

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE
Spokane County Fire District No. 13
Minutes for March 20, 2025

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
SERVICE AWARDS DINNER

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on March 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Lakes Community Church, 6703 N Idaho Rd, Newman Lake, WA 99025.

ROLL CALL

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

SOCIAL HOUR

Attendees socialized from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

DINNER

The dinner was catered by Spokane Food & Events Services. Food was served banquet style by the Chief, Captains, and Lieutenant Jennings.

2024 SERVICE AWARDS

Volunteer Responder of the Year - *Presented by Capt. Bob Kolva*

Recipient: Carleen VanDerostyne (plaque award)

Volunteer of the Year - *Presented by Capt. Josh Ambach*

Recipient: Mike Jennings (Acrylic Award)

Recruit of the Year - *Presented by Capt. Jake Ambach*

Recipient: Dylan McGillen (Acrylic Award)

Firefighter of the Year - *Presented by Kelli Lemley*

Recipient: Ben Peacock-Conklin (Acrylic Award)

Officer of the Year - *Presented by Chief Daron Bement*

Recipient: Jake Ambach (Acrylic Award)

Chief's Award - *Presented by Chief Daron Bement*

Recipient: Josh Ambach (Acrylic Award)

Commissioner Years of Service Award - *Presented by Chief Daron Bement*

Recipient: Eileen Weyrauch (20 Year Acrylic Award)

Response Coins - *Presented by Brisa Ambach*

GOLD (Daron Bement, Josh Ambach, Carleen VanDerostyne)

SILVER (Robin Harbin, Mandie Ambach, Mike Jennings, Bob Kolva)

BRONZE (Dillon Gollaher, Matt Schucker, Kelli Lemley, Jim Stevenson, Connor Hunnel)

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Chief Coin Presentation - Presented by Chief Bement

All veteran members (not recruits) received the new department coin

Service Award- Presented by Chief Bement/Brisa Ambach

All members received a service award – 40oz insulated cup with department patch logo

Staff and volunteers were allowed to bring immediate family members or a significant other to the Service Awards Dinner. This was not a public meeting. No decisions were made.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business, the Service Awards dinner was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Teresa Phelps, Chairperson

4-17-25
Date



Robin Harbin, District Secretary

4-17-2025
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