

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Kent Fire Department
March 5, 2009

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Mark Weldon	Bellevue Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire
* Phil Cane	Boeing Fire
John Bridenbaugh	Mercer Island Fire
Mark Soltow	L & I
J.C. Smith	L & I
Mark Adler	KCFD #2
Rick Ashleman	Shoreline Fire
Rudy Peden	Valley Regional Fire
Paul Strong	Valley Regional Fire
Cari Coll	Vashon Island Fire
R.P. Jones	WSP/FPB
Marty Fowler	WSP/FPB
Pat O'Hern	Kent Fire
Patty Ousley	King County EMS
Don Brassard	Enumclaw Fire
Greg Schipper	Enumclaw Fire
Marty Grisham	Tukwila Fire
Jeff DiDonato	Maple Valley Fire
Bin Anderson	Ambu Smartman
Mike Mcauliffe	Bothell Fire
Mitch Sauer	Northshore Fire
Mark Musch	Northshore Fire

* **Executive Board Member**

The March meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Weldon at 0915. A warm welcome was extended to members and guests followed by the traditional flag salute and a roundtable introduction. Also a thank you was extended to Kent Fire for hosting this meeting.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jeff DiDonato and seconded by Rudy Peden to accept the February meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Can reported that Cindy wasn't able to reconcile the bank statement yet, but had sent the account balances as follows:

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance (02/01/09)	\$14,113.71
Deposits	\$ 4,325.00
Withdrawals	\$ 4,077.71
Interest earned	\$.54
Ending Balance (2/28/09)	\$14,361.54

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance (02/01/09)	\$45,227.67
Interest Earned	\$ 10.41
Ending Balance (02/28/09)	\$45,238.08

Grand Total All Accounts: \$59,5993.62

Since the complete financial report was not available (but will be added in the minutes), the vote to accept March's report will be tabled until April's meeting.

Phil also continued by reporting on the ING Direct Investment plan. He had used some of his personal funds to start an account to see what kinds of issues would arise. A discussion ensued, and though there were some concerns about their customer service, the overall consensus of the membership was that it would serve us in receiving interest on the money we have in our regular accounts. After more discussion it was decided the Executive Board would make a decision on the amount we needed to have available in expendable accounts, and the remainder would be put into the ING Direct investment.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- Bin Anderson, Director - Ambu SmartMan; Computer Technology and Specialized Manikin.

Bin had the manikin and equipment available to give his demonstration, and a couple individuals from the membership (Thanks Jeff DiDonato and Mark Soltow) demonstrated the skill evaluation done by the manikin's software. Bin's contact information is as follows:

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 Los Angeles, CA
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AFFILIATE REPORTS:

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

Marty Grisham had recently spoken with Heather Kelly and if there are any training ideas for 2010, now is the time to start the process. In August they will begin the selection process. For ideas, get in touch with the appropriate representative. Marty did mention there is a proposed 2010 Sound Shake Drill planned and it will focus around "after" things happen and around the aftermath and recovery process.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley reported the Spring EMT Class has begun and there are 53 students enrolled. Patty informed training officers that Tuesday evenings are held at Bellevue Fire Training Center and the Saturday sessions are in Woodinville. She extended an open invitation to training officers to visit the class whenever they wanted to see what the students were learning.

Patty informed the members that 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.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith reported the re-writing of the 296-305 Standard has the following fire representatives on their committee:

- Jay Havner
- Frank Brennen
- Dave Daniels
- John Lecoq

The membership asked if it would be possible to get the electronic draft version to review prior to the public meetings planned. Mark will check into providing this to the training officers for their perusal.

Mark Soltow relayed his recent experience while traveling in Ohio with his mother who got very ill on the journey. He said they called 9-1-1 and he thanked all the EMS providers for their dedication and work as most take their service for granted.

Rick Ashleman reported to the membership their department recently had Risk Management Consultant Bob LeMay speak to their Safety Committee. Rick reported Bob gave an extremely helpful PowerPoint presentation that included the claims process with a model policy and information packet for employees to take to their doctor that included forms (e.g. release forms). Rick also indicated L & I offers a quarterly training session for department representatives. Bob LeMay's contact information includes phone: 206-515-2832.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler reported the classes the Region IV are sponsoring appear on www.FFTraining.org.

There are still five openings for the Leadership series. Also there is room for another representative to sit on this committee from King County.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones reported there were 234 in attendance at the State Conference in Wenatchee. He continued by reporting they met their goals and financial obligations. The 2010 State Conference is scheduled for February 20 – 24, 2010 and will be held in Wenatchee. After that they will move the location to either Yakima or the Tri-Cities areas as the room rates doubled in cost and the vendor sponsorships were down this year.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones disseminated the following:

- Hazardous Materials Technician Class announcement for April 6-10, 1009 at the North Bend Fire Training Academy
- Hazardous Materials On-Scene Incident Command Class for April 20-22, 2009 at the NW Regional Training Center in Vancouver, WA
- TRADE Regions VI, VIII, IX & X – Free Training open to all firefighters in Clark County, NV March 29 – April 2, 2009
- NFA – Vacancy lists for classes

Bob also mentioned they are working on NFA Regional classes and are seeking hosting agencies.

Marty Fowler reported the current recruit academy is on their fourth week. He also noted the second and third academies are starting to fill with registrations. The next academy will begin in May.

Marty also mentioned there have been requests from departments regarding changing the format

on how the MCO sessions are run. He reminded departments that they provide a Lead Instructor and a Safety Officer, but if you want more, just ask and they can get instructors for whatever particular discipline you are wanting training for. They are open to requests.

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 had notified Elenjo that he would be out of town. No one else was present to report.

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 have apparatus to send with your students, please do so. Registrations are available on the website and the tuition costs are \$288.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Jeff DiDonato reported they will begin this process and will have their report ready for the May meeting as directed in the Bylaws.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Phil Cane disseminated the proposed 2009 Budget to the membership. Keep in mind that our academies and classes are run on a 'break-even' basis and though a good attended academy sometimes balances the ones that lose some money, we have to be cognizant of costs. He asked that Committees review their budgeted amount and if there are changes, please make note of that and the membership will take a vote to approve or to change this draft budget at the April meeting.

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

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Paul Strong reported the Puyallup Fire Extrication Team will provide an evolution that includes a 'run under' with a full sized semi tractor trailer. Other topics include Vehicle construction, stabilization, disentanglement, tool knowledge, and hybrid awareness. The location is the Renton Fire Training Center 1900 Lind Ave SW Renton, 98057 on March 15 – 18, 2009 from 0830 – 1700. The cost of the academy is \$525 per person. There are still openings for students at this academy.

After a discussion, Mark Adler volunteered to work on getting this put on the State website to solicit attendance from outside the area. Discussion also ensued regarding the need for this or the possibility of changing the time of year to not conflict with other classes in the area provided by the same group.

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

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

(PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OFFICER

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY):

Mike McAuliffe didn't have anything new to report, but he is still taking speaker ideas and has been attempting to contact Kevin Olson for his resource listing.

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

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll reported the last meeting was entirely discussing ideas with Judith Kuleta from BCC. Enrollment has declined and they are looking at possibly dropping the Fire Science Program from BCC so the discussion included ideas for helping the community colleges and in getting our students to receive college credits for our classes. There were ideas, but no resolutions. Our next five classes for ODA are full, however.

(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 has received two 2009 scholarship applications and awarded one for the Truck Academy (Bellevue Fire) and another partial scholarship for the ODA (Vashon Island Fire). Although it is too late to apply for the ODA or the Extrication Academy, this option is available to others for the Advanced Pump Operator and Truck Academy as long as the applications are received three week prior to the training session.

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

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

This committee hasn't been active in working on a schedule, so Paul Strong volunteered to assist and get this project moving. Marty Grisham offered one of his firefighters to assist (Marty Roberts from Tukwila Fire).

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

WEBSITE & DATABASE COMMITTEE:

Elenjo Schaff reported receiving an informational email from Cindy McMahan. She and Dave Monahan are working on a flyer that speaks to how to use the website for registrations. She states there are a few misunderstandings with its workings and Dave will put some explanation on the actual

website (e.g. FAQ page). Cindy reported they are making strides with the database, adding features and setting up for certificates and invoicing.

Jeff DiDonato reported he had spoken with Dave Monahan about the possibilities of Zone 3 (and Zone 1 if they wanted) to link on to the KCFTOA website. Dave had felt it could work. Discussion ensued with questions regarding costs incurred, Cindy's workload increased, renting space on the website, additional costs for hosting this, competition with our current classes and workshops. After much discussion it was the consensus that we needed to get our website functioning smoothly for us before adding any others to it, but that it was something to explore further which would include writing a policy and contractual agreement.

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

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

Elenjo Schaff reported she will need to order CPR manikins in the near future. Phil Cane reported Boeing has recently purchased the Prestan Professional Manikins that has indicators for proficient depth, rate and position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Strong reported Valley Regional Authority had a couple openings in their upcoming Truck Academy I scheduled for April 20-24 and May 4-8. Registrations can be made at www.fftraining.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Board is about to go through some changes as Mike Geppert was promoted to Captain. Although he will remain in Eastside Fire & Rescue Training Division until mid-May, he will not be in attendance at the May meeting. He will, however, lead April's meeting. Vice President Mark Weldon has agreed to step up to the task per the

Bylaws and will be Acting President until December when the President and Secretary positions are up for election.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There wasn't any Good of the Order.

With no further business a motion was made by Rick Ashleman and seconded by Rudy Peden to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting ended at 1135.

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



NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009
0900 Start Time

Renton Fire Department
1900 Lind Avenue SW
Renton

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our new website
WWW.KCFTOA.org**

YOUR 2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD



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

PRESIDENT - Michael Geppert, Eastside Fire & Rescue (425) 313-3301 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

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT –
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INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

“What we do is a measure of who we are. If we imagine our work as labor, we become laborers. If we imagine our work as art, we become artists.”

*~ Jeffrey Patnaude
American Author, Teacher, Speaker*

