

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
305 West 3rd, Rainer, OR
January 08, 2026, 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting: After due and legal notice, the Regular Board meeting of the Columbia River Fire & Rescue Board of Directors was called to order by Director Gundersen at 6:00 pm.

Present: Austin Zimbrick (phone in), Richard Fletcher, Mark Gundersen

Absent: Ryan Welby, Paul Rice

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner, BC Schrotzberger, Ashley Murray, Talitha Saunders, Michael Lanphear, Lt. Barbouletos, D. Parshall, T. Carroll, Family and Friends of M. Lanphear and T. Saunders

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: M. Chandler

Flag Salute: Director Gundersen

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: None

Volunteer Report: Ashley Murray provided a recap on Toy n' Joy

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on December 11th and December 22nd, 2025, the December check register, the budget-to-actual, and the December bank statement. VP Zimbrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Gundersen seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was approved 3-0.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed progress on new hires and the start of the next academy. He provided the board with an overview of his intent to pursue a bond in 2027 and the meetings he has had with SDAO representatives to assist with the process.

Old Business: None

New Business: A plaque was presented to Volunteer Ashley Murray for her work with Toy n' Joy for the 2025 holiday season, as well as a gift card to a local restaurant. Talitha Saunders and Michael Lanpher were recognized for completing their probationary periods and received new pins.

Board Comments:

Director Gundersen: Congrats to the new hires, and thank you to Local 3215

Adjourn: 6:14 pm