

# KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

Northshore Fire Department  
September 3, 2009

### MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Mike Geppert	Eastside Fire
* Phil Cane	Boeing Fire
* Mark Weldon	Bellevue Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire
Rick Myking	Renton Fire
John Bridenbaugh	Mercer Island Fire
Rick Ashleman	Shoreline Fire
James C. Smith	Department of L & I
Katie Hodneland	Northshore Fire
Rachel Garlini	Shoreline Fire
Lisa Phillips	Bothell Fire
Mike McAuliffe	Bothell Fire
Mitch Sauer	Northshore Fire
Rich Christensen	Bellevue Fire
Pat Hund	Kirkland Fire
Pat Hepler	Edmonds Fire
Todd Reynolds	Snoqualmie Fire
Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Dave Powers	Seattle Fire
James Woodbury	Seattle Fire
Mark Adler	KCFD #2

\* **Executive Board Member**

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Mike Geppert 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 Musch and seconded by Rick Myking to accept the July/August meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary. Motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

#### Checking:

Beginning Balance (6/1/09)	\$39,124.54
Deposits	\$25,490.00
Withdrawals	\$22,349.57
Interest Earned	\$ 0.39
Ending Balance (6/30/09)	\$42,265.36

#### Savings:

Beginning Balance (6/1/09)	\$45,269.45
Interest Earned	\$ 7.44
Ending Balance (6/30/09)	\$45,276.89

Grand Total for June \$87,542.25

A motion was made by John Bridenbaugh and seconded by Rick Myking to accept June's treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

Phil continued with the July 2009 treasurer's report as follows:

#### Checking:

Beginning Balance (7/1/09)	\$42,265.36
Deposits	\$ 8,055.00
Withdrawals	\$ 4,455.75
Interest Earned	\$ 0.39
Ending Balance (7/31/09)	\$45,865.00

#### Savings:

Beginning Balance (7/1/09)	\$45,276.89
Interest Earned	\$ 8.19
Ending Balance (7/31/09)	\$45,285.08

Grand Total for July \$91,285.08

A motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Rick Myking to accept the July treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Because of the meeting being at the beginning of the month, Cindy had not received the August bank statements, so that will need to be read and approved at the next meeting along with September's report.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

No guest speakers.

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

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

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley was not present to report as she was on vacation and basking at the beach.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith reported he had hoped to have a guest speak to the membership regarding the 305 Standards update, but Frank was not able to attend. He will work on getting him to a future meeting. JC informed the group that there weren't many changes from the draft that was disseminated earlier, but he will also try to get an updated draft version to the members. Questions asked were when the new 305 Standards would go into effect, and also what impact these would have on fire departments. JC will try to get answers for the group at the next meeting. There will be public hearings scheduled, and he will also try to get those dates for this association.

JC continued by discussing the hearing protection mandate. His recommendation was to have an industrial hygienist visit your site to determine if a program is necessary. If there isn't a need, the testing doesn't have to be done as frequently.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler reported they are still sponsoring classes and to watch for them on the [www.fftraining.org](http://www.fftraining.org) website.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones was not present but had Phil Cane report in his absence. The 2010 State Conference is scheduled for February 20 – 24, 2010 in Wenatchee.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones was not present to report, but Phil Cane continued with Bob's report.

- Recruit Academy 2009 – 2 just graduated 21 firefighters.
- The Weekend Recruit Class started August 21 and will end November 1. There are currently 18 in that class.
- Recruit Class 2009 – 3 began on August 14 and will end on November 6 with 16 in that class.
- On August 31 there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new housing with an excellent turn out. If anyone needs housing for events at the academy they should contact Mike Aboe.
- Camp Blaze was held last month with 22 attendees and a huge number of staff. The camp went well.
- National Academy class schedule was disseminated.
- The 2010 Recruit schedule has been set.
- The "Looking Forward" newsletter was disseminated.

KITSAP COUNTY TRAINING

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

No one was present to report.

PIERCE COUNTY METRO TRAINING

ASSOCIATION:

No one was present to report.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRAINING

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Pat Hepler reported they hadn't had a meeting since June. However, they are planning their Chief Officer Academy on October 21 with Kimberly Alyn and November 13 with Jeff Johnson at Snohomish Fire. More information and registration can be found on their website at [www.snocountychiefs.org](http://www.snocountychiefs.org).

He continued by reporting they had held their post academy training with six students. They are planning another one after the 2009-3 academy, but are hoping to solicit more participants from outside departments to utilize the training they offer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported for this committee. At last count there were five openings yet for this academy scheduled for September 14-18 @ \$295 per person. If anyone has an engine available for this class, they should contact Gary Sacha.

*(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 Marshall)*

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

(PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OFFICER

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY):

Mike McAuliffe gave the background of this symposium, and the efforts to combine the NW Symposium with ours. He indicated the cost of the NW Symposium has resulted in a loss financially as they lease the Big Picture Theatre at \$10,000. Discussion was held about other location venues that would be at no cost (i.e. Boeing has an auditorium and other spaces). Mike indicated they were going to continue to

work with RFTD to make this happen, and that the key now is to get the Chiefs' endorsement and ideas for what they would like to see as topics and/or speakers.

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

ODA COMMITTEE:

Elenjo Schaff reported for this committee. The last meeting was cancelled, but committee members are continuing to finalize their instructors and locations for 2010 ODA.

Elenjo posed a question to the membership regarding the IMS Class for 2010. The instructors want to make it a 2-day class and the third day go to Olympia Fire to use their simulation training center. After a discussion, it was a unanimous consensus that the additional cost to send students would not work for departments with the budget crunches happening throughout the county. Although they could see the value, it would not be feasible for 2010.

*(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 because this committee only had one partial tuition for ODA, along with one Truck Academy and one Advanced Pump Operator recipient so far, there was more funding available. With this in mind, the committee accepted two more applications to attend the upcoming Advanced Pump Operator Academy. With these five being awarded the scholarship, we still had only used about 50-percent of our budget for 2009. However, the deadline for applying for that academy was past and since there wasn't any more room in the Truck Academy, the opportunity to utilize the scholarships had ended for 2009.

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

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TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Musch reported the Academy scheduled for October 5-9 was full with a wait list. He continued to report the committee is looking at local options that might be less expensive, but because there is a definite need for more training, they are planning to host one for the Spring 2010.

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

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Mark Weldon reported the zone tabs are available for their training schedules and information. This bulletin board is to provide a communication mode for the zones, but administrative support will not be provided, nor are there to be any competitive classes announced. It is primarily a networking ability between each zone agency.

*(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 had gotten the Chiefs' address from Warren Merritt, but he hadn't followed through with the finalization yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

This is the year we nominate and elect individuals for the President and Secretary positions. There is a need for three members for the Nominating Committee. According to Bylaws:

*"At the September meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Association. This committee shall recruit and solicit nominations and make its first report of nominees from the*

*floor at the October meeting. In addition to those names submitted by the Nominating Committee, any member can submit another Active member's name from the floor for nomination."*

Volunteers to serve on this committee are:

- Mark Adler
- Elenjo Schaff
- Mike McAuliffe

If anyone has nominations, please contact one of these individuals and they will place them on the ballot. In addition, nominations will be taken from the floor by members during the meeting in October, November, and December.

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

There also needs to be an Election Committee appointed. These individuals according to Bylaws must be in attendance at the December Election meeting and duties include:

*"The President shall appoint an Election Committee of at least two members, who are not on the Nominating Committee or being nominated for a position, whose duties shall be to arrange and conduct the election of officers. At the completion of the election, this committee shall count the ballots and report their findings to the President."*

Volunteers to serve on this committee were:

- Mitch Sauer
- Pat Hepler

2010 HOST SITE CALENDAR:

On the back of the Agenda, Elenjo Schaff had placed the dates of the scheduled meetings for 2010. She asked that everyone take a look at the dates and be prepared to sign up for one of the monthly meetings at the October meeting or by emailing your preference. The dates are:

- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1

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- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

Elenjo, on behalf of the Executive Board, thanked the agencies who have been so faithful in welcoming these meeting to their agencies. It is much appreciated!

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Mark Musch informed the membership that Northshore Fire will be doing a Lieutenant and Battalion Chief promotional exam and are going to be seeking assessors for October.
- Pat Hund from Kirkland Fire also indicated they will be looking for assessors for their Captains promotional exam in November.
- Mike Geppert announced Eastside Fire & Rescue is hosting an ICS 400 Class on October 20 and 21, 2009 beginning at 0830 each day at Headquarters. For more information or to inquire if there is available space, contact Eastside Fire's Lisa Phillips at [Lphillips@esf-r.org](mailto:Lphillips@esf-r.org). There is no cost to the class, but lunch is not provided.
- Rick Ashleman inquired as to where departments are going for their wellness physicals. Forward information to Rick at [Rashleman@shorelinefire.com](mailto:Rashleman@shorelinefire.com).

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 09/09/09)*

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Thursday, October 1, 2009  
 0900 Start Time

KCFD #2 – Burien Fire  
 15100 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
 Burien

206-242-2040 Ext. 104

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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)

**VICE PRESIDENT** - Mark Weldon, Bellevue Fire (425) 452-7852 or [Mweldon@Bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Mweldon@Bellevuewa.gov)

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

**TREASURER** - Phil Cane, Boeing Fire (425) 785-8964 or [Phil.cane@Boeing.com](mailto:Phil.cane@Boeing.com)

**CONTRACT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT** –  
Cindy McMahan – KCFTOA  
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**INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:**

***“So be gentle with yourself; show yourself the same kindness and patience you might show a young child – the child you once were. If you won’t be your own friend, who will be? If, when playing an opponent, you are also opposing yourself, you will be outnumbered.”***

~Dan Millman  
American Author, Martial  
Artist & Gymnastics Coach

