

# The Firehouse Lawyer

Volume 22, Number 4E

Be sure to visit [firehouselawyer.com](http://firehouselawyer.com) to get a glimpse of our various practice areas pertaining to public agencies, which include labor and employment law, public disclosure law, mergers and consolidations, financing methods, risk management, and many other practice areas!!!

**Eric T. Quinn, Editor**

Joseph F. Quinn, Staff Writer

The law firm of Eric T. Quinn, P.S. is legal counsel to more than 40 Fire Departments in the State of Washington.

Our office is located at:

**7403 Lakewood Drive West, Suite #11  
Lakewood, WA 98499-7951**

Mailing Address: See above  
Office Telephone: 253-590-6628  
Joe Quinn: 253 576-3232

Email Joe at [joequinn@firehouselawyer.com](mailto:joequinn@firehouselawyer.com)  
Email Eric at [ericquinn@firehouselawyer2.com](mailto:ericquinn@firehouselawyer2.com)

Access and Subscribe to this Newsletter at:  
[firehouselawyer.com](http://firehouselawyer.com)

## Inside this Issue

1. Correction Notice
2. Training Opportunities

April 2024 Extra

## CORRECTION

In our previous issue (Volume 22, Number 4),<sup>1</sup> we indicated that employees of your fire departments who perform public works on your properties (effective July 1, 2024) must be paid prevailing wages. Actually, such employees are **not** subject to the prevailing wage laws.

WAC 296-127-026 (4) clearly states that “[T]he prevailing wage requirements of chapter 39.12 RCW **do not** apply to: Workers regularly employed by the state or any county, municipality, or political subdivision created by its laws.” (emphasis added).

This is just a reminder that we have two upcoming training opportunities that should be of interest to our fire district and regional fire authority clients, and which also may be of interest to other public agencies and/or public clients.

**First**, we have another free Municipal Roundtable (MR) taking place on April 12 (Friday) from 9 to 11 AM! This MR will relate to the procurement laws and upcoming changes to those laws—one of which is discussed in the article at Footnote 1 below. This MR can be accessed through this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85269067636?pwd=UQyFbPB0VPfA7YoNbQOWTnXMPynURY.1>

1

<https://firehouselawyer.com/Newsletters/April2024.pdf>

# Firehouse Lawyer

Volume 22, Number 4E

April 2024 Extra

**Second**, on Saturday, April 20, from 9 AM to 12 PM, we are presenting a seminar sponsored by the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association. This free session will cover the dynamics between the governing body of a public agency and its administrative head, focusing on:

- The delineation of roles between the commissioners and the CEO (the chief)
- Ethical considerations, meeting conduct, and public perception
- Avoiding common pitfalls

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter for further information on how to attend.

**DISCLAIMER. The Firehouse Lawyer newsletter is published for educational purposes only. Nothing herein shall create an attorney-client relationship between Eric T. Quinn, P.S. and the reader.**



**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS'  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

# **Roles of Fire Commissioners and Fire Chiefs**

**Date:** April 20, 2024

**Time:** 0900 - 1200

**Location:**

In person at South Sound 911, 3580 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, WA  
or Remotely via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/8151456645?pwd=NHFTa2o2ZWZmZU4Qlg2Q2tLejNFUT09&omn=94621885983>

Meeting ID: 815 145 6645      Passcode: 123456

**Cost:** Free

**Presenter:** Firehouse Lawyer, Eric Quinn

**Registration:** Please email Denise Ross at [dross@centralpiercefirer.org](mailto:dross@centralpiercefirer.org)  
*Please state whether you plan to attend in person or remotely so we can plan accordingly.*

*Join the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association and other friends in government for a presentation by Firehouse Lawyer, Eric Quinn, on "Commissioner 101": Understanding the roles of an elected official compared to the roles of administrative staff/managerial personnel.*

*This presentation is sponsored by the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association and is free to all participants.*



Topic: PC Fire Commissioners Attorney Quinn Training  
Time: Apr 20, 2024 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8151456645?pwd=NHFTa2o2ZWZMzenU4Qlg2Q2tLejNFUT09&omn=94621885983>

Meeting ID: 815 145 6645

Passcode: 123456

---

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,8151456645#,,,,\*123456# US (Tacoma)

+12532050468,,8151456645#,,,,\*123456# US

---

Dial by your location

- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
  - +1 253 205 0468 US
  - +1 719 359 4580 US
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
  - +1 669 444 9171 US
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
  - +1 689 278 1000 US
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
  - +1 305 224 1968 US
  - +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
  - +1 360 209 5623 US
  - +1 386 347 5053 US
  - +1 507 473 4847 US
  - +1 564 217 2000 US
  - +1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 815 145 6645

Passcode: 123456

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adiXSQSHuU>