

KING COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

Northshore Fire Department

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

* Steve Taylor	Shoreline Fire
* Bruce Kroon	Bellevue Fire
Elenjo Schaff	Associate – Retired
Ken Knott	Mercer Island Fire
Jason Schnase	Port of Seattle Fire
Todd Starkey	Port of Seattle Fire
Will Aho	Renton Fire
Jeff Kurle	Kent Fire
Blaine Singleton	Bellevue Fire
Joe Ehle	Bellevue Fire
Parry Boogard	Valley Regional Fire
Mark Vetter	Eastside Fire
Jon Parkinson	Eastside Fire
Don deVera	Seattle Fire
Mitch Sauer	Northshore Fire
Mark Musch	Northshore Fire
Byron Byrne	King County EMS
Mike Bailey	Snoqualmie Fire
Cari Coll	Vashon Island Fire
* Executive Board Member	

The October meeting of the KCFTOA was called to order by President Bruce Kroon at the Northshore Fire Department at 0900. Following the traditional flag salute, a roundtable of introductions was completed. A welcome was extended and thank you was extended to Elenjo Schaff, for substituting for Secretary Jon Nolan in his absence once again.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Parry Boogard and seconded by Jeff Kurle to accept the September meeting minutes as disseminated by Secretary Jon Nolan. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The September financial report was read by President Bruce Kroon as follows:

9/1/14 - 9/26/14	Checking	Savings
Beginning Balance	\$25,939.67	\$11,477.91
Deposits	\$ 435.00	
Withdrawals	\$2,513.47	
Interest Earned	\$ 1.23	\$ 1,10
Ending Balance	\$23,862.43	\$11,479.01
Grand Total Both accounts	\$35,341.44	

A motion was made by Parry Boogard and seconded by Will Aho to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

CHIEFS' COMMENTS:

Bruce Kroon reported on the September meeting of the Chiefs' Association. The key points of their meeting included the following:

- 1) Pulse Point: There was a discussion about this App for cell phones that alerts nearby potential assistance when there is an emergency in that individual's location. Their concerns included the cost to updating their CAD systems and for the annual costs to fire departments. No determination was made, just discussion.
- 2) There was discussion regarding some of King County EMS' surplus funds in BLS. KCEMS is seeking options to benefit BLS agencies.
- 3) Eric Fredrickson had talked to the group regarding the new proposed CMT Project and areas that are meeting resistance. This project is still being developed.
- 4) Chief Tubbs was hired by Southern Marin Fire Protection District in Sausalito, CA. DC Steve Heitman was promoted to Chief at Mercer Island Fire.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Katie Belmore, Traffic Operations Engineer was scheduled to be the guest speaker, but was not available to speak to the group.

AFFILIATE REPORTS:

King County OEM: No report

King County EMS:

Byron Byrne report for Jon Nolan in his absence on the following topics:

- 1) The EMT Class being held at Duvall Fire is going well. There is a meeting planned on October 14th to discuss the possibility of having a 6-week class for career personnel.
- 2) There is an AED Policy meeting planned for October 6th in Bellevue.
- 3) The QA Policy in Kent has been completed. The next step is to get County approval, and then it will be shared with all departments.
- 4) Epi IM "Check and Inject" Program is going well. There have been 60+ uses so far. Considering there was less than half of that in all of 2013, is proving this program to be beneficial. There were five cases where the vials were returned full, which means the patient most likely receive an injection of air. Please emphasize the importance of making sure medication gets drawn into the syringe and that it is verified by their partner. Only one case the patient didn't meet the criteria, but overall, there still needs to be improvement on documentation before, during and after the injection. Please encourage your personnel to continue to train on a quarterly basis, similar to with AEDs.
- 5) Other items EMS is looking into is developing a backboarding policy which includes who to backboard and when it is required to do so. There is some controversy in the departments.
- 6) The CBT Instructor Workshops for 2015 are designated as follows:
 - a. December 2-6 at the Snoqualmie Fire Department
 - b. December 8 - 12 at Kent Fire Department
 - c. January 6 - 20 at Renton Fire Department
 - d. January 12 - 16 at Woodinville Fire Department

Labor & Industries: No report. There were some question regarding uniforms for recruits, so Bruce Kroon will contact JC Smith to see if he can offer some resolution

State Fire Training: No one was present to report.

Snohomish County Training Officers: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Extrication Academy Committee: Parry Boogard reported the next academy is being planned for March or April 2015 possibly in Renton. This Committee needs some members to volunteer to assist on the committee since many are returning to shift.

Leadership Symposium Committee: Parry Boogard reported the Symposium is scheduled for October 29, 30 and 31. There is an excellent speaker panel planned, and the Committee is seeking some assistance for the audience question portion of the session. Please let either Parry or Steve Taylor know if you are able to assist.

ODA Committee: Joe Ehle reported the 2015 ODA schedule should be coming out next month. There aren't a lot of changes to the classes. However, there was a glitch in this year's Technical Writing Class, so it is being rescheduled for October 24th. The Fire Officer I & II test is scheduled for November 21st at Seattle Fire. Registration is available on the KCFTOA website.

Pump Operator: Mark Musch reported the feedback on this class was good with the exception of needing additional apparatus. The one issue was the registration on the website showed the Spring Class and that is was full, and wasn't clear that the Fall Class still had available openings. Therefore the registration was low and the class ran in the red.

Scholarship Committee: Specific were not available, but there was some money remaining in the fund on the last report.

Truck Academy Committee: Bruce Kroon reported the class was at Woodinville Fire, and was a smaller class. There were some construction costs due to having to move the props.

Website Update: Steve Taylor indicated all of the meeting minutes are now available on the website. There were a few items that have been cleaned up on there, including the class schedule. If anyone has suggestions or ideas, please forward them to the Executive Board.

Purchases of the Month: Bothell Fire and Seattle Fire are both getting new apparatus being delivered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election – Nominations: The Nominating Committee (Rick White, Cari Coll, and Greg Bawden) are seeing nominations for the vacancies coming up in December for Vice President (currently Steve Taylor) and Treasurer (currently Ron Wick). Steve is going to be

leaving the Training Division, and Ron Wick is not going to be able to be re-elected. Please consider helping out with these positions.

Elenjo Schaff spoke to the members about the responsibilities of these positions, and encouraged individuals to step up. The time commitment isn't overwhelming, and most of the business of the Executive Board is done by e-mail. Elenjo spoke of the value of this Association and how many lives and officers it has touched and trained through the years!

NEW BUSINESS:

There wasn't any new business

As an important item of business: **Please send Secretary Jon Nolan the listing of training officers who have either left Training sometime during this year, or are going to be leaving at the end of 2014.** We want to be sure to recognize them at the December Appreciation Luncheon. Please forward names as soon as possible!

The other remind is to start getting your head count for how many individuals will actually be attending the December Luncheon as Jon needs to get the registration number to the caterers before Thanksgiving. A registration sign-up form will be circulated at the next meeting, but if you aren't in attendance, please contact Jon.

Also, plan to sign up for meeting locations at the November meeting. One suggestion is to alternate north end and south end departments instead of clumping all in one area. Please let Jon Nolan know if you have a preferred month to host the 2015 meetings as soon as possible!

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Parry Boogard (Valley Regional Fire) and Steve Taylor (Shoreline Fire) will be leaving their department's Training Division at the end of the year.

- Don deVera (Seattle Fire) announced they will be having some May Day Drills beginning October 8th and continuing for 26 days (end of October). This is including a video simulation and will be held between 1830 – 2100 every night. If anyone is interested in attending one of these, please contact Don.

- Don deVera also announced they will be hosting a NFA Training the Trainer Firefighter Survival Training in December. Dates are yet to be announced.
- Parry Boogard (Valley Regional Fire) announced the Zone 3 Rescue Task Force is going to be having Shooter Rescue Training every Tuesday and Thursday in the 4th Quarter. The locations will be in Auburn and North Highline and twice a day (0930 - 1130 and then again 1330 - 1530). This training includes law enforcement and fire departments and will be training along with hands-on practice.
- Steve Taylor (Shoreline Fire) thanked Don deVera and the Seattle Fire Department for inviting other agencies to attend their BC Candidate Academy. Steve reported they had a great curriculum and found it to be worthwhile attending.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Parry Boogard and seconded by Jeff Kurle to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014

Location: Shoreline Fire Department; 17525 Aurora Ave. N. Shoreline, WA. 98133

Guest Speaker: Beth Crittenden and Ken Bostwick. Action Training Systems, Innovative Training Systems for Emergency Responders.

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