

Meeting Notes
Fire Authority Stakeholders Group
November 10, 2010

Members Present:

Tony Anderson, SeaTac City Council (Co-Chair)	Les Thomas, Board Member Kent FD RFA (Co-Chair)
Brian Wiwel, City of SeaTac Acting Fire Chief	Jim Schneider, Kent Fire Department Fire Chief
Mike Denbo, RFA Board Member	Larry Rabel, Kent Fire Captain, Planning Unit
Terry McCartin, Kent Firefighter	Mike Richardson, Kent Fire Captain
Greg Markley, Kent Battalion Chief	Mike Moore, IAFF Local 1747
Margaret Martin, Kent Finance Manager	Ken Weatherill, Kent Deputy Chief
Gene Fisher, SeaTac Deputy Mayor	John Gallup, SeaTac Local 2919 President
Dan Flood, SeaTac Local 2919 Vice President	Brian Carson, SeaTac Fire Captain
Keven Rojecki, SeaTac Firefighter	Art Stipen – SeaTac Business Owner
Erin Sitterly, SeaTac Citizen	Mary Ann Cromwell, SeaTac Fire Note Recorder
Ron Wieland, SeaTac Firefighter	

Members Absent:

Mark Jones, Kent IAFF Local 1747 President	Scott Galassi, Kent IAFF Local 1747 Vice President
Mia Gregerson, City of SeaTac Councilmember	Jeff Richardson, SeaTac Fire Battalion Chief
Ron Wieland, SeaTac Firefighter	Dave Bush , SeaTac Citizen
Richard Jordan, SeaTac Citizen	Mike McCarty, City of SeaTac Finance Director
Tom Roush, SeaTac Business Owner - declined	

Agenda Items

1. Introductions were made around the room.
2. Chief Wiwel & Chief Schneider showed a DVD on “The Anatomy Of A Fire”
3. Chief Wiwel did an introduction on the purpose, process and objectives of the committee.
4. Chief Wiwel & Chief Schneider gave the history, growth and standards of each department.
5. Chief Wiwel & Chief Schneider explained “Elephants” in the room
6. Brief on RCW 52.26 – RFA Implementation Guide
7. Meeting Schedule

Meeting Notes:

1. Introductions of all Committee Representatives from the Kent Fire Department and City of SeaTac Fire Department
2. Anatomy Of A Fire DVD was shown to show the process of Fire Fighters responding to a fire scene. Explained how firefighters respond in teams and the procedures they follow during the incident.
3. Chief Wiwel reported on the process on how we got to where we are at today:
 - a. March 10, 2010 Briefed City Council on an RFA between Kent & SeaTac Fire Departments.

- b. June 5, 2010, City Council Retreat instructed staff to proceed with RFA study.
- c. August 10, 2010, Reported an update at Public Safety & Justice Committee.
- d. October 26, 2010, City Council approved an agenda bill to proceed with forming the RFA Exploratory Committee.

Chief Schneider stated the committee explores the purpose and process of study. Ground rules were discussed. Future meetings will form work groups to report back to the exploratory committee. Distributed a handout on the RCW 52.26.

- 4. Chief Wiwel & Chief Schneider gave the history and growth of each department.
 - a. Chief Wiwel gave a hand out on City's growth, Fire Department response times, standards and financials. Went through history of Fire Districts beginning in 1930, becoming City of SeaTac Fire Department in 1991. Discussed population growth, time and travel and increased calls for service.
 - b. Fire Chief answers to the City Manager who answers to the City Council.

Chief Schneider's history of Kent Fire Department: Kent started as a volunteer department in 1924. Became accredited in 2004, stated would discuss process and benefit charges in a future meeting. Was reaccredited in 2009 as a fire agency. Explained the RFA process with City of Kent, Fire District 37 and Covington, this process was completed in July of 2010. Discussed the growth of Kent, travel times and level of service. Kent Fire Department's governing board are 3 Kent City Council, 3 Fire District 37 Commissioners and 1 Advisory Board Member.

- 5. Chief Wiwel discussed the SeaTac Fire Department standard of response. Distributed a handout of standards of response.
Chief Schneider handed out a Standard of Response coverage document. Individual jurisdictions determine response standard.
- 6. Ground rules and stakeholders:
 - a. Two co-chairs assigned one from SeaTac and one from Kent Fire Department and will monitor the meeting.
 - b. Raise hands to speak
 - c. Summarize your point
 - d. Will rotate Chair person, when meeting is held at SeaTac will be SeaTac representative and when at Kent location Kent representative will chair the meeting.
 - e. Recommendations and decisions will be made by consensus by using the terms "Support" or "Opposed"
 - f. Contact Mary Ann Cromwell at SeaTac Fire regarding any changes to meeting attendance at 206-973-4500 or mcromwell@ci.seatac.wa.us
 - g. Name cards will have ground rules printed on the back of card.

7. Elephants in the Room: Will establish work groups to address these issues then report back to the committee. Elephants in the room are what would the name of the organization be and what makes up the governance board.
 - a. SeaTac Captain Gallup represents the Union group.
 - b. Council Member Tony Anderson represents the governance group.

8. RCW 52.26 RFA Implementation Guide – Distributed handout. Note: Page 30 has most frequently asked questions. If new legislature passes Kent would not go to vote only SeaTac citizens would vote and would need 50% approval vote to pass.

9. Next Meeting will be held at Kent's Fire Station 73 at 26512 Military Road South. Following agenda items.
 - a. Area Growth
 - b. Demographics of area
 - c. Response & travel times
 - d. Revenue Limitations
 - e. Comparables to other cities (SeaTac versus other cities)

Question:

How do two unions unite? This will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:20 pm.