

**MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN & LEVY REAUTHORIZATION**  
***EMS Advisory Task Force***  
***9/18/18 meeting notes***

**Task Force Members present:**

The Honorable Tom Agnew, Councilmember, City of Bothell  
The Honorable Bob Baggett, Deputy Mayor, City of Auburn  
Allen Church, Chief, South King Fire & Rescue  
The Honorable Reagan Dunn, Councilmember, King County  
The Honorable John Marchione, Mayor, City of Redmond  
The Honorable Krystal Marx, Councilmember, City of Burien  
The Honorable Karen Moran, Deputy Mayor, City of Sammamish  
Joyce Nichols, Government Relations Director, City of Bellevue  
Larry Rude, Fire Commissioner, King County Fire Commissioner/Eastside Fire & Rescue  
Harold Scoggins, Chief, Seattle Fire  
The Honorable Keith Scully, Councilmember, City of Shoreline  
Rachel Smith, Chief of Staff to King County Executive Dow Constantine  
The Honorable Penny Sweet, Councilmember, City of Kirkland

**Attendees**

Mary Alice Allenbach, King County EMS  
Jeff Bellinghausen, SK Fire & Rescue  
Dave Beste, Bellevue Fire  
Cynthia Bradshaw, King County EMS  
Joel Bodenman, Kirkland Fire  
Seth Buchanan, Kirkland Fire  
Rick Chaney, South King Fire & Rescue  
Helen Chatalas, King County EMS  
Chris Dahline, Seattle Fire  
Erik Friedrichsen, KC EMS  
Jay Hagen, Bellevue Fire  
Jim Hammond, City of Shoreline  
Tracie Jacinto, King County EMS  
Keith Keller, King County Medic One

Michelle Lightfoot, King County EMS  
Rick Myking, Renton Regional Fire Authority  
John Nankervis, Shoreline Fire  
Kevin Olson, Valley Regional Fire Authority  
Eli Panci, City of Kirkland  
Vic Pennington, South King Fire & Rescue  
Michele Plorde, King County EMS  
Dave Reich, King County Office of Economic  
and Financial Analysis  
John Rickert, South King Fire & Rescue  
Chris Santos, Seattle Fire Department  
Bryn Vanderstoep, King County Council  
Alex Yoon, Public Health - Seattle & King  
County

This third meeting of the *EMS Advisory Task Force* focused on the updated Financial Plan and its reserves. After reviewing the finalized Programmatic and Financial Recommendations, members were briefed on five “What -If” scenarios to ensure the Financial Plan had sufficient reserves to weather an economic downturn. The Task Force then adopted the Medic One/EMS Recommendations package as a whole.

**Discussion Items:**

Finalized Programmatic Recommendations: *See meeting materials.* The Task Force endorsed the recommendations as reported out by the Subcommittees

Sensitivity Analysis – “What If” Scenarios: Task Force members have stressed the need to incorporate sufficient reserves into the Financial Plan to mitigate unforeseen financial risk. Working with the King County Economist, five Sensitivity Analyses (referred to as “What –If” scenarios) were developed to evaluate revenue and expenditure risks associated with changes in economic conditions from what was originally planned. Financial impacts ranged from a decrease of \$3.1 million to a decrease of \$52.2 million (worst possible case scenario). The current Financial Plan includes a total of \$49 million in reserves that would allow the EMS levy to remain whole under these circumstances.

Updated Financial Plan: The Financial Plan was updated since the May meeting to reflect the most recent (August) King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis (OEFA) financial forecast. Both revenues and expenditures changed slightly, resulting in a six year budget of \$1.115 billion, or \$200 million a year. This equates to a starting levy rate of 27-cents per \$1,000 AV.

Updated Levy Rate information, based on new OEFA forecast:

Starting rate of 2014-2019 levy: 33.5 cents

2019 estimated levy rate: 22.1 cents

**Updated Proposed: 27.0 cents**

**Actions Taken:**

1. A motion to adopt the Programmatic Recommendations as proposed was made, seconded and passed.
2. A motion to adopt the Financial Plan that supports those programmatic needs and expenditures of \$1.115 billion with a 6-year EMS levy, was made, seconded and passed. The *Task Force* was notified that these 2018 financial estimates may change in 2019 due to updated economic forecasts.
3. Since it is too early to determine at which 2019 election to run the levy, a motion endorsing having the EMS levy ready to be run at either the primary or general election in 2019 was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

This recommendations package will be forwarded to the King County Executive’s office to help guide the development of the 2020-2025 Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan.

*For more information on the EMS Advisory Task Force and the levy reauthorization process, please contact Helen Chatalas at 206-263-8560.*