

The State of the District 2017

Chief McFalls with the management team of DC Neuhoff, DC Cole, Mayor Nehring, and DC Maloney presented the 2017 Marysville Fire District State of the District.

Topics discussed

- Regional Fire Authority (RFA)
 - a) Meeting schedule
 - b) Summary of meetings
 - c) Possible outcomes
 - d) Preferred outcomes
- Year(s) in Review
- Current Plans
- Future Plans

RFA

The RFA Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 pm alternating locations from Arlington City Council Chambers and Marysville City Hall.

November 1, 2016, The Marysville Fire District (MFD) presented to the RFA Committee the history of the MFD including station maps, financials, call volumes, daily staffing and station operations.

January 26, 2017, At the request of the Committee both Chief McFalls and Chief Stedman shared the benefits of combining services. Benefits shared were combined daily line personnel, one dedicated ladder company, and one additional aid unit. MFD will combine with or provide for Arlington Fire Department (AFD) Battalion Chiefs, MSA, shift MSO's. Immediate opportunities shared integrated emergency response plans, Fire Marshal and Prevention services, media resources and combined purchase power.

February 23, 2017, The Committee requested from both agencies potential funding and service level scenarios. The finance managers from both MFD and AFD presented the committee with three options:

- Scenario A – Reduce operations to meet current revenues
- Scenario B - \$1.80 RFA proposal
- Scenario C - \$1.90 RFA proposal

Chief McFalls assured everyone that the only scenario all three agencies would consider is scenario C at \$1.90 or more. Chief stated that no one would benefit from anything less. Chief further stated that he and Mayor Nehring agree that there will be no layoffs in conjunction with the RFA formation.

March 23, 2017, The Committee further explored the scenarios presented. The AFD committee members were not convinced that the RFA was the right direction for them. The meeting ended

with the cancelation of the April 27, 2017 RFA meeting. The Union Presidents from MFD and AFD wrote a joint letter to the City Officials and Council Members declaring their full support of the RFA formation at full funding. Conversations with the AFD Committee members indicate that they still want to move forward with the RFA process. The next RFA meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2017.

Possible Outcomes –

- RFA is formed with Marysville, District 12 and Arlington
- Arlington steps away from process and remains a City Department
- RFA is formed with Marysville and District 12
- Marysville and District 12 separate
- District 12 enters into a contract for services with Marysville
- District 12 and Marysville form individual Fire Departments

Preferred Outcomes –

- Arlington remains a part of the process
- An RFA plan is written, recommended and passed by all elected bodies
- RFA measure is placed on the ballot and approved in all jurisdictions
- New RFA agency is formed and funded on or before 1/1/2019
- Service improvements, growth, expansion and prosperity follows

The Year(s) in Review

2015-2018 Planning Document – several items written into the Planning Document have been completed.

- Adequate number of paramedics per shift
- Two paramedics per medic unit
- Technical Rescue 1989 squad unit replaced
- Expansion and improvement of Information Technology /Information System program

2014 was a difficult year for the Marysville Fire District. We have learned and grown from the experiences we faced that year.

- We have found resolution and closure on the Airlift NW critique of the MP Incident.
- We have established Peer Support Training and Team.
- We secured a grant funded Crisis Support Director and were donated a Crisis Support Vehicle from Roy Robinson Chevrolet and Subaru.

The Marysville Fire District has improved the work schedule for all personnel. We have switched to a 4-platoon for line personnel and offer a 4-10 option for day personnel. We hired a second full time employee to grow our maintenance team and restored our Public Education and Information position. We have had ten Officer Promotions and hired 21 firefighters since 2012. We have had three graduate from Harbor View Medical Center (HVMC), one in progress and will send two more by the end of 2017. All vacated line positions have been replaced.

The 2016 and 2017 Quil Ceda Contracts have been approved. The Collective Bargaining Agreements have been renewed. We have pre-set times identified for all testing processes. We have established joint training between MFD and MPD. We have a new Training Consortium Interlocal Agreement with Marysville, Everett and District 8 and Blue Card Training has been implemented.

Current Plans

- Approval of EMS Levy Lid Lift Measure on the August ballot
- Complete and adopt a written RFA plan
- Submit for voter approval and funding effective 01/01/19
- Keep pace with attrited positions
- Continue reducing dependency on part-time personnel for daily staffing
- Maintain training opportunities at HVMC
- Improve suppression & EMS transport fleet status

Future Plans

- Establish and develop a driver-operator classification
- Expand EMS division
- Expand Fire Prevention division
- Determine replacement of facilities and organizational priorities through an updated strategic plan
- Explore and pursue further partnership opportunities

In conclusion, Chief McFalls shared we are not where we want to be but we are on a good path to get there. Together we will overcome all obstacles. He thanked the men and women of the Marysville Fire District for their continued commitment and sacrifice.

Good day and God Bless.

Chief McFalls