



Fire Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Agenda – January 11, 2008
Hosted by Westminster Fire & Rescue



Meeting Called to Order at 0900 by Mr. Pribble. Ms. Taylor was excused.

McEvoy Minute

Mr. Jensen: Evergreen is implementing our community wildfire protection plan, developing a senior citizen wellness program and researching a new fire extinguisher simulator.

Mr. Koppes: Windsor-Severance is developing a mobile mapping system and will soon receive its new mascot from Signs and Shapes.

Ms. Geier: She shares her time between the police and fire divisions of the Englewood's Department of public safety. The agency's 100th anniversary is on the horizon and they're implementing an automated welfare check system for senior citizens.

Ms. Woodward: Elk Creek is in a slow period for its life safety education programs.

Mr. DeVigil: "I'm always busy." Denver also has a new chief.

Ms. Trost: West Metro's December was too full of apartment fires and juvenile firesetting.

Mr. Thomas: Introduced himself as the new supervisor for North Metro Fire Rescue's life safety educators.

Mr. Dorrell: "It all seems busy so far," he said in regard to his first two weeks on duty.

Ms. Moore: She is scheduling her mini-academies, water safety presentations and other programs for the year.

Ms. Kutchen: She is delivering Risk Watch to the district's 3rd graders.

Ms. Cataldo: She is seeking ideas for middle school audiences and, oh yeah, "I got engaged!"

Ms. Blunt: "I don't know what I'm doing."

Mr. Russell: With a completed CWPP in hand for two of Castle Rock's neighborhoods, he's tasked with developing a uniform wildfire risk form in conjunction with legislators. He's also working on assisted living emergency planning.

Ms. Leeka: Westminster's citizens' academy is slated for March and she's completing the senior citizen home safety surveys. Also praised Scott Pringle and Tracey Taylor for the recent JFS course in which 12 of 13 students certified.

Ms. Reed: There's still uncertainty concerning the potential merger, but now is the time for planning for the year.

Mr. Micheli: Pueblo has a new chief and is undergoing accreditation. It's also using a new computer program to track fire inspections.

Mr. Percival: Gary's Hometown Hero truck program is building momentum and "we're busier than heck."

Ms. Miller: Central City's fire budget was cut 30% and has limited life safety programming.

Mr. Pringle: "I had a couple of slow hours recently..." He also shared a brochure that he modeled on Westminster to show customers what life safety programs his agency offers.

Ms. Rayne: Over 5,000 kids visited the museum in the fall and she's looking to build a program for senior citizens. The museum's annual Safety Fair in the Street is August 2.

Mr. Davis: He is working with The Children's Hospital to create a much needed juvenile firesetter intervention program based in northern Colorado. W-S also is hoping voters will approve a mill and bond issue for new firefighters and a new educator position. Their open house is June 7. Plans are in the works for a local firefighter museum, too.

Mr. Love: He has three new members for FSEC. He plans to teach 38 schools worth of 2nd graders this spring and is happy to be working with a pair of resident burn survivors who want to build a burn safety program in the community.

Mr. Pribble: He's developing the Arvada Fire & Life Safety Foundation (any tips [advice or funding] would be appreciated) and has plans for a museum that includes a life safety house.

Minutes from Nov. 9, 2007, approved unanimously as edited.

Treasurer's report: The big expenditure was paying for the Denver Post Project. We currently have \$5,715.57 in checking and \$29,614.52 in savings for a fund total of \$35,330.09. All approved the report except Mr. Pringle who was disappointed the motion wasn't as "entertaining" as Mr. Pribble had suggested.

Report from Related Organizations

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ None

Fire Marshals of Colorado ~ None

Northern Colorado FMAC ~ Mr. Pringle will represent FSEC at these meetings, and bring updates to our meetings.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ The January training on HIPPA was weak at best.

Executive Board (EBoard) ~ Mr. Pribble reported on the Dec. 14, 2007, meeting. The EBoard is reviewing the bylaws and developing a handbook for members to prevent the nuances of FSEC membership from being forgotten. We decided to promote the use of flameless candles, but will not sell any more of them after the current supply is done. For IRS purposes, FSEC's name is the same but we will start doing business as the Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado. FSEC now owns the conference and will no longer donate money as a "sponsor"; instead FSEC will make up the difference between costs and income. FSEC committees are asked to improve their structure so that members feel more welcome and accountable. FSEC will participate in Fire Rescue International and will increase its public presence statewide in the future. Additionally, FSEC will renew its commitment to professional development of members beyond the spring conference.

Committee Reports

Publications/Media: (ejensen@evergreenfire rescue.com) Mr. Jensen reported that the Post Project is done and will be replaced with a series of activity books written for specific age groups and available to all members for year-round distribution. The new activity books will be produced in phases, be edited by Mr. Pringle and possibly illustrated by a colleague of Ms. Rayne. The Post Project cost FSEC \$24,000 after a generous donation of \$3,000 by the Denver Post, and the cost of the new activity book is estimated to be comparable if not lower. The committee also is investigating other media. The next meeting will be Jan. 24, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Westminster Fire Station 2.

Conference: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.org) Mr. Pribble distributed the newest conference flyer to the membership and encouraged all to attend and spread the word about the event. The next committee meeting is Jan. 30, 2008, at 9 a.m. at Englewood.

Awards: Katie Moore (kmoore@littletongov.org) Ms. Moore reported that the awards banquet will be March 14, 2008, at the Denver Firefighters Museum following our regular FSEC meeting. Each person will be asked to pay \$20-\$25 to offset the costs of catering the event. The event was removed from the conference so that it could celebrate us and our accomplishments in a setting where we don't feel guilty about all the non-FSEC members waiting for us. Each member is asked to nominate one person for the Educator of the Year award or a program for Program of the Year. The next meeting will be Jan. 24, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Shanghai Garden in Centennial.

Certifications: (prings@ci.loveland.co.us) Mr. Pringle said the JFS class in November went well and he thanked Mr. Davis for hosting and Ms. Leeka for proctoring the exam. At the request of the membership, Ms. Reed and Ms. Moore were asked to present a Fire & Life Safety Educator I course in the summer or fall. A JFS course also was requested for 2008. The membership also asked about FLSE II & III courses, with the understanding that the Division of Fire Safety is stretched thin at the moment.

Curriculum: The membership suggested marrying this committee with Publications/Media because the messages should be similar. Ms. Geier suggested the committees at least get engaged for the moment, and Ms. Kutchen would be happy if they were courting.

Election of Officers -- None

Old Business

Logo Enhancement ~ Mr. Jensen presented a potential logo. The membership embraced most of it, and suggested some minor changes. He will email the membership with those edits. No other options were presented.

Grant with Denver Firefighters Museum ~ Announcement probably in May

Our 2008 Meetings will be:

March 14 @ Denver Firefighters Museum with banquet

May 9 @ West Metro

July 11 @ Castle Rock

September 12 @ Greater Brighton

November 14 @ North Metro

New Business

Professional Development ~ The membership thought that showcasing a program at some meetings would be interesting and rewarding.

Don't forget to submit your membership dues!

Door Prize

Mr. Russell won the door prize.

Training

The membership reviewed upcoming opportunities to learn from one another:

Ms. Thorson said Denver is offering Citizen Emergency Response Trainings. Visit denver.gov.org for times.

Ms. Leeka is developing a fire warden program for the Westminster's new population of correctional staff.

Mr. Jensen invited members to shadow him and other Jefferson County educators who present FireWise to 6th graders at the outdoor lab schools.

Ms. Kutchen has a magnet she gives to principals with JFS tips and phone numbers.

Mr. Love has flipcards with tips on working with a range of disabilities for educators and line personnel.

Mr. Pringle reminded members that the Northern Colorado Fire Marshals have an annual conference in November. It might be a great place to offer JFS and FLSE I.

Members in attendance

Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton), Angela Cataldo (Thornton), Leo DeVigil (Denver), Jeff Dorrell (North Metro), Toni Geier (Englewood), Einar Jensen (Evergreen), Kerry Koppes (Windsor-Severance), Pam Kutchen (North Metro), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster), Patrick Love (Poudre),

Gary Micheli (Pueblo Fire), Caitlyn Miller (Central City), Katie Moore (Littleton), Woody Percival (Pueblo Fire), Scott Pribble (Arvada), Scott Pringle (Loveland), Angela Rayne (Denver Firefighters Museum), Mandy Reed (South Metro), Paul Russell (Castle Rock), Debra Thorson (Denver), Micki Trost (West Metro), and Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek).

Guests in Attendance

Mike Davis (Windsor-Severance) and Curtis Thomas (North Metro)

Quotes of the Month

“I don’t have one of those little men to jump into.” Ms. Leeka

“I’ve complained about the McEvoy Minute every meeting, but each time I learn something.” Mr. Pribble

“What are those little thingies?” Ms. Reed

“We are also the association of genies.” Mr. Pribble

“Just rub it dear, just rub it.” Mr. Micheli

“My principals have me on speed dial.” Mr. DeVigil

Meeting Adjourned at 1125

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary