

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE  
Spokane County Fire District No. 13  
Minutes for December 14, 2023

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
YEAR END REVIEW

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on December 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Station No. 1, 9324 N Starr Rd., Newman Lake, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

Board: Commissioner Eileen Weyrauch and Commissioner Teresa Phelps  
Others Present: Chief Daron Bement, Captain Josh Ambach, Captain Jake Ambach, Captain Bob Kolva, Volunteer Coordinator Brisa Ambach, Community Liaison Kelli Lemley, Administrative Assistant Robin Harbin, Volunteers, and family members.

**DINNER**

Dinner was provided and served by Bob McCauley of the Newman Lake Fire Auxiliary, with assistance from Auxiliary members Lauri McCauley and Carol Jeffries.

**2023 NLFR YEAR IN REVIEW**

Brisa Ambach presented a slide show reviewing the following:

1. Trainings
2. Live Burns
3. Chief Cooke Retirement/Incoming Chief Daron Bement
4. Call Review
5. NLFR Volunteers
6. Recruit Training

**2023 SERVICE AWARDS**

Challenge coins for percentage of call response were presented to the following:

- BRONZE: 15-29% Captain Jake Ambach, Dave Vanderostyne, Kelli Lemley, Tanner Cassell, Jim Stevenson, and Jay Indelicato
- SILVER: 30-50% Mandie McIntosh, Bob Kolva, and Mike Jennings
- GOLD: >50% Carleen VanDerostyne

Captain Josh Ambach presented black helmets to the following who have completed their tasks books, 6 months' probation, and passed their final exam:

- Kasey Hendrickson
- Jon Umble
- Victoria Ediger
- Benjamin Peacock-Conklin
- Hayden Phelps

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Mike Jennings presented wildland challenge coins to the following for their dedicated participation at the Hallet Fire, Gray Road Fire and/or Oregon Road Fire:

- Jon Umble
- Captain Josh Ambach
- Connor Hunnel
- ▪ Kasey Hendrickson

Mike Jennings presented photos from the Oregon Road Fire to Chief Bement for display at the station. He also presented Stan Cooke with a firefighter mug in appreciation of his dedicated service to the department as Chief, then Senior Advisor; Stan Cooke has now completed his role as Senior Advisor.

Administrative Assistant Robin Harbin presented certificates of appreciation to the following spouses and community members who have been very supportive of the department:

- Anita Indelicato
- Julie Jennings
- Jen Garrison Stuber
- Denise Kolva
- Carrene Roseveare
- Bob McCauley

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

  
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Eileen Weyrauch, Chairperson

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District Secretary

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