

# KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

Bellevue Fire Department  
January 8, 2009

### MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire
* Mark Weldon	Bellevue Fire
Patty Ousley	King County EMS
Mitch Sauer	Northshore Fire
Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Jim Dorney	Bellevue Fire
Cari Coll	Vashon island Fire
Mark Soltow	L & I
JC Smith	L & I
Bob Jones	WSP/FPB
Scott Glowski	Snohomish Co. #1
Pat Hepler	Edmonds Fire
Don Brassard	Enumclaw Fire
Greg Schipper	Enumclaw Fire
David Kryger	Kirkland Fire
Mike McAuliffe	Bothell Fire
* Executive Board Member	

### Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 12/1/08	\$28,534.87
Deposits	\$19,470.70
Withdrawals	\$26,827.51
Interest Earned	\$ 0.91
Ending Balance 12/31/08	\$21,178.97

### Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 12/1/08	\$50,202.98
Withdrawals	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 13.54
Ending Balance 12/31/08	\$45,216.52

**Grand Total All Accounts:** \$66,395.49

A motion was made by Mike McAuliffe and seconded by Pat Hepler to accept the December Treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

### CHIEFS' COMMENTS:

Due to a meeting conflict, Warren Merritt gave his report later in the meeting. He reported to the membership the Chiefs' Association is having their 2009 Planning Retreat on January 28 & 29, 2009. President Mike Geppert has been invited to attend this retreat on behalf of the KCFTOA.

He continued by reporting that Bellevue Fire received the AFG Grant to send 10 full ODA registrations (with backfill funding) this year. The grant applications and information had been sent to members recently.

### GUEST SPEAKER(S):

There weren't any guest speakers this month.

The monthly meeting was called to order once there was a quorum at 0910 by Vice President Mark Weldon at Bellevue Fire Training Center. Following a welcome to those that were able to make it out with all the flooding that was happening in the area, the traditional flag salute and a roundtable of introductions were completed.

### MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Mark Musch to accept the December meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff. Motion approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Phil Cane's absence, the monthly treasurer's report was read by Elenjo Schaff as follows:

**AFFILIATE REPORTS:**

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

None of the section leaders were present to report.

**KING COUNTY EMS:**

Patty Ousley reminded departments the EMT Class application deadline was Friday, January 9, and the Pretest is Tuesday, January 27 at Bellevue Fire Training Center beginning at 1900. She indicated they would be contacting the student within 48-hours of the pretest as to their score and their ability to move forward in the process. Patty also said the departments would receive notification at that time as well.

When asked about the National Registry process for the initial WA State Certification, Patty reported there was a meeting scheduled the following week regarding this topic, and though they are moving ahead with the process, there wasn't anything new to report.

**.LABOR & INDUSTRIES:**

JC Smith reported they have received questions about rotor rescue and saw blades designed for firefighting. Although he indicated they are not able to make recommendations as to what to use, he informed the members that Cutter Edge did make saws primarily designed for fire departments. He recommended researching before buying as the abrasive concrete blades have a tendency to jam. A discussion ensued.

**REGION IV:**

Mark Adler was not present to report.

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

Bob Jones reported the State Conference is scheduled for February 21 – 25, 2009 in Wenatchee. The information and registration forms are on their website.

**WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:**  
Bob Jones didn't have anything new to report other than they had received an amazing amount of snow over the past month and with I-90 being closed periodically, they has some challenges to getting to work.

**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:**  
Scott Glowaski reported they recently had their election and their Executive Board Members are:

President: Scott Glowaski  
Vice President: Brian Hyatt  
Secretary/Treasurer: Art White

Their classes and information can be found on the Chief's Association website at:  
<http://www.snocountychiefs.org>

Scott also continued by offering Snohomish County Fire District #1 training facility to the ODA if they would like to offer their classes in the north end.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMITTEES:**  
There is a need to fill vacancies on several committees with the transition of training officers. Since there weren't many members present, this will be tabled until the February meeting, although some of the new members present did volunteer to sit on some of the committees.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

CONTRACT COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported this committee met with Cindy McMahan to clarify her contract and revise some of the verbiage to meet the changes in her role. We also will need to make a final decision on her COLA and Merit increases on her salary dependent on the December CPI.

*(Committee Members: E-Board & ODA Chair and Cindy McMahan)*

ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported this committee is somewhat dormant currently, but the workshop is planned for April and September 2009.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Phil Cane wasn't present to report and the E-Board hadn't received an update.

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

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

There wasn't anyone present to report.

NOTE: Since the meeting, a notice has come out regarding this academy. It is scheduled for March 16-18, 2009 and will be held at Renton Fire Training Center. The cost is \$525 per person.

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

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

(PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OFFICER

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY):

Mike McAuliffe has agreed to take on this project along with the other committee members and will contact Kevin Olson for other ideas and recommendations. Warren Merritt will check with the Chiefs' to see what topics they would be interested in being offered.

*(Committee Members: Vic Pennington, Mike McAuliffe, Marty Grisham)*

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll reported this committee didn't meet in December, but the 2009 ODA classes were available online for registrations. The committee continues to work on instructor contracts and also the accreditation process since we are up for renewal this year.

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

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

No one was present to report for this committee.

*(Committee Members: Vic Pennington, John Palmer, Bob Whipple)*

WEBSITE & DATABASE COMMITTEE:

There have been a few snags in the registration process, but Dave and Cindy are in the process of correcting those. If anyone has problems in the meantime, please contact Cindy at the KCFTOA number and she can assist until all the challenges have been resolved. There was some discussion about limitations of using PayPal, but the overall opinion was the new website was meeting the needs and was user friendly.

*(Committee Members: Jeff DiDonato, Paul Strong, Cindy McMahan and the Executive Board)*

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

No one had any new purchases to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

There wasn't any New Business discussed.

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## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mark Soltow asked the members if they would be interested in having L & I give an explanation of “what happens when there are compliance issues” and what the process entails with the compliance consultations. Members present were interested, so they will do this at the next meeting.
- Scott Glowaski asked if anyone has an Acting Lieutenant Development Program in their department. If so, he is interested in obtaining this information.
- Mike McAuliffe asked if any departments are working with their local law enforcement agencies to train with special response teams and the SWAT teams going into hazardous areas. Discussion ensued regarding most fire departments not entering “hot zones” and Warren Merritt indicated the Chiefs’ have a committee that is working on this topic to develop policies.
- Cari Coll announced that their Assistant Chief of Operations, Mike Kirk was going to be retiring and there would be an interim A/C until the position was filled. She also reported they have a new Chief as of August and the transition is going well. Their new chief is Hank Lipe.
- Scott Glowaski asked members if their departments provide body armor to their crews. Discussion ensued about policy, procedures, and the various options agencies offer their personnel.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on January 26, 2009.)

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### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 5, 2009  
0900 Start Time

Shoreline Fire Department  
17525 Aurora Avenue North  
Shoreline

206-553-6500

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## **KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION**

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With no further business, David Kryger made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mitch Sauer and passed unanimously at 1025

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**YOUR 2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD**



*(Mark Weldon, Elenjo Schaff, Michael Geppert and Phil Cane)*

**INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:**

“Don’t give up before the miracle happens!”

*~ Author Unknown*

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