Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

October 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1300 hours. Also present were Commissioners Barb Bodin, Mark Fischer and Mark McDougall.

District Personnel: Michael Sexton, Joseph Leonard, Ethan Collins, Camille Lemke, Leah O'Brien and Lilly Wuestner

Guests: Kevin Brown, Nadine Brown, and Joe Cochran

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent/Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Guest Speaker:

Nadine Brown, with the Auxiliary, talked about events at Banjo-Rama and Oysterfest and their fundraising as well as the upcoming Christmas Kids event that is hosted every year.

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve:

September 9, 2026: Regular Meeting Minutes

Made by Commissioner Fischer. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Warrant Authorization Amendment:

A motion was made to accept Commissioner O'Briens resignation and to change the number of signatures required for authorization of warrants from four to three was made by Commissioner Fischer and 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of $187,659.16 for the month of October

$168,306.51 in EXPENSE

$19,352.65 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner McDougall, 2nd by Commissioner Fischer. Passed Unanimously.

Chief Sexton Report:

Calls for September: 68

Transports for September: 16

Department Meeting last Friday 10/9/2026 to get everyone on the same page

LNI Investigation RE: PPE Gear/availability/expectations. Chief Leonard is working towards more specific training/documentation.

DEM: The County Commissioners are considering putting it under the Sheriffs Office.

Macecom: Director resigned, Carrie will be interim director.

Discussion was had on looking for other options for dispatch. Board of Commissioners authorized Chief Sexton to withdraw from the ILA if it's in the best interest of the district and personnel safety.

Chief Leonard Report: See Attached

Lt. O'Brien Grants Report: See Attached

Correspondence:

Solar Panel Farm trying to put a facility on Green Diamond Land. It is part of our District as well as West Mason

Old Business:

Tacoma Power Contract: Nothing to report.

We had a tour of the Dam Facility 10/13/2026.

Policy Committee: Not meeting today.

Electrical work at 18-3 almost finished: power reels, upgraded light switches, outlet repair

The insurance work on the Engine and Building was completed.

Station 18-2 generator: we are working through warranty stuff with Sunset Electric.

2027 Budget: we will be working on it at the Conference with the commissioners involvement and expect to bring it to the next meeting for review. Commissioner Bodin suggested we look at the apparatus and consider what needs replaced and when.

Considering our EMS Levy for next years ballot.

We are working on a community newsletter.

New Business:

Vice- Chair Commissioner O'Brien resigned. Motion was made nominating Commissioner Fischer as new Vice-Chair by Commissioner McDougall. 2nd by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.

Our meeting in November is currently scheduled for Veterans Day. A decision was made to move it to November 12, 2026 at Station 18-1 at 1:00 pm.

Lilly has been working on uploading/digitizing resolutions.

Good of the Order:

WFCA conference next week in Spokane

Shift Leads are developing a new onboarding process

Executive Session:

Will be held from 2:07 pm-2:27 pm as per the Chair and the agenda.

RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) *To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;*

Meeting Called back to order: 2:27 pm: Executive Session extended until 2:37

2:37 pm Meeting called back to order

NO ACTION TAKEN

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 pm

Chair Cochran

Vice-Chair Fischer

Commissioner McDougall

Commissioner Bodin

Commissioner Severin

FD 17 FD 18 Grants
October 2026

FEMA FD17/FD18

FD		POP Ends	Closeout Due	Closeout Submitted
17	2020 AFG AutoPulse	8-25-2023		Submitted April 2024
17	2022 AFG Ram and ECG Monitors	7-31-2025		Submitted June 2026
17	2024 AFG Extractor	9-26-2027	12-26-2027	
18	2024 AFG Diesel Exhaust System 18-1 & 18-2	9-26-2027	12-26-2027	

Hama Hama FEMA Grants

Letters submitted to FEMA on September 1, 2026.

1. A list of all MCFD 17 FEMA Grants that include equipment/supplies transferred to MCFD 18 as part of the January 1, 2026 merger.
2. A request to surplus the AutoPulse devices. We will be receiving the surplus forms by email from our regional rep.

Hoodsport FEMA Grant FY 2024 AFG Diesel Exhaust System

The Plymovent quotes for stations 18-1 and 18-2 were approved at the July 2026 Commissioners Meeting. Plymovent is ordering parts needed for our project.

2025 FEMA AFG Grants

We submitted two AFG Grants, one for a diesel exhaust system at 18-3 and one for an engine to replace E18-5. Awarding was expected to begin August 31st. Awarding was completed on September 30, 2026. I confirmed a with FEMA AFG that we didn't receive either grant this year.

DNR Grants

No grants are currently open.

Medic One Foundation Grant

Both manikins have been received. We have pictures and videos using the water rescue manikin at one of our drills to submit to Medic One Foundation. The request for reimbursement of our funds has been sent along with videos and pictures of our drill. I am waiting to hear back on further PR requirements such as Facebook, the local newspaper, or a Medic One visit.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

We reapplied on July 9, 2026 and our application has moved from review status to submitted status. Our online account states that we were disqualified from the grant. We didn't receive an email like we did in the last round. I found an email and requested information on what 'Disqualified' means.

Gary Sinise Grant continuous application cycle

The Stryker quote needed to be completely redone for grant use. We also needed a quote from the third party that installs the base plate (Power Load) and the stretcher (Power Pro 2). We now have all our quotes and the grant will be completed prior to October 20th.

Commissioner Meeting – Division Chief Report

10/14/2026

Training:

- **Vector Solutions** – 53 training hours this quarter since 10/1, one week of data is missing due to my absence related to COVID. 762 for the year since implementing the new tracking system
- **Misc.**
    - Got some good training in on the Vent Trailer including practicing cutting door hinges and rebar with the K12, Vertical Ventilation and Forcible Entry with a plan to do it again next year
    - Developed a training course for urban search and rescue, landslides and building collapse response as well as for windstorms/utility emergencies
    - Tracking of Trainee Taskbooks seems to be going well, the next step is accountability and follow up to ensure they are being completed in the required timeframe
    - This months training focus is auto extrication and responses to vehicle accidents, we have a few cars were are working to get here so we can set up scenarios
    - As a result of some research following the L&I visit, I'm working on doing some back-end work on our tracking and training requirements to bring us into compliance with WAC and L&I requirements. Some of that is going to require further discussions but I believe I have identified some deficiencies we can be better on-top of and am working to correct those ahead of time.
- **Classes**:
    - Our Fire Academy Cadre seem to be doing well , everyone passed Hazmat Awareness Written. They are nearing the halfway point of academy
    - 3 of us were in the EMS Evaluator class and all passed with flying colors
    - 8 members are going through IV Tech next month