

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

Renton Fire Department
April 2, 2009

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

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| * Mike Geppert | Eastside Fire |
| * Mark Weldon | Bellevue Fire |
| * Elenjo Schaff | Eastside Fire |
| * Phil Cane | Boeing Fire |
| Ken Knott | Mercer Island Fire |
| Patty Ousley | King County EMS |
| Frank Glaser | Redmond Fire |
| David Kryger | Kirkland Fire |
| Pat Hepler | Edmonds Fire |
| Tim McClung | King County Airport |
| J.C. Smith | L & I |
| Marty Grisham | Tukwila Fire |
| Tom Shepard | Kent Fire |
| Jeff DiDonato | Maple Valley Fire |
| Cari Coll | Vashon Island Fire |
| Rick Marshall | Renton Fire |
| Greg Bawden | Duvall Fire |
| Todd Reynolds | Snoqualmie Fire |
| Mitch Sauer | Northshore Fire |
| Mark Musch | Northshore Fire |
- * **Executive Board Member**

The April meeting was called to order at the Renton Fire Training Center at 0915 with a welcome extended to all. Following the traditional flag salute, a brief explanation of President Mike's position in the Training Division being extended at least until mid-May and then pending after that was explained to the membership. A roundtable of introductions followed.

MEETING MINUTES:

There was a correction to the minutes – there was an extra number in the grand total of the February financial report. The balance should have read: \$59,599.62. A motion was made by

David Kryger and seconded by Mark Musch to accept the minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Can reported that when the meeting is so close to the end of the month, Cindy isn't able to reconcile the bank statement before the meeting. However, the report would be noted in the minutes with the final approval for the March financial report to be completed in May. The account balances are as follows:

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance (02/01/09)	\$14,361.54
Deposits	\$ 31,910.00
Withdrawals	\$ 2,697.63
Interest earned	\$.99
Ending Balance (2/28/09)	\$14,361.54

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance (02/01/09)	\$45,238.08
Interest Earned	\$ 11,15
Ending Balance (02/28/09)	\$45,249.23

Grand Total All Accounts: \$59,610.77

Motion to accept the February financial report as read by Phil was made by David Kryger and seconded by Mitch Sauer. Motion passed. The March financial report will be voted on in May.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

There weren't any guest speakers.

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

**KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &
REGION 6 HOMELAND SECURITY
TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Marty Grisham reported they are getting ready to go into the 2009-2010 funding for training. The only one planned as of now is the Sound Shake drill planned for next year.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley reported the Spring EMT Class is now almost at half-way point. She extended the welcome to training officers to visit the class to see what they are doing and how their students are performing at anytime. Patty informed the members of the upcoming Fall EMT Class and reiterated the proposed schedule. The Fall EMT Class is going to be held at the Seattle Joint Facility and applications will be due in the beginning of July as the class will begin August 25th with the pretest scheduled in latter July. The intent is to be completed before the Thanksgiving holiday. The information and application will be sent out by June.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith reported the draft copy of the 305 Standards had been disseminated via Elenjo to the membership after last month's meeting. He didn't have anything else to report.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler was not present to report.

**STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:**

Bob Jones was not present to report.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones was not present to report.

**KITSAP COUNTY TRAINING OFFICERS'
ASSOCIATION:**

No one was present to report.

**PIERCE COUNTY METRO TRAINING
ASSOCIATION:**

No one was present to report.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRAINING
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:**

Pat Helper reported they are hosting a 2-week post academy class that will begin the first of May.

They also have been working on developing decon procedures, as well as a rehabilitation policy. If anyone has a policy in place (other than hosing individuals down), please forward a copy to Pat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR
WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:**

Mark Weldon reported the Advanced Pump Academy has been scheduled for April 20 – 24. The first day will be held at Bellevue Fire Station 9, and the remainder of the week will be at the State Training Center. The second session is scheduled for September 14 – 18. He reminded agencies that if you are sending 2-3 students, to be sure to send an apparatus as well.

(Committee Members: Gary Sacha, Bob Jones, and Mark Weldon)

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Jeff DiDonato reported they hadn't begun this process, but he assured the membership they will start soon.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Phil Cane said he didn't received input or changes from the various committee chairs, so he will be keeping the budget as proposed. A motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by David Kryger to accept the proposed 2009 Budget as previous disseminated by Phil. Motion passed.

(Committee Members: E-Board and Academy & Workshop Chairs)

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Rick Marshall reported this academy had been held about two weeks ago. They had one student injury, but it was primarily due to a lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). There were a few other issues that had to be discussed with the committee prior to the next class.

(Committee Members: Paul Strong, John Palmer, Rick Myking)

**LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM
(PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OFFICER**

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY):

Mark Musch proposed to the group that we do a joint effort with the Regional Fire Training Division. The Executive Board felt it was too soon this year to participate, but we will look forward to having some input and try to work together for this training. In the meantime, the committee would be investigating other options for later in the year. After exploration, it was determined we would be moving away from doing classes for the Chiefs since the State is hosting classes in the area for that level.

(Committee Members: Mark Musch, Mike McAuliffe, Marty Grisham)

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll reported we are two classes into the 2009 ODA and so far of the 15 classes, 9 are full and the other six have some openings. It appears the registrations are up this year, which is in part due to Bellevue's grant registrations.

The next project the committee will be working on is the re-accreditation process. Along with this project, Bellevue Community College will be meeting with the committee again to discuss options for working together to obtain college credits for the students and still help the college with their Fire Science Program.

The tentative date(s) for the Fire Officer I & II testing is November 12 with the 13th as another date if it is needed. Remind your candidates they need to have their Firefighter II Certification to be eligible for this certification.

(Committee Members: Cari Coll , Elenjo Schaff, Rick Myking, Rick Ashleman, Jeff DiDonato, Rick Newbold, Phil Cane, Cindy McMahan)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Elenjo Schaff reported this committee received and awarded two 2009 scholarships to date. One partial ODA scholarship of \$1000 went to Brodie Smith from Vashon Fire and the other is for Keith Schaff from Bellevue Fire to attend the Truck Academy whenever it is scheduled. There is funding still available.

(Committee Members: Elenjo Schaff, Gary Sacha, and Greg Schipper)

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

This committee hasn't been active in working on a schedule. Paul Strong had volunteered to assist along with a firefighter from Tukwila Fire but nothing had been completed to date. Mike Geppert will check in with the committee members to see what is happening and what needs to be done to get this scheduled and advertised.

(Committee Members: Paul Strong, Marty Roberts, Vic Pennington, John Palmer)

WEBSITE & DATABASE COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported he hadn't talked to Cindy recently about any challenges with the website. Some of the noted issues to be worked on included:

- Departments need to submit a roster of their personnel's email addresses for records management access.
- Recommendation was made to be able to do batch registrations without having to add department information each time.
- PayPal needs to be updated so it can be used for paying online.
- Confirmations need to be sent to the training officer as well as the student.
- The training officers need to be able to login to check on which of their personnel are enrolled in classes.

Mike Geppert will check on these issues with our Webmaster, Dave Monohan.
(Committee Members: Jeff DiDonato, Paul Strong, Cindy McMahan and the Executive Board)

discussion ensued with ideas for other testing available to fire departments.

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

No purchases were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

INVEST MENT UPDATE:

Phil Cane recapped what was decided upon at the last meeting. The decision was to invest \$25,000 to the ING Direct account. The process had not been completed as details of who the responsible person was for the transactions, and the process in doing this needed to be finalized first.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marty Grisham indicated he had spoken with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency about live fires and the ruling to not burn roofing material. There is a section called "other fire rules" that doesn't include this limitation. Departments that submit authorization requests to this agency for live fires should indicate this is for the "other" rules. Live Fire Training is considered to be firefighter training that has different rulings. A lengthy discussion ensued.
- Marty Grisham also asked other agencies about the Public Safety Testing process and they are finding more and more candidates are scoring 100% on the written tests. They were concerned and were curious if other department experienced this and if they felt this was due to the individuals taking the test numerous times or why would this be occurring? Another

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There wasn't any Good of the Order business.

With no further business a motion was made by David Kryger and seconded by Mitch Sauer to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting ended at 1030.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on April 7, 2009.)



NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2009
0900 Start Time

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INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

"Life is full of beauty. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential and fight for your dreams."

*~ Ashley Smith Robinson
American Author and Speaker*

