

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Kent Fire Department
April 1, 2010

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

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| * Rick Ashleman | Shoreline Fire |
| * Elenjo Schaff | Eastside Fire |
| Jeff DiDonato | Maple Valley Fire |
| Roy Brewer | South King Fire |
| Graydon Matheson | KCIA Fire |
| Tim McClung | KCIA Fire |
| Patty Ousley | King County EMS |
| Tracey White | King County EMS |
| Kevin Kundert | King County EMS |
| Michelle Lightfoot | King County EMS |
| Dick Breitenbach | Eastside Fire |
| Mark Adler | KCFD #2 |
| JC Smith | Labor & Industries |
| Phil Cane | WSP/FTA |
| Chuck Duffy | WSP/FTA |
| Bob Jones | WSP/FTA |
| Greg Hartman | Renton Fire |
| Neil Samuelsen | Renton Fire |
| Craig Soucy | Renton Fire |
| Mark Seaver | Renton Fire |
| Mark Musch | Northshore Fire |
| Mitch Sauer | Northshore Fire |
| Ken Knott | Mercer Island Fire |
| John Bridenbaugh | Mercer Island Fire |
| Paul Weatherly | Bellevue College |
| Judith Kuleta | Bellevue College |
| Matt Rogers | Seattle Fire |
| Jim Woodbury | Seattle Fire |
| Mike Scott | Kent Fire |
| Marty Grisham | Tukwila Fire |

* **Executive Board Member**

The April monthly meeting was called to order by President Rick Ashleman at 0900 at the Kent Fire Department. Following housekeeping instructions and a welcome by Mike Scott from

Kent Fire, the traditional flag salute was done. A roundtable introduction followed.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Tim McClung to accept the March meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

With the recent resignation of Phil Cane as Treasurer due to a change in his job responsibilities and retirement from Boeing Fire, the February Financial report was read by Elenjo Schaff. Discussion about the vacancy is later in the agenda.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking:

Beginning Balance (2/01/10)	\$ 32,771.96
Deposits	\$ 1465.00
Withdrawals	\$ 1,985.85
Interest Earned	\$ 0.25
Ending Balance (2/28/10)	\$ 32,251.36

Savings:

Beginning Balance (2/01/10)	\$ 45,321.26
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Interest Earned	\$ 3.47
Ending Balance (2/28/10)	\$ 45,324.73

Grand Total for February \$77,576.09

Motion for approval of the February financial report was made by Jeff DiDonato and seconded by Dick Breitenbach. Motion passed.

CHIEFS' REPORT:

Rick Ashleman noted there hasn't been a representative assigned. We are hoping someone will step up from one of our agencies to take this position.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

Paul Weatherly, Director and Judith Kuleta, Advisor from Bellevue College spoke to the members regarding the proposed changes to the Fire Science Program, and to rally support from the fire departments. He also spoke to the group about not being able to provide credit without a final exam. They are in the process of creating an advisory committee that will meet more frequently and be more active in their process. After the evaluation of their program for accreditation, the current status of the Fire Science Program is they are on probation due to being out of compliance with the WAC and the College Board. One of their violations involved unethical credit authorizations, and they have been given two years to turn the program around. This is where support and assistance through the advisory committee is needed from the fire departments.

Paul Weatherly's email address for anyone interested in assisting or having input (not to be used for student questions) is paul.weatherly@bellevuecollege.edu and his direct phone number is 425-564-2081.

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

Marty Grisham reported the Sound Shake 2010 is going to focus on the 24-hours after an event and is going to be a regional training event scheduled for October 6 & 7, 2010. Heather Kelly has been involved with city managers for this drill. They have grant money that has been earmarked for this event.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley announced the Spring EMT Class is currently half-way done. If there are problems with your student's scores, you will be contacted by the Senior EMT Instructor.

Tracey White introduced Kevin Kundert, Program Manager for the EMS Online 2.0 update. There are 281 points they are addressing in the upgrade, and are hoping to complete the process by December; in time for the 2011 CBT. Along with other introductions, Tracey introduced Michelle Lightfoot, who assists with the CBT workshops and is also the revenue manager for EMS Online. It is free to King County agencies, but there are many throughout the State who have begun participating in the online program as well, but they pay a fee per student.

With John Jerin leaving King County EMS to move to Wisconsin, they have hired Tom Agnew as a part-time subject matter expert to assist with the curriculum online. In addition to this, the one State objective that they found wasn't addressed in the 2010 online training objectives is backboarding; so Tracey asked that all agencies make sure this objective is included in this year's skills evaluations.

The plan for the 2011 CBT Instructor workshops is there will be seven fewer being offered in an attempt to save expenses, and if possible they are going to try lumping them together at one location before moving to another to avoid moving equipment, etc. They will be offering 16 workshops. The main message Tracy wants all departments to remember is: **CBT is a WA State recertification process. Written must be completed prior to practical testing, and remember – TEST, no teaching or coaching should be done.**

The new 2010 EMT Protocol books are due from the printers. Tracey informed agency to request the quantity they need to Terry as delivery will be within the next week or two.

The EMS Task Force group is still working on three different options for managing classes, costs, and will be making recommendations as to the process in the future.

Tracey continued by reporting that the legislature is looking at ways to create revenue and to cut costs, so there is a possibility they will be looking into charging fees for certification, etc. Nothing has been finalized to date. Another interesting concept being signed by the Governor is over-the-counter sale of Nasal Narcan. Tracey wanted departments to be aware of the possibility of bystanders having the ability to give this drug to patients with overdoses, but also as an awareness of the possibility of being called for combative patients vs. overdose.

Along with the theme of budget cuts and cost-cutting, Tracey had recently attended a conference in Fresno, CA and with all of their reductions in state budgets, they are currently working at 1977 levels of staffing... so far we are blessed where we work and let's hope we are able to continue to maintain this level of care.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith spoke to the members present about a couple of items:

1. Reminder to departments doing renovations to fire stations, there is a new WAC that is being missed. There needs to be an alarm activated power shut-off in kitchens. There also needs to be a one-hour separation from the kitchen to the sleeping area under the new standard.
2. Although it isn't part of the 305 Standard yet, it soon will be. CO2 detectors will be required in sleeping areas

JC reported he didn't have any updated information about the release of the 296-305 Standard. Rick Ashleman reported he had done some research and found the State is planning to have two public hearings (Spokane

and Olympia), and he encouraged us to lobby for one in Seattle area since we are a 'big player' in fire service.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler announced everything is status quo and he wasn't aware of any classes being scheduled currently.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones reported the State Conference attendance was up this year. The 2011 Conference will be held in Yakima at the Red Lion on February 19-23. By late June – early July the registrations will be available online for the conference. The cost to have the conference in Yakima is much lower than in Wenatchee.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Chuck Duffy introduced their new Deputy Fire Marshal, Phil Cane who had just started the day of the meeting.

He continued to report the current Recruit Class will be graduating on April 23 at the Community Center in Renton at 1000. There are 22 recruits completing the process. Chuck also reported there is 4-day Pre-Course scheduled for individuals desiring the training who are registered for the Weekend Academy that is beginning April 16 – June 27. The cost of the pre-course is an additional \$500. Currently there are 14 registrations for the weekend academy with ten of those being volunteers and four self-pay. The next Recruit Academy has 34 registrations (12 career, 11 volunteer, and 11 self-pay).

He also reported there is a Fire Chiefs training in Wenatchee on May 17-20.

Bob Jones reported there is grant money available for some of the 6 and 2-day classes through NFA. If anyone is interested in hosting a class, they should contact Bob. He disseminated information on applying.

The WSP and State Fire Marshal Preparedness Division is sponsoring some HazMat On-Scene Incident Command classes and Bob disseminated the listing of those.

Bob also distributed the "Looking Forward" Winter newsletter.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

No one was present to report for this group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

Rick Ashleman reported the E-Board is reviewing Cindy's contract, and there isn't anything new to report on this currently.

(Committee Members: Executive Board, ODA Chair)

ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Dick Breitenbach reported for this committee since he is being mentored to oversee the Fall APO Academy. The last he had heard Gary mentioned there was still a need for another pumper for this class; otherwise everything was ready.

(Committee Members: Gary Sacha, Bob Jones, Bill Evans, and Dick Breitenbach)

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Seaver reported this academy went well. They had 50 cars and 48 students with reports of the Puyallup Extrication Team doing another great job of instruction. There was also an instructor for the hybrid vehicles that was entertaining and informative.

(Committee Members: Mark Seaver, Ken Knott, Bob Jones)

FIREGROUND PRACTICE LESSON PLAN COMMITTEE:

Rick Ashleman reported the committee prepared a draft lesson plan and it is in the review process.

(Committee Members: Rick Ashleman, Mike McAuliffe, Mark Musch)

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM:

Mike McAuliffe was not able to be in attendance at this meeting but sent an email report to the E-Board. He says, "I spoke to Mark Emery and he is waiting for input from their new Chief before entering a M.O.U. with KCFTOA. For now, RFTD will assume all financial liabilities for the 2010 Symposium. Emphasis will be getting formal relations for the 2011 and future symposiums pending the Chief's decision."

(Committee Members: Mike McAuliffe, Marty Grisham, Mark Musch, Rudy Peden, Greg Bawden)

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll was not present to report so Elenjo Schaff and Rick Ashleman reported. The 2010 ODA has begun and course evaluations have been received with good results. We haven't received the letter from the State regarding recommendations or decision on our re-accreditation process. However, in talking to the FTA personnel, they have recommended we think seriously about the need to be accredited since we don't develop our own curriculum, testing, etc. There is a lot of work that goes into this and the committee has addressed the needs.

The Instructor I class will continue to be scheduled through Boeing Fire with Mike Mauvaus being the contact person instead of Phil.

As a side note – Paul Perz, Acting State Fire Marshal and Paul Snider, Accreditation Manager are going to be attending the May 6 meeting to speak to the membership about concerns or problems regarding the accreditation process. If any department has

concerns or questions, they should be sure to bring them at the next meeting.

(Committee Members: Cari Coll, Rick Ashleman, Elenjo Schaff, Mark Risen, Tom Morino, Kevin Body, and by Bylaw Default: Cindy McMahan and Mark Adler)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Elenjo Schaff reported to date (for 2010) the committee has awarded \$4,115 in scholarships and have approximately \$1,135 in available funds. Keep in mind there is a 3-week application processing time if you have individuals interested in applying. Also, being awarded the scholarship doesn't mean the student is registered. Registration needs to be done by the individual.

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

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Musch reported Bellevue Fire will be hosting the academy in September. Details have not been finalized at this time.

(Committee Members: Paul Strong, Mark Musch, Mitch Sauer, Bill Evans)

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Mike McAuliffe wasn't present to report, but Rick Ashleman reported the KC EMS link has been added to the website. Remember: your input is needed for any improved changes.

(Committee Members: Jeff DiDonato, Cindy McMahan and the Executive Board – overseer is the Vice President according to Bylaws)

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

- Roy Brewer reported that South King Fire just enrolled in the Fire Tracker records manager.
- Mitch Sauer reported they just purchased new bunker gear at approximately \$1700 each.

OLD BUSINESS:

INVESTMENT UPDATE:

Phil Cane was going to notify the E-Board of the processes that need to be done to change our banking to BECU. Nothing has been received to date.

SURVEY:

Rick Ashleman announced this survey will be going out to training officers sometime this month. Please take the time to complete the survey as your input will help us determine any changes or topics to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERIM TREASURER:

With Phil Cane resigning, the Association has a need to fill the position of Treasurer for the remainder of the year at a minimum. The Vice President and Treasurer positions are up for election in December. The hope is to have an interim Treasurer that may be interested in continuing for the next term as well.

Nominations were opened with one nomination having been presented prior to the meeting. Mark Adler was nominated and accepted. With no other nominations, a vote was taken, and Mark has graciously taken the task as Treasurer.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Jeff DiDonato reported this is his last meeting with the KCFTOA as he will be going back on shift May 1. He indicated he has enjoyed his last six years with KCFTOA. His replacement has not been named yet.
- Dave Nelson from KCFD 20 had sent the E-Board an inquiry as to whether there was an interest for departments for a 1-day public information training for chief officers. Rick Ashleman

passed around a sign-up sheet if any department was interested. ODA offers a half-day training annually.

With no further business a motion was made by Mitch Sauer and seconded by Jeff DiDonato to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1040.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on April 19, 2010)

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our website***

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2010
0900 Start Time

Woodinville Fire & Life Safety
17718 Woodinville-Snohomish Road NE
Woodinville 98072

425-483-2131

**KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS'
ASSOCIATION
PHONE NUMBERS**

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NEW - MAILING ADDRESS

King County Fire
Training Officers' Association
P.O. Box 4341
Everett, WA 98204-0035

Phone Number: 425-255-1241
FAX Number: 425-749-7274
Website: www.kcftoa.org

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:



“Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the Great Mystery into which we were born.”

~Albert Einstein, 1870 - 1955
Theoretical Physicist, Author & Philosopher

YOUR 2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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