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<b>The June meeting will be held at FS 17 on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019. The meeting will start at 1930 hours.</b>	<b>SOCIETY OFFICERS</b> PRESIDENT BYRON HARDINGE: <a href="mailto:HARDINGCO@CABLESPEED.COM">HARDINGCO@CABLESPEED.COM</a> V.PRESIDENT JOHN ODEGARD: <a href="mailto:JOC093@MSN.COM">JOC093@MSN.COM</a> SECRETARY MARC LORRAIN: <a href="mailto:M_LORRAIN@YAHOO.COM">M_LORRAIN@YAHOO.COM</a> TREASURER STEPHEN FICKENSCHER: <a href="mailto:SKfick1@AOL.COM">SKfick1@AOL.COM</a> COMMUNICATIONS MIKE CLARK: <a href="mailto:mclk@centurylink.net">mclk@centurylink.net</a>

## Minutes From May 2019 Meeting

The Meeting was held at: Station 18 on the 9th of May 2019,

The Meeting was called to order at: 1933 hours.

Minutes for the last months meeting were ap-proved as read.: 1st Todd 2nd John O.

President's Report: No Report

Vice President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: Letters are to be sent out to member's who have not paid their due's.

Treasurer's Report: Steven sent the balances that we have in checking and savings to Bryon and Marc.

Buff Report: The city has hardly any fires with only (7) calls during the month.

Communications Report: No Report

New Business: It was talked about having the meeting at just one station instead of going to other stations all the time. Decided that it will remain the same in going to different stations.

Bryon brought up a subject of starting a "GO FUND ME ACCOUNT". This would be used to purchase a new rig for the society, since the Red Van Buff rig is starting to wear out, meaning that parts are hard to come by since it's a 1982 vehicle. Will need to look more into starting the account.

Old Business: No business.

Guest: David A. Ortiz

Meeting adjourned at: 2010 hrs.

## Rehab Response Log for May

SDF RED		SHORELINE BLUE	N.SHORE GREEN	M.A. BROWN	
Date	Time Out	Dept	Address	Type	Responders
5-7-19	02:44	SFD	1419 BIGELOW AVE. N.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4,9
5-8-19	18:02	SFD	5221 REVENNA AVE. N.E.	FIB	Buff-Com, SPRT4
5-10-19	09:41	SFD	8849 35 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.	HAZ	SPRT5
5-10-19	14:28	SHORELINE	1515 N.E. 150 <sup>th</sup> ST.	FIB	Buff-Com, SPRT4
5-10-19	19:56	SFD	2101 BEACON AVE.S.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT5,6,17
5-11-19	06:15	SHORELINE	24167 E. GREYSTONE LN.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4
5-13-19	13:41	SFD	5240 46 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.W.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT5,6,8,17
5-14-19	17:06	SFD	6615 WOODLAWN AVE. N.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4
5-17-19	10:22	SFD	1801 FAIRVIEW AVE. E.	MARFIRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4,5,9
5-18-19	17:42	SFD	1021 N. 38 <sup>th</sup> ST.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4,5,9
5-18-19	23:35	SFD	621 9 <sup>th</sup> AVE.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4,9
5-23-19	11:19	SFD	1717 N. 85 <sup>th</sup> ST.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4
5-30-19	11:54	SFD	507 26 <sup>th</sup> AVE.	FIBRES	Buff-Com, SPRT4,9

### Ten Years ago this Month

All photos by Bob Lukas



Engine 27 participating at the Museum of Flight's annual sponsored event, Kids Safety Day. The event was canceled last year for unspecified reasons.





Engine 27 displaying firefighting gear at the 2009 "Kids Safety Day" event.



Ladder 10 members were training on their new rig 95441 on 6-23-2009, has since been reassigned as a spare.





SFD 5337, a 1995 Simon Duplex 100' tractor drawn aerial has been sold.



The Fire Boat Chief Seattle in it's original configuration 6-23-2009.





Tacoma's Fireboat Commencement undergoing maintenance at Fishermen's Terminal 6-23-2009

Hazardous materials response for a chemical suicide at 8849 35th Ave SW 5-10-2019



Engine 10 operating at 8849 35th Ave SW 5-10-2019





Ladder 1 operating at 8849 35th Ave SW 5-10-2019



SFD NEW 33923 2018 HDR Pierce Arrow XT operating at 8849 35th Ave SW



Engine 37 first in at a FIB 5240 46th Ave SW 5-13-19





FIB 5240 46th Ave SW survivor, 5-13-19



Engine 25 first in, taking a supply from Engine 2, for four boats on fire, in the water at Fairview Ave East and East Garfield Street. 5-17-19





Fireboat Leschi operating at a full Marine Fire Response near Fairview Ave East and East Garfield Street. 5-17-19



Engine 18 operating at FIB, N 36 and Bridge Way N 5-18-2019





Engine 9 picking up hose after operating at FIB, N 36 and Bridge Way N 5-18-2019

## **A LOOK BACK MUSINGS FROM THE BIG TWO FIVE**

On a quiet Saturday or Sunday, at Station 25, the radio suddenly announced a full response in Lake City. Shortly thereafter an excited voice from E39 described a working fire in a string of businesses. It sounded serious. The Captain of L10 got on the station loudspeaker for L10 to suit up as they were going north. Even before they were called, they were out the door for the north end. They must have been to the freeway before the bells hit for them to move up. I figured they were going to see some action but not much of a chance for E25 as we did not get moved up to the north end as often as L10 did. The fire quickly went to a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm and just like that the bell hit for engine 25 for a move up to 39's. Surprise, surprise maybe we could see some fire duty. When we got to the ship canal bridge, we could see a large column of black smoke in the far distance. Sometime before we arrived at 39's the fire went to a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm and we were on the response. Before we arrived, the Chief gave us instructions to lay a Monitor Manifold on the south side of the fully involved



building. I sent the engine to the east for the nearest hydrant while a fireman, that we nicknamed the grasshopper, and I aimed the monitor into the fire and started lobbing thousands of gallons of water on to the fire. After about an hour I noticed an assistant or deputy chief watching the fire on the south end of the building. I told the grasshopper to watch things as I wanted to talk to the Chief. I had noticed a door located at the center of the south wall. I figured if we opened the door and aimed the monitor into the doorway maybe we could make some progress on the fire. I ask him what do you think if we forced that door and aimed the monitor into to it? He didn't answer but must have been thinking about it. Suddenly a huge section of roofing or siding came crashing down and smashed into the sidewalk right at the foot of the door where we were going to be working.- and I mean it crashed down. I looked at the Chief and said, "you know if we had done that the grasshopper would have been squished like a bug." The Chief looked at me and without a word walked away. I learned an important lesson that day and it was that I knew why he was a Chief and I was a lowly Lieutenant.

One day E25 and a whole bunch of others were assigned on a full response to a reported apartment fire on Boren Ave. We had turned north on Boren when the dispatcher said "all units responding to xxxx Boren Ave code green except for E25 and M1. I had to admit I had never heard that before. As we got to the apartment unit we could smell smoke and when we got into the dimly lit room there was an older gentlemen sitting in a chair with his pants half down and a circle of porno magazines at his feet. He had tried to light up a cigarette and had set his greasy hair on fire. The poor devil looked like Wiley coyote with his smoldering hair burned to frizzy clumps. Amazing as it was, he had suffered only minor burns. M1 quickly had him off under their care to HMC. It was runs like this, as a reason that, firemen love their jobs for each day you knew you were going to see something different.

M. Heaton E25 retired.



**A LOOK THROUGH THE LENS  
PHOTOS BY JOHN ODEGARD**

46 Ave SW & Erskine Way SW





Woodland Ave N. & N. 66 St.



