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**PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATORS**

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**General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

**2PM – Spokane Doubletree Hotel**

**Attendees:**

South King Fire & Rescue - Kendra Kay – Chair  
Snohomish County Fire District #1 - Kim Schroeder – Vice Chair  
East Pierce Fire & Rescue - Dina Sutherland – Information Officer  
Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One – Nanette Tatom – Secretary  
Airway Heights Fire – Doug Bonstrom  
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue – Matt Holmes  
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue – Dan Bickel  
Stevens County Fire District #11 – Tad Masterson

**Call for nominations: Vice Chair & Information Coordinator for 2010 -2012**

The positions of Vice Chair and Information Officer expire at the end of 2009. Kim Schroeder (Vice Chair) and Dina Sutherland (Information Officer) have indicated a desire to continue in their current positions. If there are any other nominations for either of these positions, please contact Chair Kendra Kay at [Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org](mailto:Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org)

**Fire Marshal's Roundtable 2009 – October 19–22, 2009**

Kim shared the committee is working on transitioning this conference to offer more public education tracks. At the 2009 conference there will be a track offered focusing on Fall Prevention by Ilene Silver from DOH. The conference will be held in Vancouver. See attached SAVE THE DATE flyer.

The next WPFEE meeting will be held at this conference. An exact date has not yet been determined.

**WPFEE Conference 2010 Survey & Report**

Dina worked with Terri Jones and Don Porth to conduct a survey of what public educators would like to see in the way of a conference for 2010. See attached report.

**Legislative Committee Report**

Attached is the latest legislative report as well as the New Top 10 as reported at the WFC Conference.

## **Fire Sprinkler Coalition Report**

The Washington Sprinkler Coalition is a group dedicated to promoting home fire sprinklers. This voluntary coalition is a resource for information about home fire sprinklers in the State of Washington. The Coalition remains active addressing issues from the Residential Fire Sprinkler Technical Advisory Group (TAG) report for HB 2575-2008, participating in the State Building Code Council, coordinating activities for sprinkler initiatives, and providing outreach to others about home fire sprinklers.

WSAFM is working on developing a core group of people for the WA Sprinkler Coalition;

Member Organizations:

State Organizations:

Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Washington State Association of Fire Marshal's (WSAFM)

Washington Fire Chiefs (WSAFC)

Washington Fire Commissioners Association

Washington Public Fire Educators

Washington State Council of Firefighters

Washington State Firefighters Association

Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau

Local Organizations:

Bates Technical College

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety

Northwest Burn Foundation

Snohomish County Fire Chief's Association

National Organizations:

American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA)

Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board of Puget Sound

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA)

The Sprinkler Coalition is already working to identify Building Officials around the State willing to support residential sprinklers. We would also like to identify some firefighters that may also be home builders willing to support residential sprinklers.

The Coalition would request the WFC liaison to contact the Association of Washington Cities and the Washington State Associations of Counties to determine their position on the residential sprinklers.

The next WA Sprinkler Coalition meeting is scheduled on Tuesday June 23 for a conference Call and Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 9am at South King Fire and Rescue, 2238 South 223rd St., Des Moines, WA 98198.

Check out <http://www.fireadvocates.org/News/PSAs.htm> and <http://firesprinklerinitiative.org> to learn more about home fire sprinklers and see some of the resources you can use to help educate your department and community.

### **Fireworks Education Committee Report**

Nanette reported that the committee is working with a student group from Federal Way to produce a new educational video targeting 12-16 year olds and fireworks safety. Contact Karen Jones at [Karen.Jones@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Karen.Jones@wsp.wa.gov) to get your 2009 campaign kit.

### **SURVEY: "BEST PRACTICES" IN FIRE AND INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS OPERATIONAL IN WASHINGTON STATE 2009 Project**

Jan Doherty reported that she only received one response to the request that was administered through WPFE. So, they will re-evaluate the tool and go from there.

### **Ideas for Speakers for December Meeting**

It was suggested that WPFE invite Jeff LaFlam from North Shore Fire and have him do a demonstration on home fire sprinklers. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in DesMoines. More to come....

### **Additional Information Shared**

Kendra shared the Training Officers are planning on including an education track at their conference in February next year. They plan to have it be a Juvenile Fire Setter offering.

### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Nanette Tatom, WPFE Secretary



Summer of 2009

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*2010 LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN*

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The 2010 Legislative Session begins in January of 2010. This will be the short session, lasting 60 days. All bills which were submitted in 2009, but did not make it through the process to be signed by the Governor, are back and considered “alive” for the 2010 session. These bills will be returned to the Rules Committee in their House of origin for further work in 2010. The Washington Fire Chiefs Legislative Committee has polled our members to establish our “Top 10 Goals” for the 2010 session, which was adopted at our conference in Spokane the end of May. The following has established our 2010 direction:

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**2010 Washington Fire Chiefs  
“Top 10 Legislative Goals”**

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- #1: Impact/Mitigation Fees for Fire Districts (related to new construction/developments via HB 1080).**
- #2: Simple majority election (50% plus 1) for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Levies (via SB 5432).**  
Note: Long term goal is simple majority elections for excess levies and the benefit charge also.
- #3: Work towards Mandatory Residential Sprinkler Systems in New Construction (1<sup>st</sup> step is via HB 2224).**
- #4: CBRNE/Funded Regional Hazardous Materials Teams (via HB 1039/SB 5010).**
- #5: LEOFF 2 Reform (in partnership with WSCFF).**

**#6: Wild Land Fire Issues (i.e. adoption of WUI Codes at the State level via HB 2383).**

**#7: Fire Inspection/Investigation Issues**

- Ability to obtain administrative search warrants for fire inspections in RCW 19.27
- Presumptive illness provisions for PERS employees doing fire investigations akin to LEOFF covered employees
- Ability for Fire Districts and Regional Fire Authorities to take over inspection/investigation responsibilities from the County they reside within
- Expand LEOFF eligibility to County or State Fire Marshals

**#8: Increase the fee for E-911 in preparation for next generation systems (via HB 2029 or HB 2351).**

**#9: Make necessary Legislative changes as agreed to by the Washington Fire Chiefs, WFCA and WSCFF related to Regional Fire Authorities.**

**#10: Volunteer Program Enhancements in partnership with Washington State Fire Fighters Association (WSFFA) (i.e. benefits for “support volunteers).**

The following are additional items receiving requests from across the State for consideration:

- **Provide greater authority in the area of Emergency Management for Fire Districts and Regional Fire Authorities.**
- **Remove State Sales tax on Major Fire Department Capital Purchases (i.e. engines and aid cars), or allow for some form of a rebate of sales tax.**
- **“Home rule” authority for fire code modifications adopted by local jurisdictions, and the impact related to the State Building Code Council.**

- **No Man's Land issues.**
- **Increase Medicaid reimbursements for medical transports to hospital facilities (by fire, EMS and ambulance agencies) to more closely mirror Medicare reimbursements.**

The Legislative Committee and our lobbyists, Gordon Walgren and Executive Director Mike Brown, will now begin the process of analyzing the key items requested for the 2010 session, and strategizing methodologies to initiate our efforts. *We may end up targeting only a handful of these items, depending upon the "lay of the land" related to the 2010 session.*

2010..... *"here we come!!!"*

**SURVEY**  
**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY - INJURY PREVENTION**  
**EDUCATOR CONFERENCE**

Your help is needed. Many fire & life safety educators and injury prevention advocates in the Pacific Northwest have been discussing the need for an educational conference. With challenging economic times on the horizon, it becomes a riskier-than-average consideration. The fact is, skill, knowledge, and capability are needed now more than ever. So is your help.

For this idea to receive serious consideration, your input is needed. Please take a moment to fill out this form. Also, pass it along to others who might have an interest in furthering their professional development. Thank you.

OBJECTIVE – Deliver a 1, 2, or 3 day educational conference for professional development of fire & life safety and injury prevention educators in the Pacific Northwest. The event would likely be held in the spring of 2010.

1. Given the current economy, would you be able to attend a **1, 2, or 3** day conference?

(circle those that apply)

ONE	5
TWO	11
THREE	26
ZERO	4

2. If attending, what would the upper limit cost for registration be for your agency?

\$0	5
\$25	1
\$50	2
\$75	4
\$150	10
\$200	6
\$250	6
\$300	10
\$400	1

3. What location(s) in the Pacific Northwest do you feel would provide the best opportunity for the most people?

CLACKAMAS	2
PORTLAND	28
SEATTLE	12
TACOMA	1
OLYMPIA	1
SALEM	4
VANCOUVER	3

NEAR MAJOR AIRPORT	11
SALISHAN	2
SKAMANIA	1
EUGENE	4
BEND	2
EASTSIDE	2
SE WASHINGTON/NE OR	1
COAST	1

4. Which days would work best for you – WEEKENDS or WEEKDAYS ? (circle)

WEEKDAYS	36
WEEKENDS	9
EITHER	4

5. List 3 topics that would meet your professional development needs:

• TRANSPORTATION RELATED	2
• DRUGS/ALCOHOL	3
• DATA / PROGRAM EVALUATION	10
• COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES	4
• ADVANCED TEACHING OF FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	12
• MOTIVATING CHANGE IN DISTRACTED SOCIETY	6
• AGE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION	8
• GRANT WRITING	7
• BIKE/PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION	2
• CHILD SAFETY	2
• TEEN DRIVING	1
• SUICIDE PREVENTION	1
• UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY TO EDUCATE	5
• FUTURE OF MEDICAL CARE – PREVENTION	2
• PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	5
• MEDIA RELATIONS	8
• BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT	4
• OVERCOMING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES	5
• RISK REDUCTION BASED ON ECONOMICS	3
• BEST PRACTICES (SHARED)	1
• MIND STYLES	1
• POSITIVE THINKING	1
• RELATIONSHIPS	1
• STRATEGIC PLANNING	1
• PROGRAM BUDGETING	1
• SENIOR SAFETY	4
• YOUTH FIRESETTING INTERVENTION	3
• PUBLIC EDUCATION	3
• CODE ENFORCEMENT	4
• FIRE INVESTIGATION	1

- SMALL BUSINESS SAFETY 1
- HOME ASSESSMENT 1
- COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 3
- SMOKE ALARM CAMPAIGNS 2
- WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE 1
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER 1
- ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 1
- RESEARCH 1
- MARKETING 2
- SUCCESS STORIES SHARED 1
- CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT 1
- GENERATIONAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY 1
- EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT 2
- SCHOOL PROGRAMS 1
- NEW IDEAS 1
- HUMAN RESOURCES 1

6. Circle the 3 professional disciplines you would most need represented at a professional development conference:

- Fire Educator 33
- Fire Marshal 8
- Youth Firesetting Intervention 9
- Public Information Officer 19
- Water Safety 2
- Motor Vehicle Safety 1
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety 3
- Fall Prevention (head and neck injury prevention) 5
- Poisoning Prevention 1
- Firearm Injury Prevention 1
- Choking/Suffocation/Strangulation Injury Prevention 1
- Senior Citizen Safety 12
- Community Mobilization (volunteerism, emergency teams, etc.) 13
- Fundraising 7
- Administration/Evaluation 14

7. Please add any additional comments that would help in planning an event like this.

- FINISH BY NOON ON LAST DAY – PEOPLE LEAVE EARLY
- GIVE PRICE BREAK FOR MULTIPLE FROM SINGLE AGENCY
- PROVIDE SEVERAL PRESENTERS FOR 1 HOUR PERIODS RATHER THAN 1 PRESENTER FOR 8 HOURS
- MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS – 1 HOUR TO HALF DAY
- TRAINING AND TRAVEL BUDGETS ARE RESERVED FOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING ONLY
- INCLUDE MEALS (LUNCH AT LEAST)

- GET INFO OUT EARLY TO ALLOW PLANS TO GO INTO BUDGET NOW BEING ESTABLISHED
- SW OREGON – ROGUE VALLEY FIRE PREVENTION COOPERATIVE – IS WORKING ON CONFERENCE PLANS FOR THE REGION
- OSFM WILLING TO HELP
- OREGON BURN CENTER WILLING TO ARRANGE EVENT AT EMANUEL HOSPITAL
- MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT AND GEAR IT TOWARD LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- HAVE HOTEL CLOSE TO CONFERENCE FACILITY
- LENGTH OF CONFERENCE IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN COST
- NEW IDEAS FROM NEW PEOPLE
- LIST OF COURSE IDEAS DEPENDS ON WHO IS PRESENTING AS TO WHICH WOULD BE GOOD
- EXPAND EMPHASIS BEYOND CHILDREN
- PRESENTATIONS TO ATTRACT EDUCATORS, CHIEFS, INSPECTORS, INVESTIGATORS, AND FIRE MARSHAL’S WOULD BENEFIT EVERYONE
- OUTSIDE TRAINING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. IS THERE A WAY TO DO ON-LINE TRAINING?
- Thanks you for sharing your conference survey with the AFBEA group. As past chair (for 3 yrs) of the AFBEA Fire & Life Safety Conference I can tell you the conference registrations have decreased tremendously which we have lost money on. AFBEA is also sending out a survey of our own to determine if we will hold a conference in 2010. The feel we are getting is people would rather have ½ to one day workshops regionally rather than a conference. I know in my own department all travel and training money has been taken away. Hope this give you some insight at least to the Arizona situation. If you have any questions about the Arizona conferences we have held, feel free to contact me.
- Fire Chief’s in Hawaii stated they could not authorize travel off of the islands due to budget limitations