



*Washington*  
**PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATORS**

*"Teaching for a Safer Tomorrow"*

Washington Public Fire Educators  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2008  
South King County Fire District Headquarters

Attendees:

Kendra Kay – Chair (South King Co. Fire & Rescue)  
Kim Schroeder – Vice Chair (Snohomish County Fire District #1)  
Dina Sutherland – Information Officer (East Pierce Fire & Rescue)  
Nanette Tatom – Secretary (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One)  
Jenny Sharp – Past Chair (Dupont Fire)

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO JENNY FOR STEPPING UP AND HELPING GET WPFE BACK ON TRACK.  
THANKS JENNY!**

Website status and updates:

Jenny changed the website to reflect the new board for WPFE. Including a welcome letter from Kendra was discussed. Nanette shared one that was done by Darrol Steiner and the board decided this would be a nice addition. Kendra will work on a welcome letter and send it to Kim to post on the WPFE website along with the current logo seen above. Jenny also indicated that she would work with Dina to make sure she knew how to make necessary changes and updates to the website.

Quarterly meetings and workshops:

The board discussed the continuation of having a training session along with each quarterly meeting. Considering the amount of work that is needed to make that happen the board came up with the following tentative agenda:

April 25, 2008 – Bi-State Program & Resource Share  
To be held tentatively at the: Historic Belmont Firehouse, Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum  
Located: 900 SE 35th Avenue (at Belmont) Portland, OR 97214  
From: 10am to 2pm (with lunch to be served and **WPFE meeting to follow immediately afterward**)

Tentative dates of June 18, 19 and/or 20, 2008 – WPFE Workshop and Meeting in Leavenworth, WA  
The proposed speakers are Jason Napier, Deputy Fire Marshal for Kent to expand his presentation on Life Safety Systems (sprinklers and alarms) for public educators - how they work and what the different

requirements are for different occupancies.

Those who attended the Ocean Shores Conference said they left wanting more. Kim will follow up with them to see if they are willing to be guest speakers and do a two day, 4 hours each day workshop. So, the plan is to have them present:

DAY 1

8am to 12noon – Workshop Presentation – Kent Firefighters speak on code enforcement for public educators

LUNCH BREAK

**1pm to 3pm – WPFE General Meeting**

DAY 2

8am to 12noon – Finish Workshop Presentation

The third meeting for the year was decided to be done in conjunction with the Washington State Fire Marshal's Roundtable. Kim followed up with Greg Rogers to get the dates for the conference but at this time they have not determined when this conference will be held. A planning meeting is being scheduled and Greg said he would keep us posted. This conference will be sometime in September or October.

The final workshop and meeting for the year is tentatively being planned for December 3, 4 and or 5 2008. Many educators are still asking for 1035 training. So, the board will following up with the known 1035 instructors to see if we can make this happen for this December workshop and meeting. More to come.....

#### **WFC coordination of workshops and meetings:**

WFC Board Meeting - January 9, 2008 in Vancouver, WA  
Kendra Kay – Chair to attend

Legislative Day – January 24, 2008 in Olympia – Kendra Kay & Kim Schroeder will be attending this event to represent WPFE and work with the WSFM group to help with the fire safe cigarette legislation.

WFC Board Meeting - March 19, 2008 in Yakima, WA  
Nanette Tatom – Secretary to attend

WFC Board Meeting - May 14, 2008 in Ellensburg, WA  
Dina Sutherland – Information Officer to attend

WFC Board Meeting - July 8, 2008 in Wenatchee, WA  
Kendra Kay – Chair & Kim Schroeder – Vice Chair to attend

#### **Committee meetings and dates:**

These will be determined as needed

#### **WPFE campaign (Know Your Alarm, Know Your Battery)**

Over the years there has been much discussion on how to deal with the challenges presented as a result of the 10 year lithium battery smoke alarms, hard wired smoke alarms as well as the NFPA recommendation to change the entire smoke alarm units out every 10 years. As public educators we have supported and used the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery" campaign in the past. That message has become confusing with new technology. So, the WPFE Board would like to ask the Washington State Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshals to support a new position paper and campaign that will be called, "Know Your Alarm, Know Your Battery"

At the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Kendra will present this idea and ask for their support to make this a statewide campaign.  
**See attached new position paper**

**WPFE past, present and future:**

A lot of great strides have been accomplished by the public educators who came before us, are currently working with us and will continue to deliver best practice life saving information to the public in the future. The current board of WPFE wants to recognize and thank all of you for your hard work. We know the citizens of Washington State are safer because of your efforts. THANK YOU!

As your current board, we want to do the best job possible representing your needs and accomplishments. We would like to have some current photos of you and/or your firefighters delivering programs to your community. Any photos that you have, which are of good quality and can be e-mailed to me, please do so with a brief description of the photo. [Ntatom@piercefire.org](mailto:Ntatom@piercefire.org) We would like to use these photos in a display for WPFE highlighting all the great work you do to keep our citizens safe.

In addition, Dina Sutherland – Information Officer will be making phone calls to all the fire departments across the state that are currently not actively involved with WPFE asking for their support in sending a member of that department to participate by attending our workshops and meetings.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Nanette Tatom - Secretary