

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Enumclaw Fire Department
November 5, 2009

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Mike Geppert	Eastside Fire
* Mark Weldon	Bellevue Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire
* Phil Cane	Boeing Fire
Don Brassard	Enumclaw Fire
Greg Schipper	Enumclaw Fire
Ken Knott	Mercer Island Fire
Todd Reynolds	Snoqualmie Fire
Patty Ousley	King Co. EMS
Gary Sacha	Tukwila Fire
Tracey White	King Co. EMS
Rudy Peden	Valley Regional Fire
Paul Strong	Valley Regional Fire
Doc Doolittle	ARA Safety
Brian Morris	SeaWestern
Bob Jones	WSP/FPB
JC Smith	Labor & Industries
Mark Adler	KCFD #2
Cari Coll	Vashon Island Fire
Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Mitch Sauer	Northshore Fire
Mike McAuliffe	Bothell Fire
Rick Ashleman	Shoreline Fire
Rich Christensen	Bellevue Fire
Greg Bawden	Duvall Fire
Rick Marshall	Renton Fire
Rick Myking	Renton Fire
Dave Powers	Seattle Fire

* **Executive Board Member**

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Mike Geppert at the Enumclaw Fire Department at 0910. A welcome was extended to members and guests, the traditional flag salute was performed, and a roundtable of introductions was completed.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mark Adler and seconded by Don Brassard to accept the October meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Cane read the treasurer's report for September 2009 as follows:

Checking:

Beginning Balance (9/01/09)	\$54,716.30
Deposits	\$ 255.00
Withdrawals	\$ 4,058.18
Interest Earned	\$ 0.46
Ending Balance (09/30/09)	\$50,913.58

Savings:

Beginning Balance (9/01/09)	\$45,292.27
Interest Earned	\$ 7.95
Ending Balance (9/30/09)	\$45,300.22

Grand Total for September \$96,213.80

A motion was made by Gary Sacha and seconded by Rudy Peden to accept the September treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

Cindy had not received the October bank statements in time to have a report, so that will need to be read and approved at the next meeting along with November's report.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- Doc Doolittle, Advisor of ARA Safety and Brian Morris from SeaWestern spoke to the members present about

an upcoming demonstration of the FIT-PRO Fire Interruption Technology device. They showed a video about this device and will be offering a live demonstration at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend on Wednesday, November 18th at 1000. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP by calling Brian at 206-618-6689. Lunch will be provided for RSVP's.

Doc and Brian's contact information follows:

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Doc Doolittle, Advisor
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1295 Johnston Street
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Cell: 206-227-9463
Email: ddoolittle@arasafety.com

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

None of the section representatives were present to report on training and education updates.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Tracey White announced he has been assigned effective November 2nd to the position he held as Training Section Manager several years ago. He will permanently be in the position that Mike Helbock previously held. Steve Perry will continue to be the Defib Program and Quality Assurance Coordinator.

Patty Ousley reported the current EMT Class is approaching their final exams. She encouraged departments to practice with their students to assure them passing. The Spring EMT Class announcement will be coming out the first part of December and will begin in February 2010. The National Registry testing for the final written test will be used instead of a State test for the Spring Class.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith reported the 296-305 final draft is projected to be approved on November 11th and as soon as he has accessibility to an electronic copy he will forward it to the membership. The public hearings will begin sometime soon.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler reported they are not receiving any more funding in the future from the State for any Region IV training. However, they will continue with classes until the current funds have been depleted. They will be offering the Leadership 1-2-3 January through March 2010.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones and Gary Sacha reported on the 2010 Conference. Within the next week, the online registration will be available. The 2010 Conference will be the last one held in Wenatchee and then it will be moved to Yakima for a few years. Ed Coutts is going to offer an advanced ISO class at next year's conference.

Gary added that this conference offers a variety of classes and is not just for training officers. This has been a misconception in the past.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones reported that on November 1 the Weekend Recruit Academy Graduation was held with 17 recruits graduating from the 11-week program. On Friday, November 6 there

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would be 15 graduates going through their graduation ceremony from the regular class.

**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:**

No one was present to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:**

Gary Sacha did a preliminary financial report for the 2009 APO Academies, but he needed to confirm some items with Cindy as he thought there was a deficit instead of revenue. However, the last class went well.

In addition to Gary's report, Bob Jones notified the membership that their usual caterer at the training center is going to be retiring. They are going to be accepting bids for this service so if anyone knows of interested people, have them contact Bob.

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

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

Phil Cane reminded committee chairs that it is that time of the year when a budget needs to be developed for 2010. All committee chairs need to submit their 2010 proposal of revenue/expenses for their academy as soon as possible.

*(Committee Members: Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Cari Coll (ODA Chair))*

**EXTRICATION ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE:**

Rick Marshall reported they have begun working on the 2010 proposal and have set the first week of March as tentative dates for this academy. He asked agencies to project how many students they are planning to send in 2010 so they can work on the planning process.

*(Committee Members: Rick Marshall, Ken Knott, Bob Jones)*

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

Mike McAuliffe reported they met with Mark Emery and so far RFTD has scheduled six presenters for the 2010 Symposium. They are working with Boeing as far as changing the venue location to avoid some of the additional costs incurred. Mike indicated they hadn't worked out the expense to revenue details yet.

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

**ODA COMMITTEE:**

Cari Coll reported the 2009 ODA is completed. There was only one out of the 18 classes that didn't meet maximum enrollment. The Fire Officer I & II testing is scheduled for Bellevue Fire on November 12. There are 22 individuals scheduled to test that day. This is a very important testing because ODA will have their site visit by the State to achieve their reaccreditation. The current accreditation expires this year. Special thanks to Cari for her hard work on this project!

The 2010 class schedule will be available by the beginning of December with the first of the classes being offered in February. Be sure to check that out soon to begin registering students.

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

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TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Paul Strong reported the last Truck Academy was a success with a lot of great comments. The class was full with 3-4 individuals on the wait list. The bills are still being processed, so he didn't have the final financial report.

The committee has begun working on ideas for the 2010 Academy. They are looking at other options besides Truck Town. However, after a long discussion, it was recommended they consider keeping the same format to not jeopardize consistency and the quality academy we are known to have currently. Discussion ensued regarding training styles and such. (Committee Members: Paul Strong, Mark Musch, Mitch Sauer)

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported no changes have been made to the website recently. As of now, the Zone tabs are not being utilized, however. (Committee Members: Jeff DiDonato, Paul Strong, Cindy McMahan and the Executive Board)

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

- Cari Coll indicated Vashon has recently purchased a new Aid Car two weeks ago, and they also are purchasing Fire Training Tracker with Dave Monahan.
- There is another Eastside – Zone 1 Hazard Materials Decontamination Unit now in service.
- Other agencies who have recently purchased new apparatus include Bothell, Northshore and Seattle.

OLD BUSINESS:

INVESTMENT UPDATE:

Phil Cane didn't have anything new to report, except that he has been checking into other kinds of savings accounts besides ING.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Nominations were opened to the floor for the two positions (President and Secretary) up for election in December. No new nominations were received so the nominees remain as follows:

President: Rick Ashleman.

Secretary: Elenjo Schaff.

If anyone is interested in the position or wants to make a nomination, they can go to the committee (Mark Adler, Mike McAuliffe or Elenjo Schaff), otherwise nominations will be taken again in December prior to the election

Elenjo also disseminated the registration form for the December Appreciation Luncheon. **The deadline for RSVPs for the caterer is November 20th**. Elenjo asked that if the numbers should change or if you haven't registered, please let her know as soon as possible.

2010 HOST SITE CALENDAR:

Elenjo Schaff has finalized the calendar and will be disseminating this with the minutes. Thank you to the agencies that have offered to host in 2010! A discussion ensued about having the meetings held only at centralized agencies. The 2010 calendar will remain as is and this will be presented to the membership for their input.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Rick Myking requested information from other agencies regarding training policies for three versus four platoons. If anyone has documentation of their plans for either and also the 48/96 schedule, please forward them to Rick.

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- Phil Cane reported that Lighthouse Uniform Company in Seattle has a special on the Class A - Bates Lites Black High Gloss Oxford (men's shoes) at \$49.95. They can be contacted at www.lighthouseuniform.com or 800-426-5225.
- Discussion ensued regarding developing a survey to send out to departments regarding projected attendance and other training needs/concerns. Rick Ashleman will be developing this along with the Executive Board.
- Patty Ousley made a suggestion to have a Food Bank drive during the December Luncheon as this is the time of the year that the food banks become depleted of their supply. It was also recommended that there be a "cash" bin for those that would rather donate money instead of food. Patty will work on this for the meeting.
- Mark Musch thanked the agencies who assisted Northshore Fire with their assessment center.

With no further business a motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Rick Myking to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on November 11, 2009)

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
for ELECTION and the ANNUAL
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**
(RSVP Deadline – November 20th)

Thursday, December 3, 2009
0900 Start Time

Eastside Fire & Rescue
175 Newport Way NW
Issaquah 98027

425-313-3200

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:



“In life we are born, we love, we lose, we laugh, and we die. Some things, like losing and dying, we do not have a choice about, but we do have a choice to love and keep on laughing.”

~Author Unknown



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

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT –
Cindy McMahan – KCFTOA
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Your Executive Board wants to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and commitment to the King County Fire Training Officers' Association, and for your participation on committees, at meetings, and assistance on various projects. Without active members we could not accomplish all that we do!

We wish you and your families the very best this Thanksgiving Holiday!

*~ Executive Board Members
Mike, Mark, Elenjo and Phil*