

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2011

Snoqualmie Fire Department

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Cari Coll	Vashon Island Fire	Randy Krause	Port of Seattle Fire
* Elenjo Schaff	Eastside Fire	Bob Jones	WSP/FPB
* Mark Adler	KCFD #2 Burien	Todd Reynolds	Snoqualmie Fire
* Kevin Anderson	Renton Fire	Tim Dahl	Shoreline Fire
Kevin Body	South King Fire	Keith Kreiger	Shoreline Fire
Roy Brewer	South King Fire	Jay Fischer	Shoreline Fire
Ed Nelson	Seattle Fire	Ron Walsh	Eastside Fire
Susan Kolwitz	King Co. EMS	Rudy Peden	Valley Regional Fire
Valerie Harris	King Co. EMS	Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Patty Ousley	King Co. EMS	Kirk Galatas	Mukilteo Fire
Dr. Mickey Eisenberg	King Co. EMS	Melissa Kennedy	Seattle Fire
Greg Ahearn	Woodinville Fire	Jed Aldridge	Principles of Performance
Mark Seaver	Renton Fire	Terry Kerwood	Principles of Performance
Ben Hayman	Tukwila Fire	Sylvia Szabo	After Image Film
John Bridenbaugh	Mercer Island Fire		
J.C. Smith	Labor & Industries		

* **Executive Board Member**

The June monthly meeting was called to order by President Cari Coll at the Snoqualmie Fire Department. Following the traditional flag salute, a round table of introductions was done.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Tim Dahl and seconded by Keith Kreiger to accept the May meeting minutes as disseminated by Elenjo Schaff, E-Board Secretary. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Mark Adler reported the bank statement was not received in time for a financial report for May. This report will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mark continued by reporting there are some departments that have not paid their annual dues to date. Contact him if you want to know your department's status.

CHIEFS' REPORT:

Chief Randy Krause reported that the last meeting wasn't a regular meeting, but instead was a special one to discuss the topic of fee for transport. He continued by reporting the Chiefs are working with the Interlocal and are working on an annual inspection pilot project. On June 30th there is going to be a Fire Weather Media Tour with NOAA. The topics for this event include: "fire season and fireworks information."

GUEST SPEAKER(S):

1. Lieutenant Melissa Kennedy - Seattle Fire Department: *"Fire Ground Survival Program"*

Melissa is a Master Instructor for this training, and their department has written a Grant for Regional Training. The online links for this training can be found on the

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IAFF website: <http://www.iaff.org/hs/fgs/fgsindex.htm> . For additional information on train-the-trainer sessions, she can be reached at the contact information below:

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2. **Jed Aldridge and Terry Kerwood – Principles of Performance and Sylvia Szabo – After Image Film: “Preparing for Entry Level Hiring and Promotions”**

Jed Aldridge was Assistant Chief at Kent Fire for many years and retired 12 years ago. He and his partner have developed a program that provides tools, coaching and training for individuals who are either going into entry-level firefighting or who are striving for promotion. Sylvia informed the group she does videography and developing of film for training, performance, and other video needs. Their contact information is as follows:

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AFFILIATE REPORTS:

KING COUNTY EOM:

No one was present to report.

KING COUNTY EMS:

Patty Ousley reported the Spring EMT Class is done and everyone passed the practical test. This makes them now eligible to take the National Registry written test.

Patty continued by reporting the class announcement went out the day before for the Fall EMT Class. Dates for this class are summarized as follows:

- Class application deadline: Friday, July 8th
- Pretest date: Tuesday, July 26th

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- CPR Testing and Student Orientation: Tuesday, August 9th
- First lecture: Tuesday, August 23rd
- First Practical lecture: Saturday, August 27th
- There won't be any class on August 30th and September 3rd due to Labor Day Holiday
- Final Practical Test: Saturday, November 19th

There is a change this year in that not only does there need to be a "Background Request Verification" form completed, but also an "Immunization Status" form. The latest form is needed to meet the contract they have with Harborview Medical Center for the students do their ER observation time requirement.

Susan Kolwitz spoke to the membership about the EMS Online Version 2 that will soon be activated. Some of the changes include:

- Exam system allows more challenging ways to test the student (i.e. fill in the blank, narrative, and the traditional multiple choice)
- Training Administrators (TA's) will now be able to register new users, manage archived students.
- The items that will remain the same are that TA's will not be able to reset tests, nor will they be able to download records other than what is currently being done.
- Password requests and changes will now be done solely by the Training Administrator for each department.

Dr. Mickey Eisenberg talked to the membership about the plan for adding new topics to the 2012 CBT online modules. He also continued by reiterating his recent audit reports recently sent to all departments was for information to be used for training and were not meant for punitive measures. He noted that high pulse in elderly patients will be one of the next audit topics.

He added that he needed to clarify some items regarding his recent change to eliminate the minimum age for Glucometry to be used in the field. There is no longer an age limit, but he clarified his intent was for infant Glucometry to be used only when the child is "sick" and not to be done as a routine or screening test. He also stressed that the Medics should be called in for an evaluation before doing a glucose test on younger children. Hypoglycemia is the main concern which is seen primarily in sepsis. When Glucometry is done on children and infants, it should be done with a heel stick and not a finger stick. Although normal glucose levels in children tend to be lower than that of an adult by about 10-20 points, he advised EMTs to still use the baseline of 60-100 as "normal." He suggested if the infant is hypoglycemic, a finger with some sugar on it could be used to increase the glucose level until the Medics arrive.

Dr. Eisenberg also noted that in regards to Pulse Oximetry, the minimum age for using this equipment has been decreased to 2-years of age. He noted the probe can be placed on the child's toe for a reading.

All of these changes will be noted in the 2012 revision of the Patient Care Protocols that are being worked on presently.

LABOR & INDUSTRIES:

J.C. Smith disseminated notes regarding some training requirements and special notations on WAC's. He noted many city services have water and sewer deep well pumps and most

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are now equipped with air monitoring and ventilation; however, it is a requirement they have a Plan regarding emergency situations. These are still considered confined spaces by Labor & Industries. He reported many companies list call 9-1-1 as their Plan, but unless they have notified the fire department of this, they could be creating some issues in the event of an emergency. Fire departments may want to drill for awareness in these areas. JC also mentioned another issue are for high-angle construction where there needs to be adequate awareness and planning prior to an incident.

One area that JC brought to members' attention is that the fire department Safety Officer needs to practice and train for certain operations (i.e. using gloves while using a radio) so that in the event of an actual emergency, they know how to function in such emergencies.

REGION IV:

Mark Adler announced they sponsored a Surface Water Rescue Class. He noted they have approximately \$6,000 remaining to sponsor training classes. They also will be sponsoring a Firefighter II testing in the near future.

STATE FIRE TRAINING & SAFETY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:

Bob Jones didn't have anything new to report. They are still sponsoring a Safety Symposium in Yakima on June 11 & 12, 2011. June 11th will focus on building and using firefighter safety and survival props. June 12th will be on firefighter wellness and taking care of mind and body. The cost of the seminar is \$75 per person. Registration can be made at: www.wsafc.org

WA STATE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING:

Bob Jones reported the burn building has been completed and air tests are coming back negative, so now they are beginning to have small fires in order to season the concrete.

There is a NFA Class on Incident Command for High Rise Evolutions being taught by Warren Merritt and held in Pullman. If anyone is interested and wants additional information, they can contact Bob for details.

Bob also disseminated a flyer for the 2011 Fight for Air Climb up the Columbia Tower in downtown Seattle on October 23rd to support the American Lung Association. A speaker regarding this is scheduled for our August KCFTOA meeting.

The LeMay Family Collection Foundation are sponsoring a Police and Firefighter Appreciation Day on August 6 from 1000 - 1600 at the Marymount Event Center in Tacoma. This is strictly for police and fire personnel and families (ID's will need to be shown for entrance) with live entertainment, games and activities for kids, food and beer garden. This is a thank you to these individuals for the job they do every day as well as their families for their support and sacrifice.

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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 in that the academy is full. There has been a wait list established. Dick needs for the committee members to contact him as he needs assistance for the upcoming academy.

(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 didn't have a meeting in May, but will begin the 2012 ODA process at the next meeting.

She reminded agencies that the Fire Officer I & II testing is scheduled for November 4th at Kent. Registration for this is available online.

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

TRUCK ACADEMY COMMITTEE:

Mark Musch reported the Spring Academy was completed and there was only a deficit of \$200 with 23 students. It is the committee's plan to do an abbreviated but specialized refresher class for the Fall session. Details are pending.

(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.

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NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business to discuss.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mark Musch reported they have a new fire station that is now completed, and he wanted to notify neighboring agencies they have a training tower available for usage.
- Mark Adler reported they have a HazMat Operations class scheduled for June 25th, but the cost of the class is going to be \$250 per person unless he can get ten students to sign up. It would then lower the cost considerably. Their department has five individuals, but he will need to make the decision by the week of the meeting in order to keep it on the schedule.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Tim Dahl and seconded by Keith Kreiger to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE:

"I have yet to find anyone, however exalted their station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than under a spirit of criticism."

~ Charles M. Schwab



NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, July 7, 2011
0900 Start Time

Bothell Fire Department
Held at:
Bothell Police Department - Community Room
18410 101st Avenue NE
Bothell 98011

***Note:** Parking is limited in the small lot in front of the building, but there is additional parking in the City Hall parking lot on the West side and in the lot South of the Police Department.*

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Kevin, Cari, Elenjo, Mark

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