

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Bothell Fire Department
February 4, 2010

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

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| * Rick Ashleman | Shoreline Fire |
| * Elenjo Schaff | Eastside Fire |
| Craig Baughnsmith | King County EMS |
| Patty Ousley | King County EMS |
| Mitch Sauer | Northshore Fire |
| Tracey White | King County EMS |
| Greg Bawden | Duvall Fire |
| Kevin Body | South King Fire |
| Kirk Galatas | Mukilteo Fire |
| Paul Strong | Valley Regional Fire |
| Chuck Duffy | Mable Valley Fire |
| Mike McAuliffe | Bothell Fire |
| Tracy Wyckoff | KCFD #20 |
| Mark Seaver | Renton Fire |
| Greg Hartman | Renton Fire |
| Neil Samuelsen | Renton Fire |
| Greg Schipper | Enumclaw Fire |
| Michael Geppert | Eastside Fire |
| Rachel Garlini | Shoreline Fire |
| Lisa Phillips | Bothell Fire |
| Dave Kammerzell | Redmond Fire |
| Gary Sacha | Tukwila Fire |
| Cari Coll | Vashon Fire |
| Keith Kreiger | Shoreline Fire |
| John Lapsansky | Fireblast 451, Inc |
| Mark Risen | Bellevue Fire |
| Rich Christensen | Bellevue Fire |
| Bill Evans | Bellevue Fire |
| JC Smith | Labor & Industries |
| Warren Merritt | Bellevue Fire |
| Dave Powers | Seattle Fire |
| John Bridenbaugh | Mercer Island Fire |
| Tom Marino | Valley Regional Fire |
| Art Johnson | New World Comm. |

* **Executive Board Member**

The February monthly meeting was called to order by President Rick Ashleman at 0900 at the Bothell

Police Department – Community Room. Following the traditional flag salute, and welcome to all present, a roundtable introduction took place.

MEETING MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Cane was not present to report, but the December financial report was read by Elenjo. The January bank statements had not been received in time to report those.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking:

Beginning Balance (12/01/09)	\$ 39,040.50
Deposits	\$ 1,995.00
Withdrawals	\$ 8,877.33
Interest Earned	\$ 0.33
Ending Balance (12/31/09)	\$ 33,058.50

Savings:

Beginning Balance (12/01/09)	\$ 45,313.43
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Interest Earned	\$ 4.23
Ending Balance (12/31/09)	\$ 45,317.66

Grand Total for November	\$78,376.16
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Motion for approval of the December financial reports was made by Gary Sacha and seconded by Greg Schipper. Motion passed.

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Cell: 951-543-8607
Website: www.fireblast451.com

NOTE: *There has been a correction to the financial report as the one read at the meeting was from 2008. I apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused. (Elenjo)*

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

No one was present to report for this group.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Tracy White had disseminated an email questionnaire via Elenjo requesting input from agencies regarding the EMS Online – version 2.0. He has requested the training officers input any changes they would like to see occur with the updated version.

He also asked if everyone was familiar with Safe Call Now. This is a confidential number to call for public safety employees (Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders, Fire, Corrections, and Civilian support staff and their families) when they need psychological assistance. The phone number is staffed by professionals who are available and understand the stressful demands on the people who are always there helping others in time of their own need. Their website is: www.safecallnow.org and the phone number is 206-459-3020.

Patty Ousley reported there were 58 individuals who tested for the upcoming EMT Class. They had initially set a passing score of 80%, but found that only 23 passed at that level. They have now started taking individuals who are in the 70 percentile, but going from the higher scores first. Those who received 50 or 60% will not be accepted into the class. Patty will be notifying the individuals next week regarding them moving on to the next phase of evaluation (CPR).

Questions were asked of Patty from the membership regarding what specific information is covered in the pretest to better prepare students to pass. Patty responded

CHIEFS' REPORT:

Warren Merritt reported he has also taken the role as the Chiefs' liaison to the Operations group as well as to KCFTOA. One of the items they are going to revisit is the Strike Team Task Force.

Warren also asked the training officers to encourage their Deputy Chiefs to attend the Operation Chiefs' meeting on the 4th Wednesday every other month at Renton Fire.

He continued by recognizing the number of training officers in attendance and to thank them for their participation and involvement in this group. He complimented the KCFTOA by saying this group is a great value to the fire service.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

1. Art Johnson from New World Communications spoke to the membership about their e-meeting technology and the option of having "virtual" meetings. His contact information is:

Art Johnson, Consultant
Email: artatnwc@gmail.com
Phone: 206-920-8067
Website: www.newworldcom.com

2. John Lapsansky from FireBlast 451, Inc. spoke to the membership about their live fire and training props available. His contact information is:

John Lapsansky, National Sales Representative

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that the pre-test is based on Advanced First Aid and CPR and the class orientation.

Patty introduced Craig Baughnsmith who is the Senior EMT Instructor for this upcoming EMT class. She wanted everyone to meet the person who would be overseeing the students. Craig invited training officers to either visit the class or to contact him if they had concerns or questions. One of the new procedures they will be doing is to get a Behavior Contract signed by the students. In the past they have had issues with attitude problems, and this is an attempt to get a better control early in the class. Craig also informed the membership that this class is going to be taught to National Registry (NR) Standards so the weekly tests have been revised to meet the standard. They will also be requiring a passing score of 80% on the weekly tests and will be doing reviews periodically to better ensure students can succeed and pass the final NR test.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

JC Smith reported the WAC 296-305 Standard is still pending finalization. He has not been able to receive anything other than the initial draft that had been disseminated much earlier last year. If anyone has inquiries, he would be happy to assist in finding answers. He responded to a question about when fire department would have some input into changes being made by saying that because one of the stakeholders was from the fire service, he didn't think there would be much opportunity for input when it was finalized. JC concluded that as soon as he receives any drafts, he would forward them to the membership.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler was not present to report.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Gary Sacha reported the conference is moving forward though they have had some problems getting instructors to submit their contracts.

This has hindered them from being able to get some of the class information online. To date the attendance was at the 'break even' spot, but they are seeing low registrations for the EMS and Health & Wellness areas of training. For registrations and additional information, check out their website.

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones was not present, but Chuck Duffy introduced himself as the new Chief of Instruction at the Academy. Chuck relayed his proposals, goals and plans for improvement to training. He is working with Olympia to improve the IFSAC testing process. He reported they are now requiring 80% thresholds on their tests to meet the Standards. They are also hosting an open enrollment meeting regarding Multi-Company Operation drills in order to meet the Standards for NFPA.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRAINING

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Kirk Galatas from Mukilteo Fire reported Scott Glowaski was recently selected as the President of their Association, but that he will continue to be the liaison to KCFTOA. They don't have a website of their own, but can be found jointly with the Chiefs' under <http://www.snocountychiefs.org> and the "Training" tab to find links for training events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

COMMITTEE:

Rick Ashleman reported the E-Board are reviewing Cindy's contract. There wasn't anything new to report.

*(Committee Members: Executive Board, ODA Chair)*

ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE:

Gary Sacha reported to date there were 10 applications for the 24-maximum Advanced

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Pump Operator Workshop scheduled for April 26-30. The Fall class is scheduled for September 20-24. Once again, he is asking departments sending several students to please provide a pumper.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Jeff Didonato reported they will be meeting with Cindy in the near future to go through the 2009 financial records. They will have something to report following their meeting.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Phil Cane was not present at the meeting but had disseminated the proposed 2010 budget at the last meeting. Elenjo Schaff reviewed the various line items and gave a general overview of the proposal. With no further changes, Cari Coll made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Gary Sacha seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Seaver reported the Extrication Academy has a location change and also the fee has been reduced thanks to the Insurance Auto Auction who is donating the location (near the Museum of Flight) and vehicles. The dates are March 3, 4, and 5, 2010 and the tuition dropped to \$375.

(Committee Members: Rick Marshall (or Mark Seaver), Ken Knott, Bob Jones, Jeff DiDonato)

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM:

Mike McAuliffe reported they continue to meet with the RFTD group to find a way to consolidate efforts in the future. There is no financial involvement or other involvement planned for this year, but they will do more research into how to make it work for 2011. This year we are going to assist in the marketing only. The dates of the Pacific Northwest

Leadership Symposium are scheduled for the October 4, 5, and 6 at the Redmond Big Picture.

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

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll reported the 2010 ODA classes are online and registrations continue to come in. The other project this committee is working on is the accreditation process. Barbara Gagnor met with Cari and Elenjo and made some suggestions and changes to the application process. We should expect a report within 90-days giving their findings and recommendations to achieve accreditation. There isn't much that can be done this year since the classes have already been established.

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Elenjo Schaff reported the committee received two more applications for full ODA Scholarships and would be meeting to make a decision. We have granted one scholarship so far this year towards full ODA.

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

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Paul Strong and Mitch Sauer reported on the survey that was disseminated to the membership. They have decided to go with Truck Town for the Spring Academy and will try the new format of spreading the days out over several weeks with the Fall Academy. They are seeking an agency to host this academy as Valley Regional Fire Authority cannot host in the Spring. Please contact the committee if you can do this as soon as possible

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

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WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

With no current Vice President, there hasn't been anyone to oversee the projects. However, the plan for the future is to make lesson plans available for agencies on the website.

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

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

- Mike Geppert, Eastside Fire, reported they are getting CAFS Pumpers and he wanted to know if anyone had training ideas or recommendations regarding the maintenance of these. Please contact him if you are familiar with this apparatus.
- Mitch Sauer, Northshore Fire, is looking to purchase bunker gear and inquired as to whether or not there is a purchasing consortium for this item in the county.
- Cari Coll, Vashon Island Fire, reported they are changing to the Stryker power gurney on all of their apparatus.
- Mark Risen, Bellevue Fire, reported they are planning to purchase five pumpers and wanted to know if anyone has Pierce specs as they would like such information.

OLD BUSINESS:

INVESTMENT UPDATE:

Phil Cane was not present to give the final report.

SURVEY:

Rick Ashleman reported this is still in the preparation status. If anyone has additional questions or information to be collected, please contact him soon.

UPDATE OF VICE PRESIDENT POSITION:

Rich Christensen spoke to the membership about his intention of assisting in this role, but because of promotions and retirements, it appears he will be going back on shift and will not be able to assist in this capacity. Nominations were made, and though Gary Sacha was one of the nominations, he made the announcement of his planned retirement and inability to assist. Mike McAuliffe was also nominated and has accepted the nomination. A vote was taken by the membership, and Mike McAuliffe (Bothell Fire) will serve as Interim Vice President to December 2010, which at that time the election will be held for the position and Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIREGROUND PRACTICES:

Rick Ashleman revisited the curriculum the KCFTOA members had developed regarding Fireground Practices a couple years ago. The Chiefs have now requested a lesson plan be developed in conjunction with the plan. After a discussion, there were three volunteers to work on this project from the membership. They include: Rick Ashleman, Mark Risen and Mike McAuliffe.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Elenjo Schaff announced to the membership that the KCFTOA post office box was in a site that was going to be closed, so we now have a new mailing address. Please be sure your accounting and other business divisions are aware of the change. The new address is:

KCFTOA  
P.O. Box 4341  
Everett, WA 98204-0035

Phone numbers and everything else remains the same.

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- Mark Risen indicated they are looking for a EVIP Train-the-Trainer class. Following a discussion it was determined KCFTOA may sponsor additional classes if there is a need.
- JC Smith reported he had been asked about Worker's Compensation (W/C) coverage for classes and training sessions even when the employee was not being paid to attend the class. JC indicated that as long as the training is for promotion, and if it is a firefighter objective or job related, an injury should be covered by W/C. The department would need to have the knowledge and sanctioned the attendance, but an injury would more than likely be covered. Discussion continued regarding "Stair Climbs and Combat Challenges" and JC thought there might be a chance those would not be covered or could be challenged. He would check into this.

JC also continued to report that Bob LeMay is available to do some consultation training.

With no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

(Draft meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Elenjo Schaff, Executive Board Secretary, on February 17, 2010)



NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, March 4, 2010
0900 Start Time

Duvall Fire Department
15600 First Avenue NE

Duvall 98019
425-788-1625

**BE SURE TO VISIT
our website**

WWW.KCFTOA.org

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NEW - MAILING ADDRESS

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Everett, WA 98204-0035

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

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

"Be like the fountain that overflows, not like the cistern that merely contains."

*~Paulo Coelho
Brazilian Author & Lyricist*



YOUR 2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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