

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE
Spokane County Fire District No. 13
Minutes for April 2, 2026

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 April 2, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Lakes Community Church, 6703 N Idaho Rd, Newman Lake, WA 99025.

ROLL CALL

Board: Commissioner Teresa Phelps, Commissioner Dennis Gleckler with spouse Sue Gleckler
Others Present: Chief Daron Bement, Division Chief Josh Ambach, Captain Jake Ambach, Captain Bob Kolva, Lieutenant Carleen Beauchene, Lieutenant Mike Jennings, Lieutenant Jim Stevenson, Community Liaison Kelli Lemley, Volunteer Coordinator Brisa Ambach, EMS Supervisor Mandie Ambach, 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 Señor Froggy's. Food was served banquet style.

2025 SERVICE AWARDS

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

Recipient: Connor Hunnel (Acrylic Award)

Resident of the Year - *Presented by Division Chief Josh Ambach*

Recipient: Gavin Shoemaker (Acrylic Award)

Rookie of the Year - *Presented by Lt. Mike Jennings*

Recipient: Emery Hall (Acrylic Award)

Special Presentation - *Presented by Lt. Mike Jennings*

Presented to those who have served the district as Certified EMS Providers for five plus years.
Recipients of EMS Challenge Coin Award: Mandie Ambach, Josh Ambach, Carleen Beauchene, Jake Ambach, Michelle Breach, Bob Kolva, Kelli Lemley, and Jim Stevenson

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

Recipient: Ben Peacock-Conklin (Acrylic Award)

Firefighter of the Year - *Presented by Lt. Carleen Beauchene*

Recipient: Rylee Stangel (Acrylic Award)

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

Recipient: Captain (now Division Chief) Josh Ambach (Acrylic Award)

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

Recipient: Mike Stussy (Acrylic Award)

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

Recipient: Robin Harbin (5 Year Wood Plaque)

Recipient: Kelli Lemley (10 Year Wood Plaque)

Recipient: Division Chief Josh Ambach (15 Year Wood Plaque with Adhered Figurine)

Response Coins - *Presented by Brisa Ambach*

GOLD (Connor Hunnel, Daron Bement, Josh Ambach, Carleen Beauchene)

SILVER (Mike Jennings, Kelli Lemley, Mandie Ambach, Gavin Shoemaker, Bob Kolva)

BRONZE (Michelle Breach, Robin Harbin, Gavin Olson)

RSVP Award- *Presented by Brisa Ambach*

The first 10 members to RSVP for the Service Awards Banquet received a department sticker (Michael Garrison Stuber, Rylee Stangel, Josh Ambach, Mandie Ambach, Mike Jennings, Julie Jennings, Drew Gray, Gavin Shoemaker, Dylan McGillen, and Kelli Lemley)

Service Award- *Presented by Brisa Ambach*

All members received a service award – a backpack cooler with the department patch logo

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

ADJOURN

As there was no other business, the Service Awards dinner was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Ben Kaiser, Chairperson

4/16/26

Date



Robin Harbin, District Secretary

4-16-2026

Date