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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 15, 2010**  
**Suncadia Lodge, Cle Elum**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kendra Kay thanked everyone for attending, especially those who drove over just for the meeting.

**Attendees**

South King Fire & Rescue - Kendra Kay – Chair  
Snohomish County Fire District #1 - Kim Schroeder – Vice Chair  
Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One – Nanette Tatom – Secretary  
Airway Heights Fire Department – Doug Bonstrom  
Lakewood Fire – Jenny Sharp  
Lakewood Fire - Hallie McCurdy  
Lake Stevens Fire – Robert Marshall  
NFPA – Crosby Grindle  
Bainbridge Island Fire – Jared Moravec  
South Kitsap Fire & Rescue – Greg Rogers  
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue – Michele Laboda  
Everett Fire – Rick Robinson  
Vision 20/20 – Jim Crawford  
Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One – Penny Hulse  
NFPA – Monica Colby

**Voting for positions of Chair & Secretary for 2011 -2013**

An e-mail ballot was sent out to those who were not able to attend. Many were returned via mail and e-mail. Those WPFE members in attendance voted. At the end of the meeting all the ballots were counted. The Chair position went unopposed, so Kendra Kay will remain WPFE Chair for the 2011-2013 term. The Secretary position had two candidates, Alison Caton from Lake Stevens Fire & Hallie McCurdy from Lakewood Fire. Hallie McCurdy was elected by one vote. Congratulations Hallie.

**Reporting of school fires and the issue of data collection for juvenile firesetters**

Kendra shared this has been an issue in South Kings response area and she has heard in others as well. Schools are not reporting all fires to the fire department as mandated by the WAC. In addition there is concern about our state not having a central data collection point for juvenile set

fires. Fire educators as well as fire departments state wide do not have a grasp of the magnitude of this issue. A suggestion was made by Kim Schroeder to have a representative of WPF E talk to OSPI to see how we can partner on this issue and what can be done to change the attitude regarding reporting of fires set in schools. Penny Hulse suggested being on your school districts safety committee or another committee such as that to build the relationship with your school district that leads to a greater understanding of why this is important. Monica Colby suggested that SOS Fire and other organizations have a template for data collection and we may want to check with them to see about using their program. A committee was established to work on this topic. The committee includes: Kendra Kay & Kim Schroeder. Kendra asked if anyone else is interested to contact her directly at: [Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org](mailto:Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org)

### **Carbon monoxide alarms in residences position paper**

Kim Schroeder shared with the new requirement coming up January 1<sup>st</sup>, regarding CO alarms she thought there may be questions from the public and a position paper would be helpful to all. A committee was established to work on this which includes: Kendra Kay and Jared Moravec. WPF E will send it out to all once it is complete.

### **Washington State Sprinkler Coalition Report**

Greg Rogers reported that he is working with organizations across the state to get burn cells together and available for exhibits. Funding is available to do these demonstrations if needed. Contact Greg for more info at: [GRogers@skfr.org](mailto:GRogers@skfr.org) The Washington Fire Sprinkler Coalition is working with Fire Team USA. To learn more about Fire Team USA visit: <http://fireteamusa.com/About.htm> A training is being offered on February 23 & 24 at the Heathman Hotel in Kirkland. For more info go to: <http://fireteamusa.com/10-11-WASH.htm> Greg shared that during this training Bates will videotape and do interviews with elected officials who attend. The tape will then allow more personalized videos to be produced and used in your local jurisdiction. Again, contact Greg for more info. In addition a PR firm was hired to help do a big push to get major marketing media as part of the Fire Team USA event. There is also work being done to develop a tool kit with key speaking points and the coalition will be applying for a Fire Prevention & Safety Grant to do a public education campaign. And check out the Common Voice's PSA's at: <http://fireteamusa.com> as well as additional information at: [www.firesprinklerinitiative.org](http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org)

### **Smoke Alarm position paper**

Over the last several years there has been much confusion regarding the Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm campaign. Many new alarms have 10 year lithium batteries and we do not want people to change those batteries every year. In January 2008 Kendra shared a new/supplemental position paper on smoke alarms with the State Chiefs asking for their approval. At the time Kendra presented this new position paper it was reported the State Chiefs did not like it. So, a revisit of the attached position paper titled Know Your Alarm, Know Your Battery was suggested. A committee was formed to look at what NFPA, USFA and others have published re: smoke alarms. The committee consists of: Jim Crawford, Kendra Kay and Jenny Sharp.

### **Goals & Ideas for Training/Speakers for 2011**

The subject of offering a 1035 training in 2011 was suggested. It was reported that a new text book would be out in early 2011. At that time there will be a need to go through the 1035 test bank to make sure the questions are in synch with the text. WPFEE will keep you posted.

No other ideas were suggested. So, if you have any please contact Kendra at [Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org](mailto:Kendra.Kay@southkingfire.org) A reminder: the Bi-State Summit will be hosted by Washington State this year. Date and location to be determined. It was also noted that next years Prevention Symposium will be held in Oregon, possibly at the Skamania Lodge. Date to be determined, but most likely some time in September, October or November. There was also discussion regarding the 2012 Prevention Symposium and Greg Rogers shared that they were looking at Suncadia as the location for 2012.

### **Good of the Order**

Michele Laboda shared that Theresa MacLennan the public educator for Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue will be leaving her position due to a move of her family. Kim Schroeder shared that the position held by Erica Work at Mt. Vernon Fire is being cut. Kendra shared the position vacated by Edna Merrick with Seattle Fire will be filled after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Nanette Tatom, WPFEE Secretary