

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

Boeing Fire Department
July 31, 2009

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Phil Cane	Boeing Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire
Rick Ashleman	Shoreline Fire
Mike McAuliffe	Bothell Fire
Patty Ousley	King County EMS
Warren Merritt	Bellevue Fire
Jim Dorney	Bellevue Fire
Andrew Schneider	Bellevue Fire
JC Smith	L & I
Todd Reynolds	Snoqualmie Fire
Tom Strom	North Highline Fire
Rudy Peden	Valley Regional Fire
Paul Fletcher	Seattle Fire
David M. Powers	Seattle Fire
Mark Adler	KCFD #2
Jeff DiDonato	Maple Valley Fire
Scott DePuy	Eastside Fire
Gina Grappone	SAMA
Marty Grisham	Tukwila Fire
Timothy McClung	King County Airport
* Executive Board Member	

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Cane reported Cindy had not received June's bank statement and because the meeting was being held before the July statement, the June, July and August financial reports will be voted on at the next meeting in September.

The account balances according to the register are as follows:

Checking Account	\$43,498.78
Savings Account:	\$45,269.45

Cindy had reported to Phil and Elenjo the reason for the increased amount in both accounts is because we are starting to get money for the Fall classes and we haven't paid those bills yet. Also, we got the payment on the Bellevue Fire Grant.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- Scott DePuy from "Ryan's Solution Foundation" and Gina Grappone, Executive Director from Science and Management of Addiction (SAMA) spoke to the group about their hope to get Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness out to the public. Fact: More than half of young people who misuse prescription drugs (pain killers, sedatives and stimulants) get them from a friend or family member. Scott relayed his story about losing his son, Ryan, last year to this abuse, and his desire to get parents, grandparents, and family members aware. Gina

The monthly meeting was called to order by Treasurer Phil Cane at 0925. A welcome was extended to members and guests, and a roundtable of introductions was completed. President Mike Geppert was on vacation and Vice President Mark Weldon was out sick. With no flag present, the traditional flag salute was forfeited.

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A motion was made by Warren Merritt and seconded by Rudy Peden to accept the June meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary. Motion carried.

talked about their desire to “Check – Lock – Dispose” of these medications and help get the awareness to everyone. With the upcoming National Night Out (August 4), they distributed flyers for fire departments to hand out to their neighborhoods.

<http://www.komonews.com/news/consumer/51440682.html>

For more information contact either Gina or Scott at addresses below:

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- Warren Merritt spoke to the KCFTOA regarding the Michael Copass Endowment Fund. Medic One is putting together a donation fund to honor the 35 plus years of dedicated service to the community that Dr. Copass has done. He has been instrumental in the paramedic training and for EMS innovations through the years. Their goal is to raise one million dollars for this fund. Warren indicated the Fire Chiefs have donated \$1,000 and they wanted to encourage the Training Officers to match that amount. A motion was made by Jeff DiDonato and seconded by Rick Ashleman to donate \$1,000 to match the Chiefs’ donation towards Medic One’s Dr. Copass Endowment Fund. Motion passed. Cindy will be directed to make the payment.

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

Marty Grisham reported their meeting had been cancelled, so there wasn’t anything new to report.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley reported there had been 80+ applicants who took the pre-test for the upcoming EMT Class. There will be approximately 41 who will be getting into the class along with Seattle Fire’s students. Patty informed the membership that there were several “no shows” to the pretest. She planned to notify the students and training officers of those who will be advancing to the next step of the class on Monday. If anyone has questions, please contact her.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith spoke to the membership about the following topics:

- Training records being kept digitally – Standard says they need to be “written”, but as long as they can be printed, electronic records may be used.
- According to the confined space regulations, if a team is qualifying, they do not have to rotate through so each person performs every duty as long as everyone can qualify as part of the team. He also addressed requirements of 305 Standards vs. 809 Standards as they relate to confined space responses. If businesses contact the fire department to be their treatment team for confined space rescue, the fire department has to be trained to 809 Standards. However if they are committed as a resource to a 9-1-1 call only, they will need to meet the 305 Standards. The difference between the two standards is that 305 is outlined and 809 is specific. Agencies needing more information can contact him for details.

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- JC disseminated more 305 Standards resource disks.

**REGION IV:**

Mark Adler reported he had missed the last conference call, but that South King Fire has some classes scheduled and are listed on [www.fftraining.org](http://www.fftraining.org)

He indicated they sent a survey out to see if there was an interest in another Leadership series for 2010. They may be sponsoring another one as there was an interest.

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

Bob Jones was not present and didn't submit a report for this group.

**WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:**

Bob Jones was not present to report, but had sent hand-outs and report through Elenjo Schaff. He was out enjoying the sun. He had also set the dates for the 2010 Pump Academy for that committee.

**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 Hepler was attending the recruit academy graduation but provided a report to Elenjo Schaff via email. They are hosting a 2-week post academy orientation for their area recruits. Also they will be hosting a Chiefs' Academy this Fall. Information can be found on their website at: [www.snocountychiefs.org](http://www.snocountychiefs.org) The speakers or other information was not available.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:**

No one was present to report. However, the registrations are available on our website for the Fall Academy scheduled for September 14-16 @ \$295 per person. There are still approximately 15 spaces available. Please be sure to get your students registered. (Committee Members: Gary Sacha, Bob Jones, and Mark Weldon)

**EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:**

There wasn't any one present to report. (Committee Members: Paul Strong, John Palmer, Rick Myking)

**LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM (PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OFFICER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY):**

Mike McAuliffe reported they had met with Mark Emery of the RFTD and the Pacific Northwest Symposium and they are interested in combining efforts in the future. Mike had forwarded the background and plan to the E-Board for their input. The direction the Board gave was to proceed for 2010, but keep in mind our academies and classes are based on a break-even (revenue to expense) status and that Cindy's contract includes the registrations and billing for the Leadership Symposium, but will need to be included in expenses. (Committee Members: Mike McAuliffe, Mark Musch, Marty Grisham)

**ODA COMMITTEE:**

Cari Coll was assisting with Camp Blaze all week, so Elenjo Schaff reported in her absence. Committee members are working on the worksheets for their 2010 instructors to finalize the schedule. There have been some minor adjustments to the 2010 ODA based on the class evaluations and the needs of the departments and potential officers. We have shortened four classes to half-day sessions, eliminated one-day class as the content was

duplicated in another class, and we lengthened one class to meet the requirements to obtain college credits. We also changed an instructor on another class.

Our reaccreditation paperwork was submitted to the State and now all that is left is for them to do our site visit which will take place during our Fire Officer I & II testing in November. So far things look good in regards to this project.

Two 2009 ODA classes still have some spaces available. Technical Rescue Operations on October 21 and we have added an additional MCTO class (due to requests and extended waiting list) which will be held on October 26 & 27. Be sure to register your individuals for that class.

A reminder was also extended to training officers who have individuals planning to take the Fire Officer I & II test in November as they must register by the deadline in September so the planning can be finalized.

*(Committee Members: Cari Coll, Rick Ashleman, Rick Myking, Elenjo Schaff, Bill Newbold, Paul Davison, Jeff DiDonato and by Bylaw Default: Cindy McMahan and Phil Cane)*

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Elenjo Schaff reported that so far in 2009 we have awarded the following scholarships:

1. Carl Murrell – Enumclaw Fire – Advanced Pump Operator Academy (\$295 value)
2. Keith Schaff – Bellevue Fire – Truck Academy (\$650 value)
3. Brodie Smith – Vashon Fire – ODA (Partial for \$1,000 value)

We are accepting more applications, but keep in mind the application has to be submitted a minimum of three weeks prior to the class in order to be accepted. The application and information can be found on our website.

Discussion ensued regarding considering including the Pacific NW Symposium in the scholarship applications. It was discussed that

this could be revisited and voted upon after we are participants in the planning, etc.

**TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:**

No one was present to report on this, but Elenjo Schaff indicated the final details had been completed and the registrations would be available online.

**NOTE:** The dates have been scheduled with Ed Hadfield for the week of October 5-9, 2009 at a cost of \$650 per person. It will be hosted at Valley Regional Fire Authority in Auburn.

*(Committee Members: Paul Strong, Mark Musch, Mitch Sauer, John Palmer)*

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

Jeff DiDonato reported the Zone buttons have been added to our website, and indicate they are “under construction”. Until these are up and running, a list of the departments will be added with links under each of the zones.

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

**PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:**

No purchases were discussed, but Tim McClung reported they have their new Snozzle apparatus, but are now looking for a place to house it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**INVESTMENT UPDATE:**

Phil Cane reported he is still at the snag of needing a physical address for KCFTOA to continue with the ING, investment. A suggestion was made to check into other investment agencies, but in the meantime, with interest rates being low, to keep funds in savings would at least offer us some interest. He will also check into who the Chiefs use for their physical address.

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NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS

A reminder to the membership that we are going to be seeking individuals interested in the President and Secretary positions that are coming up for election this year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mark Adler announced they are going to be sponsoring a 3-hour Gang Awareness Class on the following dates:

- August 19 @ 1900 hours
- August 20 @ 1330 hours
- August 25 @ 1330 hours

The class will be held at Station 28 (15100 8th Avenue SW in Burien)

To register call Mark at: 206-242-2040, Extension 104

- Elenjo Schaff inquired for Cari Coll (Vashon Fire) about anyone having an Evolution Blue misting fan from Schaefer Ventilation. Vashon has a satellite unit they would like to sell, but it needs to go to someone that already has the unit with pump.
- Tim McClung reported they have a RIT facility available on the east side of Boeing Field. It is a great facility. If anyone is interested in using it, contact Tim.
- Elenjo Schaff disseminated an upcoming class Eastside Fire is having on Infectious Disease Train-the-Trainer with Jutta Reidiger on August 25 from 0830 – 1700. Jutta was the original curriculum developer for the State EMS. If anyone is interested in sending someone to this class, contact Elenjo Schaff.

- Tim McClung reported there is going to be a crash drill with Seattle Fire, Boeing, KC Airport Fire, and Tukwila in the future if anyone else is interested in participating.

- Rick Ashleman reported a veteran firefighter with Shoreline Fire – Mike Cooper – who also was on the Snohomish County Council has been diagnosed and has been hospitalized with complications of Multiple Myeloma. He is now becoming an advocate for firefighter awareness of this risk. Links for more information are:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2009539100_cooper26m.html

http://myeloma.org/pdfs/firefighter_guidelines.pdf

- Marty Grisham reported the Light Rail has just started running and they have already had one suicide and an accident with a car.
- Phil Cane reported his son took multiple pictures of the big fire Renton had about a month ago. He indicated if anyone would like great fire photos, to contact him

With no further business a motion was made by Warren Merritt and seconded by Rick Ashleman to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1145.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on August 3, 2009)



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2009
0900 Start Time

Northshore Fire Department
18030 73rd Avenue NE
Kenmore

425-483-9074

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our website***

WWW.KCFTOA.org



YOUR 2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT - Michael Geppert, Eastside Fire & Rescue (425) 313-3257 (**NEW Number**) or MGeppert@ESF-R.org

VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Weldon, Bellevue Fire (425) 452-7852 or Mweldon@Bellevuewa.gov

SECRETARY - Elenjo Schaff, Eastside Fire and Rescue (425) 313-3393 or ESchaff@ESF-R.org

TREASURER - Phil Cane, Boeing Fire (425) 785-8964 or Phil.cane@Boeing.com

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INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

“When you stumble... make it part of the dance!”

~ Author Unknown

