



Washington
PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATORS

"Teaching for a Safer Tomorrow"

Washington Public Fire Educators
General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008
Fire Marshal's Roundtable - Spokane

Members Present:

Kim Schroeder – Snohomish County Fire District #1 (Vice-Chair)
Jim Crawford – Vancouver Fire
Kimberly McDonald – Valley Regional Fire Authority
Hallie McCurdy – Lakewood Fire District #2
Mike Turner – Lakewood Fire District #2
Donna Conner – South King Fire
Don Porth – Portland Fire & Rescue
Scott Goltchius – Portland Fire & Rescue
Lisa Van Horn – Seattle Fire Department
Erica Work – Mount Vernon Fire Department
Kelly Williams – Renton Fire & Emergency Services
Lisa Garvich – Renton Fire & Emergency Services
Nanette Tatom – Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One (Secretary)
Kendra Kay – South King Fire (Chair)
LeRoy McNulty – Lynnwood Fire

Chair Report:

Chair – Kendra Kay reported out from the Washington State Chief's Meeting of September. The State Chiefs are working on getting legislation passed regarding novelty lighters. WPFE is working on creating a boiler press release with core messages to be used whenever a fire is set using a novelty lighter. Since Portland Fire representatives were present, it was asked what their thoughts were regarding the current legislation on novelty lighters in Oregon. Don Porth shared that to his knowledge there has not been any fires caused by

novelty lighters and he suggested the proposed legislation include sale and placement of disposable lighters as well.

Kendra also shared that WPFE is busy putting together their annual report to present to the Chiefs who are working on their Strategic Direction. If you are interested in contributing check out the State Chiefs website at <http://www.wsafc.org/default.asp?pageid=433&deptid=1>

Roundtable discussion ensued on the following topics:

- **Partnerships** – Discussion on continued partnership with the Washington State Fire Marshals Association and the Washington State Fire Chiefs Association was positive and the group provided consensus on partnering with their annual conferences.
- **1035 Accreditation & Testing** -17 individuals have signed up for the class to take place on Dec. 1-3, 2008 at East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Kendra announced that Barbara Gagner was looking for test writers to help. Hallie McCurdy, Kim McDonald, Kim Schroeder and Nanette Tatom all indicated they would help.
- **Future WPFE Meetings & Trainings Opportunities** - It was announced that the next WPFE meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2nd in conjunction with the 1035 class at East Pierce Fire & Rescue. It will be a lunchtime meeting and the speaker will be Gary Aleshire from Snohomish County Fire District #1 to speak to the group about the Western Fire Chiefs Association and how we can be involved with their group.

Also, pencil in the date of Friday, April 10th for the Bi-State Prevention Summit. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in Olympia from 10am to 2pm. Stay tuned for the exact location and confirmation of date and time.

Some ideas for future meetings included having motivational speakers and someone who can talk about presentation skills. The idea of having someone talk to the group about Safe Steps and working with other organizations was also suggested. If you have ideas for speakers for upcoming meetings, please let one of the WPFE Board members know.

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Good of the Order:

Erica Work from Mt. Vernon Fire announced Lisa Garvich & Don Porth are doing a NFA Youth Firesetter Interventionist II class on January 24th & 25th. Go to <https://www.region3fire.org/conference/registration/index.cfm>
For more information.

Nanette shared that she attended the Fireworks Public Education Committee meeting in October. The next meeting is on Thursday, November 20th in Olympia and it would be great to see more participation from WPFE members. If you want to be included on the meeting notices, contact Karen Jones at Karen.Jones@wsp.wa.gov

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 2nd
East Pierce Fire & Rescue Headquarters
12 noon in conjunction with the 1035 training
Deputy Chief Gary Aleshire, Snohomish County Fire District 1 will speak in representation of the Washington State Fire Chiefs

Respectfully Submitted By:
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