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be set for 2025 collection at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby requests the auditors of Pierce County and King County, as ex-officio Supervisors of Elections, submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Single-Year Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. _____ concerning a proposition to finance maintenance, operations and facilities improvements. Shall the District be authorized to restore the District’s regular property tax rate to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, exceeding the 1% limitation on annual increases in tax revenues for one year, with the levy dollar amount collected in 2025 to be used for computing the limitations for subsequent levies?

Should this Proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 4. The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Manager of Records and Elections of Pierce County and King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisors of Elections for the District.

Section 5. A notice of election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 6. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 7. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a Statement For, and a Statement Against, pursuant to Chapter 29A.32 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 8. The Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of Pierce County and King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisors of Elections for the District, no later than February 23, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the _____ day of _____, 2024, with the following commissioners being present and voting.

Chair Jon Napier

Commissioner Pat McElligott

Commissioner Mike Cathey

Commissioner Cynthia Wernet

Commissioner Kevin Garling

Commissioner Ed Egan

Commissioner Randy Kroum

ATTEST:

District Secretary

**East Pierce Fire and Rescue
Explanatory Statement
Proposition 1 – Regular One-Year Lid Lift (2024)**

Election Date: April 23, 2024

Name of Jurisdiction

Submitting Measure: East Pierce Fire & Rescue

Contact Name: Jon Parkinson, Fire Chief

Contact Phone Number: 253-863-1800

East Pierce Fire & Rescue (District) is placing a one-year lid lift proposition on the April 23, 2024 special-election ballot. East Pierce Fire & Rescue serves a population of over 100,000 residents including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Tehaleh, Edgewood, Milton, and a large portion of unincorporated Pierce County. The District responded to 12,558 emergency calls in 2023. This is a 47.4% increase in emergency calls since 2013. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the District's \$1.50 general levy has been reduced to \$1.09 due to 1% limitations.

Passage of this measure would provide sustainable funding for District operations and emergency response. It will ensure the District can provide the high level of service voters expect, while keeping up with increased service demand and population growth.

If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$500,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$17 per month. If approved, this measure authorizes the District to restore the levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value as previously approved by voters. The dollar amount of the levy collected in 2025 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

Explanatory Statement Drafted/Reviewed by: Eric Quinn, Attorney at Law

East Pierce Fire & Rescue

Prop 1: Fire Levy Lid Lift | April 2024 Special Election

Who is East Pierce Fire & Rescue?

East Pierce Fire & Rescue (EPFR) proudly serves a growing population of over 100,000 residents from areas including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Tehaleh, Edgewood, Milton, and a large portion of unincorporated Pierce County. Established in 2000, our mission has always been to provide you with compassionate service and rapid response to the community's diverse needs. We are proud to serve you!

Spanning approximately 153 square miles from Interstate 5 to the base of Mount Rainier National Park, the fire district operates seven fire stations, with an eighth station set to open in early 2025 in the growing community of Tehaleh.

East Pierce Fire & Rescue is an "All-Hazards" organization with emergency responses to fires, motor vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. Emergency Medical Services are provided by your full-time firefighters who are trained as either emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or paramedics. Your firefighters also respond to hazardous materials incidents, technical rescue incidents such as confined space rescues, trench rescues, rope rescues, and building collapse, water rescues on lakes and rivers, as well as wildland fires.

What is Proposition 1?

Proposition 1 asks voters whether to restore EPFR's fire levy to its original rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 in assessed value (AV).

Due to the 1% levy limitations, inflation, and the growth of our community, EPFR's operational expenses are outpacing revenues. Additionally, heightened demand has impacted your emergency response, potentially delaying lifesaving medical treatment and emergency transport.

Proposition 1 will ensure EPFR can:

1. Strengthen our commitment to the community by ensuring your service levels keep pace with our growing needs.
2. Improve your emergency response capabilities by ensuring funding for two additional response units to be put in service in 2024.
3. Retain your dedicated firefighters, especially when a federal grant supporting 12 of them expires in 2026.
4. Address the challenges of increasing expenses driven by inflation.

If rejected, your fire and emergency services face a projected revenue shortfall by 2026. This scenario could require us to either consider another attempt at voter approval for funding your fire levy increase or consider reductions in services and staffing.

A simple majority of yes votes is required to pass Proposition 1.

How is East Pierce Fire & Rescue funded?

Funding comes from voter-approved revenues, grants, and service fees. In 2023, the **three voter-approved funding sources**—all property taxes—are:

- a **fire levy**, which provides about 60% of revenue.
- an **emergency medical services (EMS) levy**, which provides about 12% of revenue; and
- a Facilities & Equipment **bond levy** that accounts for just under 10% of revenue. This levy is dedicated to repaying bonds used to replace four fire stations, construct a new station, and acquire seven fire trucks.

The Fire Levy and EMS Levy's support the day-to-day operations: firefighter/EMT and paramedic salaries, equipment, fuel, utilities, and administrative support.

The remaining 18% of revenue comes from a mix of fees for services such as permits, insurance reimbursements, and a federal grant used to pay some firefighter salaries that unfortunately expires in 2026.

Didn't voters recently pass a ballot measure for East Pierce Fire & Rescue?

The last voter approved funding measure was approved by the community in 2018. Thanks to community support, a Facilities and Equipment bond was approved for necessary improvements to facilities and to replace 4 older, outgrown fire stations. That Bond passage also approved the necessary purchase of replacement fire response vehicles, including a ladder truck and multiple new fire engines. The revenue from that bond cannot be used for daily operating expenses under state law. For day-to-day expenses, your services depend on the fire and EMS levies.

Proposition 1 only affects the fire levy. Restoring the levy to its original rate will allow EPFR to maintain the needed emergency service levels for the next several years.

How does the fire levy work? How are the taxes collected?

In Washington State, local governments rely on property taxes for funding to pay for your services, and EPFR is no exception.

Property taxes in Pierce County are calculated based on a property's Assessed Value (AV) determined by the Pierce County Assessor. The County sets a levy rate, which is a dollar amount for every \$1,000 of AV. Each year, the taxes you pay get divided among local entities like cities, police, schools, and fire districts such as EPFR.

About EPFR's fire levy:

- In 2017, voters approved the rate to be set at \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV (for 2018).
- The overall cost to deliver services has increased due to rising operational costs.
- The levy rate has gradually decreased to \$1.09 per \$1,000 AV as of 2023.
- Proposition 1 asks voters to raise the levy rate back to the original rate approved in 2017.
- If approved, these funds would be used to maintain current services, and improve upon services to keep pace with increased demands.

Why does the fire levy rate decrease over time?

State law caps annual increases in total property tax collection to just 1% more than the previous year. As property values have risen in recent years, your fire levy rate has gone down to fit within this rule.

While voters last approved a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV in 2017, it's now at \$1.09 in 2023. This rate hasn't kept pace with inflation and EPFR's costs to support our growing community.

How will property owners be affected if Proposition 1 is approved?

The following examples provide a range of what property owners would pay based on the cost of property within our service area. If you would like to know what your specific property would cost, please email info@eastpiercefir.org or call (253) 863-1800.

- A home with an Assessed Value (AV) of \$500,000 will see an increase of \$17 per month in the fire levy in 2025 as compared to the 2024 fire levy cost.
- A home with an AV of \$750,000 will see an increase of \$25 per month in 2025.
- A home with an AV of \$1,000,000 will see an increase of \$34 per month in 2025.

Will property tax discounts still be available for low-income seniors and disabled property owners?

Yes. Those who qualify for property tax discounts (under RCW 84.36.381 through 84.36.389) will continue to be eligible for those discounts under this measure.

More Questions about Proposition 1?

Thanks for reviewing our webpage. For more information, please email info@eastpiercefir.org or call (253) 863-1800.