

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2011

Bothell Fire Department

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Cari Coll	Vashon Island Fire	Lisa Phillips	Bothell Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire	Ken Knott	Mercer Island Fire
* Kevin Anderson	Renton Fire	John Bridenbaugh	Mercer Island Fire
Mark Seaver	Renton Fire	Ken Whitmore	Maple Valley Fire
Tracy Wyckoff	KCFD #20	Ed Johnson	SeaTac - Kent - MV
Susan Kolwitz	King County EMS	Greg Bawden	Duvall Fire
Todd Reynolds	Snoqualmie Fire	Greg Ahearn	Woodinville Fire
James (J.C.) Smith	Labor & Industries	John Smith	IMS Alliance
Robert Jones	WSP/FPB	Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Randy Krause	Port of Seattle Fire	Paul Fletcher	Seattle Fire
Kevin Body	South King Fire	Greg Schipper	Enumclaw Fire
Roy Brewer	South King Fire	Kraig Peiguss	Kent Fire
Kirk Galatas	Snohomish Co. T.O.	Marilyn Roberts	University of WA
Ron Wick	Bothell Fire	* Executive Board Member	

The July monthly meeting was called to order at 0900 at the Bothell Police Community Center and hosted by Bothell Fire Department. A welcome was extended to members and guests; the traditional flag salute was done followed by a roundtable introduction.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by John Bridenbaugh and seconded by Ron Wick to accept the June meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mark Adler was not present to report, so Elenjo Schaff reported on the May Financial Statement as submitted by Cindy McMahan.

<u>May Financial Statement:</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Beginning Balance (05/01/11)	\$28,085.74	\$45,373.50
Deposits	\$13,790.00	
Withdrawals	\$17,443.09	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.80
Ending Balance (05/31/11)	\$24,432.85	\$45,375.30

Grand Total: \$69,808.15

A motion was made by Mark Musch and seconded by Kevin Body to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

CHIEFS' REPORT:

Chief Randy Krause reported at their last meeting Jed Aldridge and business partners presented to the Chiefs the same thing they had done for our meeting. The concepts and ideas for the promotional and hiring process were well received by the Chiefs. Randy continued to remind the members that if we training officers are approached with

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valuable ideas by any presentation, he asked that the information be forwarded to the Chiefs for their review and buy-in. They don't have a meeting in July or August.

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- 1. Marilyn Roberts, University of Washington: "MRSA Study in Fire Departments"**

Dr. Roberts gave a report of a study that was done involving Snohomish County Fire District 1 with cultures of various areas of the fire station and what the results were as far as MRSA found. A few points of interest include:

 - Firefighters are higher level of carriers
 - Because firefighters are susceptible to cuts and scrapes, they have a greater chance of infection of this bacterium.
 - MRSA can survive washing with regular detergent
 - Because bunker gear isn't washed with antibacterial detergent, MRSA is readily found.
 - Disinfectants kill 90 - 95% of the MRSA bacteria, but within 24-hours it grows back thus making a daily cleaning required for better maintenance.
 - Although it is usually started on skin and soft tissue, there are cases of firefighters getting it through inhalation and having respiratory disease presentation.
 - Most of the bacteria is found in the bay and apparatus, but it is easily cross contaminated to the living quarters by shoes and clothing, etc.
 - Hand washing is critical.
 - Whenever there is a potential exposure in the field, the firefighter should change uniforms (wash them with disinfectants), shower and change into clean uniform. Cover any skin break and have good basic hygiene.

The end of September they will be seeking participants in additional studies. Anyone interested in participating should contact her and they will send out a package of swabs to culture various areas of the station. Because of the nature of the study, they cannot contact fire departments, but will need to have the fire department go to them for this process.

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2. John Smith – IMS Alliance: *“Manual & Electronic Accountability”*

John spoke to the membership about the latest and greatest electronic accountability that is becoming popular around the State. Not only does it provide the IC with the identification of all firefighters on the scene, but it also offers qualifications of each person. Additional information can be provided on this ID tag as well such as medical information, medications, and emergency contact information.

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AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

No one was present to report.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley was out of the office on vacation, but had sent a message to Elenjo to remind the members that the Fall EMT Class application deadline was Friday, July 8th.

Susan Kolwitz spoke to the membership about the EMS Online Version 2 that will be going live on Tuesday, July 12. The system will be down that day from 0800 – 1200 to do the transition. She continued to report they have begun the 2012 CBT video shooting of case studies. She thanked everyone who have offered crews and assisted with the making of the videos.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

J.C. Smith asked the members if any agency had a training curriculum and Standing Operation Procedures (SOP) for fire boats, he would like to obtain a copy for another department farther north that is looking for assistance. J.C. had nothing else to report.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler was not present to report.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones announced the 2012 Training Officer Conference is scheduled for February 25 – 29, 2012 in Yakima. The focus of most of the training will be ‘train-the-trainer’ classes. Their keynote speaker is going to be Gordon Graham. The schedule and registration will be available online soon on their website.

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WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones reported the weekend academy recently graduated. The next Recruit Academy class has 37 students registered and will run from August 11 through November 4.

The National Fire Academy is sponsoring an "Advanced Incident Safety Officer" class on September 6-7, 2011 at Central Pierce Fire & Rescue in Tacoma. The tuition for this class is free, but the class size is limited to 25 students. Registration form can be found at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/ff_119_25_2_75_5a.pdf

There is also an Incident Command for Highrise Operations class being offered on August 15-16, 2011 at Pullman Fire Department. This class is being taught by Warren Merritt, and registration can be made by sending an email request to Division Chief Ryan Scharnhorst at ryan.scharnhorst@pullman-wa.gov.

There is a Fight for Air Climb at the Columbia Tower in Seattle for the American Lung Association on October 23, 2011. Registration can be made at www.climbseattle.org.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Kirk Galatas didn't have anything new to report, and since they don't meet in July and August, there won't be anything new until after their September meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVANCED PUMP OPERATOR ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

No one was present to report, but Elenjo reported for Dick indicating he will need some help for the Fall Academy in getting apparatus, etc.

(Committee Members: Dick Breitenbach, Bob Jones, Bill Evans, John Keffer and Pat Hund)

EXTRICATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Seaver didn't have anything new to report.

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

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM:

Mark Musch didn't have anything new to report.

(Committee Members: Mark Musch, Greg Bawden, Tim Dahl)

ODA COMMITTEE:

Cari Coll reported the committee is still working on the accreditation process and should be hearing back on that soon. They have also set the schedule for the 2012 ODA and the liaisons have begun the process of getting instructors for the classes. This committee is also continuing to work with Edmonds Community College to get college credits for eight of the ODA classes. Along with this the committee is also developing a course syllabus for each of the classes along with a grade point system to meet the needs of the college. The Fire Officer I & II testing is scheduled for November 4th in Kent. Registration is available online at the KCFTOA website.

(Committee Members: Cari Coll, Elenjo Schaff, Kevin Body, Kevin Anderson, Roy Brewer and by Bylaw Default: Cindy McMahan and Mark Adler)

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TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Musch didn't have anything new to report other than this committee is working on putting together a mini class as soon as Bellevue has completed their recruit academy and the facility is available. Additional information is forthcoming.

(Committee Members: Mark Musch, Bill Evans, and Keith Kreiger)

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Vice President Kevin Anderson didn't have anything new to report.

(Committee Members: Cindy McMahan and the Executive Board - overseer is the Vice President according to Bylaws)

PURCHASES OF THE MONTH:

No one had any new purchases to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business to discuss.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There was no Good of the Order.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kevin Body and seconded by Kraig Peiguss to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1025.

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

"Bless those who challenge us to grow, to stretch, to move beyond the knowable, to come back home to our essential nature. Bless those who challenge us for they remind us of doors we have closed and doors we have yet to open."

~ Navajo Prayer

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, August 4, 2011
0900 Start Time

Boeing Fire Department
North Boeing Field - East Marginal Way
Seattle 98124

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Kevin, Cari, Elenjo, Mark

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