NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON FIRE CHIEF'S AND COMMISSIONER'S ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Article 1 – NAME

The Association shall be known as the North Central Washington Fire Chief's and Commissioner's Association.

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The purpose of the organization is to form and promote a communications link between fire district commissioners, fire chief's, fire officers and other cooperating in North Central Washington. The association will promote continuity in the fire service, exchange technical information and new concepts. It will promote interagency cooperation through fire prevention programs, training programs, cooperative agreements and operating procedures.

Article 3 – OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and the past President, who shall also form the Board of Directors.

All officers shall enter upon their official duties at the first meeting of the new calendar year, with the exception of the secretary/treasurer. Election of officers will be held at the last scheduled meeting each calendar year. All active members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office in the Association.

The secretary/treasurer position shall be appointed by the Board of Directors

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President – It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all officers and Association meetings; have general management of the affairs of the Association as directed by the membership; sign and execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Association; and perform such other duties as are normally incidental to this office or as may be directed by the Association.

Vice President – It shall be the duty of the vice president to perform the duties of the president in his absence and to assist the president wherever required or requested.

Secretary/Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the secretary/treasurer to keep minutes of the Association meetings, to keep a record of all members of the Association and to attend all communications pertaining to the Association. He/she shall be responsible to manage the fiscal affairs of the Association. He/she shall also perform all such other duties as are incidental to the office or as may be required or requested by the Association.

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Past President – It shall be the duty of the past president to assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and vice president and to perform other duties as directed by the president or the membership.

Article 5 – MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Association shall be held at established times designated by the Board of Directors. Special or emergency meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors provided adequate notice is given to the membership.

For the purpose of conducting urgent business on which immediate action is necessary, the Board of Directors may conduct verbal and written surveys of the membership to accomplish that business.

Article 6 – DUES Adopted by the Association of the regular new trop on July 23, 2013

Dues will be assessed to each active member department, agency or organization. The structure of the dues will be established by the membership.

Article 7 – VOTING

Each active member department shall be entitled to one vote, with the senior officer from each participating department present casting the vote. A majority of the attending voting membership shall rule.

Article 8 – DIVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Divisions of the Association include training, fire district commissioners and fire prevention council. Additional divisions may be established by the membership.

Each division may establish independent operational concepts, subject to the Association membership concurrence.

Article 9 – AMENDMENTS

The Association may alter, amend or revise this constitution and by-laws at any meetings, provided that a majority of the current active membership approves the changes.

Article 10 – COMMITTEES

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Various committees may be established to accomplish the purposes of the Association and are appointed by the President.

Article 11 - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Association meetings will be kept informal; therefore Robert's Rules of Order shall not govern.

Article 12 - DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

In the event the Association is dissolved the assets of the Association will be distributed equally to each active member department.

Adopted by the Association at the regular meeting on July 23, 2015.

President

Timothy Lemon, Chief, CCFPD7

Vice President

Dale Rinker, Chief, DCFPD 3

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE:

TO FORM AND PROMOTE A COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, FIRE CHIEF'S AND FIRE OFFICERS IN NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON.

TO PROMOTE CONTINUITY IN THE FIRE SERVICE, EXCHANGE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND NEW CONCEPTS, PROMOTE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION THROUGH FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES.

ARTICLE 3 - OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY / TREASURER AND THE PAST PRESIDENT, WHO SHALL ALSO FORM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALL OFFICERS SHALL ENTER UPONTHEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CALENDAR YEAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE LAST SCHEDULED MEETING EACH CALENDAR YEAR. ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE IN THE ASSOCIATION.

THE SECRETARY / TREASURER POSITION IS AN APPOINTED POSITION. THE DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, OF THE CHELAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WILL FILL THIS POSITION AT THE REQUEST OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 4 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER ALL OFFICERS AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; HAVE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS DIRECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP; SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION; AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS ARE NORMALLY INCIDENTAL TO THIS OFFICE OR AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

VICE PRESIDENT - IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN HIS ABSENCE AND TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT WHEREVER REQUIRED OR REQUESTED.

SECRETARY / TREASURER - IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER TO KEEP MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS, TO KEEP A RECORD OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND TO ATTEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION. HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO MANAGE THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION. HE SHALL ALSO PERFORM ALL SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS ARE INCIDENTAL TO THE OFFICE OR AS MAY BE REQUIRED OR REQUESTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

PAST PRESIDENT - IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PAST PRESIDENT TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, AND TO PERFORMOTHER DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE HELD AT ESTABLISHED TIMES DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROVIDED ADEQUATE NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING URGENT BUSINESS ON WHICH IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY CONDUCT VERBAL SURVEYS OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO ACCOMPLISH THAT BUSINESS

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF TWO CLASSES OF MEMBERS, ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE.

ACTIVE MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL FIRE DISTRICTS AND DEPARTMENTS, STATE AND FEDERAL FIRE AGENCIES, LOCAL INDUSTRIAL FIRE ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE MARSHAL OFFICES FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON AREA.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAY CONSIST OF RETIRED FIRE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT VENDORS, OR OTHERS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE 6 - DUES

DUES WILL BE ASSESSED TO EACH ACTIVE MEMBER DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION. THE STRUCTURE OF DUES WILL BE ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 7 - VOTING

EACH ACTIVE MEMBER DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE, WITH THE SENIOR OFFICER FROM EACH PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENT PRESENT CASTING THE VOTE. A MAJORITY OF THE ATTENDING VOTING MEMBERSHIP SHALL RULE.

ARTICLE 8 - DIVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

DIVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDE TRAINING, FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL. ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

EACH DIVISION MAY ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS, SUBJECT TO THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CONCURRENCE.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

THE ASSOCIATION MAY ALTER, AMEND OR REVISE THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS AT ANY MEETING, PROVIDED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPROVES THE CHANGES.

ARTICLE 10 - COMMITTEES

VARIOUS COMMITTEES MAY BE ESTABLISHED TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE 11 - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

THE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS WILL BE KEPT INFORMAL, THEREFORE ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SHALL NOT GOVERN.

ARTICLE 12 - DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

IN THE EVENT THE ASSOCIATION IS DISSOLVED THE ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO EACH ACTIVE MEMBER DEPARTMENT.

ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1992.

PRESIDENT

CHUCK REID, CHIEF DOUGLAS CO. FIRE DIST. 4

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VICE PRESIDENT

DEAN HILLS, CHIEF CASHMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECRETARY / TREASURER

SCOTT LOWERS, DIRECTOR CHELAN COUNTY D.E.M.

PAST PRESIDENT

DICK GORMLEY, CHIEF DOUGLAS CO. FIRE DIST. 1