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<u>Memorandum</u>

To:	Public Disclosure Commission
From:	Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator
Date:	August 14, 2024
Subject:	Dustin Kraft Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 158061

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Dustin Kraft (The Respondent), an elected Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01 violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2021, due not later than April 15, 2022.

Background and Prior Violations:

- The Respondent was most recently elected/appointed Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01 in 2023.
- Between March 12 and April 23, 2024, PDC staff sent seven email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2023.
- On August 12, 2024, PDC staff emailed and mailed the respondent a hearing notice regarding the missing report for calendar year 2023. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.
- As of August 14, 2024 the Respondent (has not) filed an F-1 covering calendar year 2024.

Prior Violations

First Violation (PDC Case 110467):

• The Respondent, who was an official in the position of Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01 failed to file a F-1 report for calendar year 2021, which was due no later than April 15, 2022.

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- At the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$500 penalty, with \$250 suspended provided the conditions of the order were met and no further violations for four years.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the assessed \$500 civil penalty for case 110467.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2021 has not been filed.

Second Violation (PDC Case 140324)

- The Respondent, who was an official in the position of Fire Commissioner for Clallam County Fire Protection District 01 failed to file a F-1 report for calendar year 2022, which was due no later than April 17, 2023.
- At the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$2000 penalty, with \$1000 suspended provided the conditions of the order were met and no further violations for four years.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the assessed \$2000 civil penalty for case 140324.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2022 has not been filed.

Additional Information

Per WAC 390-37-143(5), cases "will automatically be scheduled before the full commission for an enforcement action when the respondent:
(a) Was found in violation during a previous reporting period;
(b)The violation remains in effect following any appeals; and
(c) The person has not file the disclosure forms that were the subject of the prior violation at the time the current hearing notice is being sent."

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission find that The Respondent violated 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2023, and:

- 1. Assess the Respondent a civil penalty for a second occasion of a violation heard at a full adjudicatory hearing where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per WAC 390-37-182 to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for this fact pattern is \$1000 to \$2000: and
- 2. Require Dustin Kraft to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2023 within 30 days of the date of the Order.