

**MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
February 10th, 2026 – 6 pm – MFD St. 62 / Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Muller called the MFD meeting to order and led the flag salute at 6 pm.

Chairperson Muller called for nominations to elect a chairperson for the Operations Committee.

Motion:	To appoint Tonya Christoffersen as the Chairperson for the Operations Committee
Made By:	James
Seconded By:	Ross
Action:	PASSED unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Muller called for public comment. Reece Williams, new Local 3219 President expressed thanks to the Board and Fire Chief Vander Pol for creation of the Operations Committee and shared the need for additional staffing.

The following were in attendance:

Board of Directors:

Tonya Christoffersen
Mark James
Steve Muller
Kamille Norton
Rick Ross
Michael Stevens

Staff Members:

Ned Vander Pol, Fire Chief
Jeff Cole, Assistant Chief
Tom Maloney, Assistant Chief
Jennett Nielson, Deputy Chief
Kim Adams, Human Resources Director
Mike Davis, IT Manager
Paula DeSanctis, HR/Finance Assistant
Taylor Matsumura, Administrative Assistant



Key Data and Context

- 2025: Approximately 16,000 calls; 80% EMS, of which 70% are BLS.
- Growth in Lakewood and SE district areas.
- Unit hour utilization (UHU) for A61 and A62 trending at or above 30%, which is the generally accepted threshold for adding resources.

Current EMS Operations

- Aid cars: mix of dedicated and cross-staffing; long travel times for outlying calls are a concern.
- Peak Activity Unit (PAU) improves reliability for Engine 66 and A61.
- Medic units at Stations 61 & 63 are available for ALS calls.
- Fire levy expected to fund an additional aid car in 2027.
- Automatic aid based on proximity; Marysville draws significant aid due to high call volume and central proximity to other agencies.

Challenges

- Heavy reliance on automatic aid; need to manage calls within jurisdiction.
- Cross-staffing creates operational strain.
- Additional aid unit at Station 63 planned to improve north-end coverage.

Proposal

- Add an aid car at Station 63 to increase reliability and reduce pressure on A65/E65 and A68.
- House additional aid car at Station 62 until Station 63 is built.

Staffing Plan

- 8 personnel:
 - 4 from the "over hire" approved for 2026.
 - 2 from PAU.
 - 2 covered with overtime until two additional hires in the academy anticipated for end of 2026.

Financial Impact

- Temporary overtime increase (discussed with Local 3219).
- Ambulance available; potential transport revenue increases by reducing auto-aid transports.

DISCUSSION

Christoffersen

Inquired if the additional aid car is ready for deployment. Chief Vander Pol confirmed the unit is in inventory. Cross-staffing is available, though two aid units require remounting, so scheduling will need to accommodate that.

Also inquired about overtime concerns raised by the Local given the proposed increase in overtime. Chief Vander Pol discussed the temporary overtime increase with Local 3219 President Reece Williams to ensure staffing until new personnel are hired.



Muller

Asked about the anticipated impact on unit hour utilization (UHU). Chief Vander Pol anticipated approximately a 10% decrease in utilization for A61 and A62.

Discussed the possibility of deploying an aid unit in high-incident areas during peak hours or implementing a similar model. Chief Vander Pol suggested adopting a move-up system, where resources are repositioned to maintain regional coverage during large incidents when units are pulled from other districts.

Ross

Asked if the additional aid car be positioned at Station 65 instead. Chief Vander Pol iterated the primary goal of an additional aid unit would be more impactful to community and firefighters by relieving strain on A65/E65. Given BLS calls are less time-sensitive than ALS calls, placing the additional aid car at Station 62 would be a better use of resources. Traffic flow and range limitations also influence placement decisions.

Additional Update

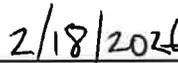
- Station 63 construction is delayed due to property issues. Anticipated start: Spring 2027, with completion expected in 14 months. Chairperson Muller and team are working to expedite permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Christoffersen called for a motion to adjourn the February 10th, 2026, Operations Committee meeting at 6:42 PM.



Ned Vander Pol
District Secretary



Date approved

