



King County Fire Training Officers Association

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Meeting Minutes September 6, 2018

Attendees:

Greg Bawden – Duvall
Mike Bailey – Snoqualmie
Tony Mastrandrea – Bellevue
Matt Burrow – Bellevue
Cari Coll – Vashon

Alex Charoni – South King
Alex Munro – Mercer Island
JC Smith – Labor and Industries
Cal Schlegel – KC EMS
Kelly Merz – WSFTA

Call to Order – 10:00

The September 6th meeting of the KDFTOA was called to order by Vice President Bawden at the Mercer Island Fire Department. Flat salute and introductions.

Approval of last Meeting Minutes

The meeting attendees voted to approve the June 7, 2018 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Bailey provided the treasurer's report. \$8,214.76 in checking; \$487.77 in savings. The meeting attendees voted to approve the September 6th treasurer's report. Mike provided information on revenue and expenses for 2018 classes. Most of the classes are doing well, with revenue exceeding expenses. The Response to Terrorism class scheduled for later this fall has low signups. If signups don't improve, this class may be cancelled.

Affiliate Reports

King County EMS

Cal Schlegel provided an update on activities at KC EMS.

- KC EMS training is back at full staff.
- All 2018 CBT units are completed, posted, and available
- We have had problems and complaints from users in the CBT modules having to start over/go through the entire module after an interruption. Cal explained that this is due to many users on a single computer. This can be resolved by clearing out the cache on the computer.
- Fall EMT classes are underway.
- For future EMT classes, the plan will be to limit departments to six students/each. Once each department has their allotment enrolled, extra spaces can be assigned.
- Registration is open for the KC EMS annual symposium on October 5th.
- KC EMS is working with WA State to streamline the renewal of CBT instructors.



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- KC EMS is working with WA State to make sure all departments are in compliance with the OTEP process (to renew EMT skills on a quarterly basis).

L&I

JC Smith provided an update on recent issues found by L&I inspectors.

- Apparatus must have their transmission shift pattern clearly labeled. Vehicle's over a specific size must have the height and weight clearly posted.
- Some departments are running into problems with facility safety issues, where the building is owned or maintained by another organization (such as a municipality).
- Inspectors have been finding portable extension cords that are missing the ground pin.
- There continue to be problems with fire stations missing the non-skid surface on the apparatus bay floor (where crews step in/out of the vehicles). Sometimes this is because the non skid floor surface was placed for one vehicle, and then a different vehicle was moved to that spot. One option is to use a movable nonskid mat.

WA State Fire Training & Safety Officers/WA State Fire Service Training

Kelly Merz provided an update on activities at the State Fire Training Academy.

- Frank Poyner, who runs the weekend academy, will be leaving in mid September.
- The kitchen remodel is several months behind schedule, but should be completed in mid September.
- Permitting is underway for the new burn building and water treatment facility, with construction anticipated to begin in spring of 2019.
- The Fire Academy is in talks with WA State University about a possible partnership that would provide a path to a four-year degree.

Committee Reports

ODA

Mike Bailey provided an update on the ODA committee. For 2018, The committee is working to line up instructors and finalize the schedule for 2019. No big changes are planned for 2019. They are looking at possibly offering classes that traditionally have low attendance once every two years instead of annually. The committee is also in talks with Snohomish County Training Officers to offer some classes in locations convenient to Snohomish County students, or offering some classes twice (once in south King County and once in Snohomish County). Mike reiterated that for 2018, the Response to Terrorism class could be cancelled due to low signups.

Scholarship Committee

No report – no scholarships will be offered in 2018



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Website Committee

No report - not in attendance.

Old Business

Greg Bawden provided an update on the strategic planning process.

Over the summer, the committees for each class or program have been working to look at budget and content of classes for 2019.

Looking ahead toward 2019, the current plan is to merge/move finances into the King County Fire Chiefs effective January 1st. Cindy McMahan would continue to manage class registrations and related work. The KCFTOA will become a committee of the King County Fire Chiefs. There are a number of issues to be settled, including the need for general meetings, structure of the committee, etc. If anyone has an interest in serving on the new training committee (replacing the current KCFTOA officers), please let the KCFTOA know.

New business – none

Good of the order

South King has brought on many new firefighters and has had trouble finding academy spots for all of them. This resulted in a discussion about departments running their own fire academies vs. sending them to the WSFTA or other provider. Kelly Merz from WSFTA talked about their work on calculating the actual cost to train a firefighter vs. what they charge per student.

Mike Bailey talked about the Zone effort to develop a single task manual to be used in training firefighters.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 4th at the South King County Fire Training Consortium. Watch for announcements confirming the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.



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2018 Meeting Schedule
First Thursday of "even" months
Beginning at 1000 hours*

Month/Date	Department	Address	Phone No.
January 7 NO MEETING	Bothell Fire Department	10726 Beardslee Blvd Bothell, WA 98011	(425) 486-1678
February 1	Seattle Fire JTF	9401 Myers Way S. Seattle, WA 98108	(206) 386-1780
March 1 NO MEETING	Mercer Island Fire Department	3030 78 Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 275-7607
April 5	SCKFTCTraining Facility	20811 84 th Ave S Kent, WA 98032	(253) 856-4330
May 3 NO MEETING	Bothell Fire Department	10726 Beardslee Blvd Bothell, WA 98011	(425) 486-1678
June 7	Mercer Island Fire Department	3030 78 Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 275-7607
July 5 NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
August 2- POSTPONED TO SEPT	Kent Training Facility	20811 84 th Ave S Kent, WA 98032	(253) 856-4330
September 6	Mercer Island Fire Department	3030 78 Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 275-7607
October 4	SCKFTC Facility	20811 84 th Ave S Kent, WA 98032	(253) 856-4330
November 1 NO MEETING	Bothell Fire Department	10726 Beardslee Blvd Bothell, WA 98011	(425) 486-1678
December 6	Seattle Fire JTF	9401 Myers Way S. Seattle, WA 98108	(206) 386-1780