



Washington
PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATORS

"Teaching for a Safer Tomorrow"

Washington Public Fire Educators
June 12, 2008
Meeting Agenda
Chelan County #3 Fire Station

Welcome & Introductions:

Kim Schroeder welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Kim expressed how much she appreciated Chief Church coming over from South King Fire & Rescue to address the group. The workshop was very informational and everyone agreed they learned a great deal about how the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs not only create their Top 10 Legislative List, but the entire legislative process and how all of us can be involved to help with the initiatives they have chosen to support. THANK YOU CHIEF CHURCH!

Members Present:

Kim Schroeder (WPFE Vice Chair) – Snohomish County Fire District #1
Dina Sutherland (WPFE Information Officer) – East Pierce Fire & Rescue
Nanette Tatom (WPFE Secretary) – Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One
Kirsti Weaver – South King Fire & Rescue
Jenny Sharp – Lakewood Fire
Hallie McCurdy – Lakewood Fire
Kimberly McDonald – Valley Regional Fire Authority
Dan Bickel – Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
Ken Dellsite – Washington State Fire Marshal's Office
Stephanie Price – Marysville Fire Department
Melanie Taylor – Kent Fire Department

Website status and updates report:

The board reported out on the status of the www.wpfesection.org website. We encourage everyone to take a look at the site and provide feedback. The board asked if members found it easy to navigate and sign up for the workshop and everyone said it was easy.

Dina reported that it is a work in progress. Announcements, newspaper clippings, photos, etc. We want this to be the place for all educators to share information with one another. We would like to improve on the quality of information and resources provided, but need your help to do it.

Quarterly meetings and workshops report:

Membership fee is currently \$25 a year. State Chiefs proposed an increase in section dues and approved. The board is discussing to increase the annual dues to \$50. Kendra will discuss this with the State Chiefs and let us know.

It was suggested - doing a survey to see what people want for future workshops. Members present were encouraged to talk it up to others who did not attend. Everyone agreed that Chief Church's workshop was great!

Future offerings include: 1035 Training – The board is working with Bill Steele on offering an evaluator training. Kim McDonald said she would help with being senior evaluator and possibly test proctor if needed.

Evaluators who indicated they would be interested in attending training include: Hallie, Kim S. and Nanette.

Fire Marshal's Roundtable – October 20 -23rd – the board is working with the Fire Marshal group to create an education track. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend in Spokane.

If you have ideas for possible vendors for the Fire Marshal Roundtable send your ideas to Penny Hulse at phulse@piercelfire.org

Ken Dellsite announced that he will be working on the "Prevent Fires, It's Your Job" campaign and would like to encourage anyone to use the slogan and logo. You can go to the website to download the logo and to learn more.

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/prevent.htm>

The members in attendance were asked for ideas for future WPFE workshops:

Kim McDonald – asked for a session on update of: smoke alarms, CO detectors, heat detectors, etc for educators.

Kim Schroeder said she is offering training like this and would be open to doing this in the future for us.

Kim McDonald – asked for an overview on what causes electrical fires – what to look for in your homes – she is interested in a class to get a better understanding in order to be able to better explain and educate citizens. Ken Dellsite will talk to his business partner about doing a presentation for next year.

Stephanie Price - suggested a code for educators workshop and knowing your resources in your community.

Let us know if you have other ideas!

Committee meetings and dates report:

By-laws need to be posted to website.

1035 Level 1 & 2 – accreditation & ISO ratings for fire departments. Hallie will research to see what motivation there is to produce Level 2.

WPFE campaign (Know Your Alarm, Know Your Battery)

The board announced this idea was presented at a State Chiefs meeting, but questions were asked of Kendra that she was not able to answer regarding background information, etc. Dan Bickel & Jenny Sharp, who were involved in the creation of the slogan said they would work with Kendra to provide background to present to State Chiefs.

Good of the Order:

- Kim Schroeder – Shared she will be presenting a symposium on smoke alarms and how to tell people which types to have. It will be given to Snohomish County Fire Prevention group June 25th at 9am – Fire District 1 Headquarters. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
- Nanette Tatom shared information on new Washington State Injury and Violence Prevention Guide and the new CDC Fall Prevention – How to Develop Community-based Fall Prevention Programs for Older Adults.

For a copy of the Washington State guide, contact:

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Injury and Violence Prevention Program

PO BOX 47853

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For the CDC Guide go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/preventingfalls/>

- Kim McDonald – Shared information on the new Valley Regional Fire Authority newsletter. It looks great! And Kim said the person who did the graphic design and layout was inexpensive. Contact Kim if you would

like more information kimberly.mcdonald@vrfa.org. Kim also shared about a recent training in King County regarding fall prevention and the awareness day event planning that is going on in King County.

- Dan Bickel – Announced CPF&R did not pass their bond. Dan shared that schools are required to do a lot of training re: new mandates around all hazard preparedness. Pierce Co. DEM looking at a systematic approach to this required training.
- Melanie Taylor – Shared Kent is looking at EMS reports re: children and obesity, diabetes, etc. They have developed and distributed magnets with information in February in conjunction with Healthy Heart week. They tied in to that with messages and information for EMS week in May, where they worked with grocery stores to distribute materials on healthy diet for children. While attending community fairs they emphasize exercise, eating right, exercising the brain, etc. Contact Melanie for more information on what Kent is doing in regards to this program. mataylor@ci.kent.wa.us

Next Meeting: Will be held in Spokane during the Washington State Fire Marshal's Roundtable, October 20-23, 2008. Exact date and time to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Nanette Tatom, WPFE Secretary



Chief Church and Kristi Weaver (South King Fire & Rescue) with a recent publication of the *Federal Way Mirror* that featured an article on the recently passed fire safe cigarette law.