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The May meeting will be held at FS 18 on May 9, 2019. The meeting will start at 1930 hours.	<p align="center"><b>SOCIETY OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDENT BYRON HARDINGE:</b> <a href="mailto:HARDINGCO@CABLESPEED.COM">HARDINGCO@CABLESPEED.COM</a>  <b>V.PRESIDENT JOHN ODEGARD:</b> <a href="mailto:JOC093@MSN.COM">JOC093@MSN.COM</a>  <b>SECRETARY MARC LORRAIN:</b> <a href="mailto:M_LORRAIN@YAHOO.COM">M_LORRAIN@YAHOO.COM</a>  <b>TREASURER STEPHEN FICKENSCHER:</b> <a href="mailto:SKfick1@AOL.COM">SKfick1@AOL.COM</a>  <b>COMMUNICATIONS MIKE CLARK:</b> <a href="mailto:mclk@centurylink.net">mclk@centurylink.net</a></p>

## Minutes From The April Meeting

Meeting held at station 14 on the 11 Apr 2019  
 Meeting called to order at 1932 hours  
 President's Report: No Report  
 Vice-president's Report: No Report  
 Secretary's Report: No Report  
 Treasurer's Report: Stephan sent out balance to the officer's. We are in good standing with all of the bills.  
 No official meeting as there was not enough members at the meeting.  
 Buff report: Bryon gave report on fires that he and Lee have responded to for the last month. Been a little quite for now.  
 Communications Report: No Report:  
 Old Business: No old business.  
 Meeting ended: 2018 hours

## Response log For April

SDF RED		SHORELINE BLUE	N.SHORE GREEN	M.A. BROWN	
Date	Time Out	Dept	Address	Type	Responders
4-2-19	13:50	SFD	201 S. Jackson St.	HAZ	SPRT5
4-10-19	16:46	SFD	8733 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W.	FIBRES	Buff-Com,SPRT9
4-11-19	12:01	SFD	9226 5 <sup>th</sup> AVE. N.W.	FIBRES	Buff-Com,SPRT4,9
4-12-19	09:07	SFD	1219 S. CLOVERDALE ST.	4RED	SPRT8
4-14-19	18:55	SFD	8407 ROOSEVELT WAY N.E.	FIBRES	SPRT4,8
4-21-19	22:08	SFD	1318 E. UNION ST.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT9
4-24-19	05:07	SFD	4550 9 <sup>th</sup> AVE. N.E.	FIBRES	Buff-Com,SPRT4,5,8,9

## Ten years ago this month

All Photos by: Bob Lukas, unless otherwise noted.



SFD FB Leschi putting on a formidable display at the 2009 Maritime Days Festival on Elliott bay. Note: Using original monitors.

## April 2019



Ladder Company 10 and their new 2018 Pierce 100' tractor drawn aerial truck

## A Blast from the Past





*Jerome Jones Photo*

SFD Apparatus 315, a 1969 Maxim-Kenworth 100' aerial truck, with body work by Heiser. This workhorse was in service from July, 1969 until it was sold on April 8, 1994. **Jerome Jones Photo**



Apparatus 315 responding from fire station 25. **Photographer Unknown**

**New Battalion Car**



A brand new Ford F250 with extended cab and special body work has been delivered to the fire garage, still pending light bar install and other customization.

**Early Morning Fire in the U-District 05-04-2009**



SFD Engine 17 first in and on the hydrant for a fully involved, abandoned derelict two story house fire.



## Seattle Fire Department Run Totals for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

AS OF APRIL 30, 2019 AT 1100 HOURS:  
TOP 12 ENGINE COMPANIES...

ENGINE 17	1211
ENGINE 25	1052
ENGINE 28	1037
ENGINE 10	1017
ENGINE 2	1008
ENGINE 5	883
ENGINE 39	868
ENGINE 31	844
ENGINE 30	839
ENGINE 6	831
ENGINE 24	797
ENGINE 37	794

TOP 5 LADDER COMPANIES...

LADDER 4	801
LADDER 10	782
LADDER 1	774
LADDER 9	744
LADDER 5	540

Lt. John Cameron  
Engine Company 25  
Seattle Fire Department

## **A LOOK BACK THE MAGNUM BUILDING AUG 1<sup>ST</sup> 1983**

On the evening of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983, the fire alarm center took a call for a fire in a building located at 5422 Shilshole Ave NW. Dispatchers quickly determined that the fire was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and dispatched a full response to that location.

### **THE BUILDING**

The building at 5422 Shilshole Ave NW was one of those building that when a fireman drove by, they said to themselves that they hoped they weren't working if it ever

caught fire. The building was 3 stories in height and a massive 80x300 in size. This metal clad building had various businesses on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and self-storage on the top two floors with over 400 self-storage lockers. In most cases a working fire in self-storage buildings were doomed from the beginning due to forcible entry issues, fire spread over the top of lockers from one unit to the other, large amounts of highly combustible materials and in this case long hose stretches due to the fire being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The building had a very heavy fire load and **NO SPRINKLERS.**

### **THE RESPONSE**

1832 E18-20-35-9 L8-9 B4-1 A18-17

1845 E41 and ERS E31 L6 and B6

1846 Air 10

1849 Air 14

1855 2-11 E16-5 L5 Command 1 and Gas 1

1858 Medic 16

1902 E8-17 L10

1925 3-11 E22

1925 E24 L3

2048 Tapped fire

2118 Power 25

2328 FW E40

2335 FW E11

When E18, L8 and B4 arrived it was apparent that they had a serious working fire as a large amount of smoke was showing from the south end of the building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Ladders were raised, windows were vented and hose lines were taken up the stairs from the Shilshole Ave side of the building. Roof top teams cut the roof and had fire showing in no time, but

the hose teams were faced with heavy smoke and heat and were not making progress. When B1 arrived, Deputy Chief Dave Campbell, water had not been put on the fire. He did a quick 360 of the building and found access to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from the alley loading dock. From his Marine fire-fighting training he decided to use some of that training in this fire and that was to “set fire boundaries.” The fire was separated from the rest of the building by a fire wall and fire door. He had the roof top team open the roof up and then back off to the other side of the fire wall and protect the other side of the fire wall at all costs. Inside teams checked the fire wall for extension and made sure that the fire did not get past the fire door. The plan then was to let the fire load burn down until hose teams could get the upper hand and mop the fire up.

### **AFTERMATH**

The plan worked pretty good except for the black plume of smoke that hung-over Ballard dropping hunks of siding and debris for the next hour and a half. And oh yes explaining to the Fire Chief what the plan was when he arrived. After a discussion the Chief agreed to the plan with the addition of applying water through the windows from the ally side. The fire finally died down and then was tapped with a final interior attack. The fire was confined to the south end of the building with some water damage to the lower floors, but the building was saved and is in business today.

Thanks to the late Rich Schneider and Deputy Ch. Dave Campbell for information on this fire. M. Heaton E25 retired.

## Through the Lens By Bob Lukas

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**A Blast from the Past-E6 1967**





Through the Lens  
By John Odegard

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