

# KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

Woodinville Fire & Life Safety  
June 4, 2009

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:**

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| * Mike Geppert   | Eastside Fire      |
| * Mark Weldon    | Bellevue Fire      |
| * Elenjo Schaff  | Eastside Fire      |
| * Phil Cane      | Boeing Fire        |
| JC Smith         | L & I              |
| Todd Reynolds    | Snoqualmie Fire    |
| Cari Coll        | Vashon Island Fire |
| Marty Grisham    | Tukwila Fire       |
| Rick Hess        | PSCAA              |
| Bob Jones        | WSP/FPB            |
| Mark Adler       | KCFD #2            |
| Patty Ousley     | King Co. EMS       |
| Pam Crawford     | Woodinville Fire   |
| Jim Duren        | Redmond Fire       |
| Ginger Painter   | Ashford University |
| Julie Wiese      | Ashford University |
| Pat Hepler       | Edmonds Fire       |
| Mark Musch       | Northshore Fire    |
| Mitch Sauer      | Northshore Fire    |
| Tad Wineman      | Woodinville Fire   |
| Greg Bawden      | Duvall Fire        |
| John Bridenbaugh | Mercer Island Fire |
| David Powers     | Seattle Fire       |
| Peter Ubaldi     | Seattle Fire       |
| David Kryger     | Kirkland Fire      |
| Sara Strong      | Redmond Fire       |

\* Executive Board Member

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Mike Geppert at 0906. Following the traditional flag salute, and a welcome to members and guests, and a roundtable of introductions was completed.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Marty Grisham to accept the May

minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

In Treasurer Phil Cane's delay, the following financial reports were read by Elenjo Schaff.

**March Financial Report:**

Checking Account:  
 Beginning Balance (3/1/2009)     \$14,361.54  
 Deposits     \$31,910.00  
 Withdrawals     \$ 2,697.63  
 Interest Earned     \$     0.99  
 Ending Balance (3/31/2009)     \$43,574.90

Savings Account:  
 Beginning Balance (3/1/2009)     \$45,238.08  
 Interest Earned     \$     11.15  
 Ending Balance (3/31/2009)     \$45,249.23

Grand Total:     \$88,824.13

A motion was made by John Bridenbaugh to accept the March Financial Report as read. Motion was seconded by Marty Grisham and passed unanimously.

**April Financial Report:**

Checking Account:  
 Beginning Balance (4/1/2009)     \$43,574.90  
 Deposits     \$34,025.00  
 Withdrawals     \$37,657.56  
 Interest Earned     \$     1.88  
 Ending Balance (4/30/2009)     \$39,944.22

Savings Account:  
 Beginning Balance (4/1/2009)     \$45,249.23  
 Interest Earned     \$     11.91  
 Ending Balance (4/30/2009)     \$45,261.14

Grand Total: \$85,205.36

A motion was made by Greg Bawden to accept the April Financial Report as read. After a second by Mark Adler, the motion carried.

**May Financial Report:**

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance (5/1/2009)	\$39,944.22
Deposits	\$ 1,110.00
Withdrawals	\$ 1,930.08
Interest Earned	\$ 0.40
Ending Balance (5/31/2009)	\$39,124.54

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance (5/1/2009)	\$45,261.14
Interest Earned	\$ 8.31
Ending Balance (3/31/2009)	\$45,269.45

Grand Total: \$84,393.99

A motion was made by Marty Grisham and seconded by John Bridenbaugh to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER(S):**

- Ginger Painter and Julie Wiese, Ashford University spoke to the membership about their Bachelor and Master Degrees in Fire Administration. They disseminated information to the members present, and offered to make site visits if any department would like them to speak to a group of personnel regarding options. They can be contacted at the following:

Julie Wiese, Corporate Liaison  
 Ashford University  
 13500 Evening Creek Drive North;  
 Suite 600  
 San Diego, CA 92128  
 800-798-0584 Ext. 2115  
 425-492-5266 Cell  
[Julie.wiese@ashford.edu](mailto:Julie.wiese@ashford.edu)

- Rick Hess, Supervising Inspector; Puget Sound Clean Air Agency spoke to the

membership about the value in training with regards to live fires. They have recently revised their requirements for fire department training exercises under Section 8.08 If you are planning to do training, and need to also practice ventilating through roofing material, email him requesting approval to do do, and his email of approval is your permit which needs to be on site. He continued to reassure departments that they understand the value to training and using these practice burns.

In addition, Rick also informed the membership if they respond to an illegal burn, or if our crews come across one, they would like the department to report this to them with the call print-out and if possible get a picture of the burn. They will then reimburse the department for their time and expense. They would like to get fire department's input as to penalty for these illegal burns, and they will then take over the case and eliminate the agency from being the 'middle man'.

Rick has also offered to speak to departments with his PowerPoint presentation about the various burn permits and such.

His contact information is as follows:  
 Rick Hess, Supervising Inspector  
 Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
 1904 Third Avenue – Suite 105  
 Seattle, WA 98107  
 Phone: 206-689-4029  
 Or 800-552-3566 Ext 4029  
[rickh@pscleanair.org](mailto:rickh@pscleanair.org)

**AFFILIATE REPORTS:**

**KING COUNTY EOM:**

Marty Grisham didn't have anything new to report. He mentioned the 2008 grant

requests are in, and that the 2009 – 2010 money has been earmarked for the big drill being planned. Marty also informed the members that any extra money for 2008 went to purchase supplies for the H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) epidemic.

**KING COUNTY EMS:**

Patty Ousley reported that the five students who failed the practical final have now retested and have passed. Other than the department paperwork, everything else with this class has been completed.

The Fall EMT Class announcement was disseminated via Elenjo the day before. The dates include:

- Application Deadline: Friday, July 10
- Pre-Class Test: Tuesday, July 28
- Student Orientation (CPR): Tuesday, August 11
- First lecture: Tuesday, August 25
- First practical: Saturday, August 29
- There will be no class on September 1 and September 5
- Practical Final: Saturday, November 21
- State Written Final: Tuesday, November 24

The location of both the lectures and practical sessions will be:

Seattle Joint Training Facility  
9401 Myers Way South  
Seattle, WA 98108

One of the training officers informed the membership of a situation they had with one of their students in this last EMT Class that had taken pictures with his cell phone while doing his Emergency Room observation time and posted them on the internet. Although they didn't have patient names or faces, there was enough information that made Harborview Medical Center identifiable. They are taking action with this student, but because of this he wanted others to be made aware of issues that need to be addressed in future classes since this defies all we learn about confidentiality regulations. Patty assured the membership,

that she is working with the hospital to assure this won't happen again as it could jeopardize their ability to put students through their ED.

**LABOR & INDUSTRIES:**

JC Smith brought more disks in for agencies wanting the standards he had mentioned at last month's meeting.

He also continued by announcing an Ammonia Safety Class that was being offered on June 5 from 0730 – 1700 at River's Edge Best Western in Tukwila. There is no fee for fire department personnel but it is a short notice. This seminar is only held once a year, so he highly encouraged departments sending personnel if possible.

**REGION IV:**

Mark Adler didn't have anything new to report. They still are offering some upcoming classes that are found on ffraining.com. He also reported that Vic Pennington has agreed to take the Chiefs position on their committee, but there is still a training officer position vacant if anyone is interested.

**STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY**

**OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:**

Bob Jones reported they are having a planning meeting on June 15 in Yakima, and are planning to have the 2010 schedule of classes online in August.

**WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:**

Bob Jones reported he has been working on a grant. He also reported having some NFA classes offered in the area. There is an Incident Command Class for High Rise Structures being hosted by Kent Fire on October 8 & 9. Contact Tom Shepard in Kent for registrations. In addition to that class, there will be a Leadership 1 Class being offered on October 17 & 18.

Bob continued by reporting their 'trailers' are gone, and they have new 40-bed housing that will be available in July.

**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 reported they are planning to have another 2-week post academy class in August. The first week they offer the Rescue Systems 1, and they are in need of more individuals to participate in this class. Anyone interested should contact him. Shoreline Fire is also hosting a RS 1 Class, so they will look into combining these efforts if both classes don't fill.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR**

**WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:**

Mark Weldon reported the dates for the September Academy are online. With the deficit of approximately \$5, the committee felt there wasn't any reason to change the cost of the class.

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

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Mark Adler reported a copy of the audit had been forwarded to members for their perusal. A motion was made by Marty Grisham and seconded by Mitch Sauer to accept the audit report for 2008. Motion carried.

*(Committee Members: Mark Adler, Jeff DiDonato, Warren Merritt, Cindy McMahan)*

**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):**

Mark Musch reported the committee has set up a meeting with Mark Emery to consolidate the RFTD Symposium with ours.

*(Committee Members: Mike Mcauliffe, Mark Musch, Marty Grisham)*

**ODA COMMITTEE:**

Cari Coll reported the committee cancelled the May meeting due to conflicts, but the committee will be starting the planning process for 2010 ODA at the June meeting.

*(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)*

**TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:**

Mark Musch reported the committee received the previous information and will be looking at other local resources for this academy. They are still planning to have one this Fall.

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

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

Mark Weldon reported the Executive Board has been working with Jeff DiDonato and Dave Monohan, our webmaster, to have a webpage for Zones 1, 3, and 5 to announce any drills or joint training in their zone. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed and a representative will need to sign the agreement prior to their page being displayed. A discussion ensued.

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

**PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:**

No purchases were discussed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### **INVESTMENT UPDATE:**

Phil Cane reported he has been unable to meet with Cindy regarding the final stages, but there is still the issue of us not having a physical address for the investment company. He will continue to work towards this goal.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- JC Smith explained the difference between L & I Compliance and Consultation Divisions. For a consultation, this has to go through the upper management, but would only be a review based on rules and regulations. Whereas, the Compliance Division could involve fines and penalties if they were to be brought into a discussion.
- Mike Geppert asked if anyone had extra Emergency Response Guidelines (ERG) as his department is in need of additional copies.

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

*(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on June 10, 2009)*

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### **MAILING ADDRESS**

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Training Officers' Association  
P.O. Box 3276  
Everett, WA 98213-8276

## **JULY-AUGUST COMBINED MEETING**

**Friday**, July 31, 2009

**Note: Change of day to Friday**

0900 Start Time

Boeing Fire Department, Hosting  
But held at following location:  
Airport Operations Center (AOC)  
9010 East Marginal Way South  
Tukwila

425-785-8964

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our website***

**[WWW.KCFTOA.org](http://WWW.KCFTOA.org)**

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## **YOUR 2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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

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