



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Agenda – January 9, 2009
Hosted by Westminster Fire Rescue



Meeting Called to Order at 0900

McEvoy Minute

Mr. Russell ~ Castle Rock is re-committing itself to life safety education by taking away some of his responsibilities so he can devote more time to public education. The coloring contest was a success and the winners will be posted on apparatus soon.

Mr. Dorrell ~ As North Metro's 9Health Fair coordinator, he's busy planning.

Ms. Harrington ~ After a recent absence from work, she's trying to maintain the status quo and work on completing school inspections.

Ms. Goodwin ~ Colorado Springs had experienced 10 major residential structure fires since Christmas Eve. The city also faces a \$16 million shortfall. Already that budget crisis cut an educator's position at CSFD. On a better note, she is focusing her efforts on R-2 apartment complexes and emergency skill camps.

Ms. Kutchen ~ She conducted fire safety bingo in 22 schools in the fall and is now embarking on a 911 curriculum. She also is implementing a program called "Death by Candlelight," in which several members expressed interest in learning more.

Ms. Potton ~ She is the car seat coordinator and middle school program coordinator for South Metro Fire Rescue. She bragged about having a "final resting place" now that she has a desk in the SMFR headquarters.

Ms. Leeka ~ She is preparing for a March citizen's academy.

Ms. Moore ~ Her time is devoted to end-of-year reports.

Mr. Micheli ~ He bragged about handing over the "A"-membership reigns to Mr. Percival while getting to spend more time as a grandpa (but not to Woody).

Mr. Percival ~ Having borrowed a Viagra pen from Mr. Micheli, he noted that Pueblo had a string of fires and a second structure-leveling explosion. As a result, he's done several national interviews and swiped a hat from the ATF.

Dr. Jackson ~ He is the burn team and juvenile firesetter intervention team coordinator for The Children's Hospital. He welcomes FLSEC members to visit the new facility in Aurora and hopes both entities can learn from and about each other.

Ms. Reed ~ She is excited about South Metro's revitalized characterization team.

Ms. Saito ~ Now that West Metro is done asking its educators to specialize, she will be attending FLSEC meetings and events in order to "make the world a safer place."

Ms. Trost ~ She is "plowing through" schools, from preschool to high school, implementing existing and new programs. West Metro has been on lots of ice calls—sometimes two a day—for non-human victims.

Ms. Woolley ~ She's volunteer firefighter with Fairmount who is interested in risk reduction and life safety education. She's joining FLSEC to get ideas for her own programs.

Ms. Woodward ~ It's also report-filing time for her. She and her colleagues are brainstorming for ideas on where and how to take Elk Creek's life safety education to the next level.

Ms. Hunter ~ She said she's been covering for Mr. Jensen's absence. She also introduced Evergreen Fire/Rescue's new life safety educator Jeff DiPaolo.

Mr. DiPaolo ~ He previously worked as a firefighter/paramedic with Englewood and earned his car seat technician papers with Ms. Saito in 2001. In terms of the life safety realm, however, he said, he has much to learn, but clearly is willing to do just that.

Ms. Blunt ~ Her preschools are calling and requesting programs, bringing her back to reality after her brain had taken a couple weeks off.

Mr. Jensen ~ He is the coordinator for South Metro's life safety efforts in the wildland urban interface and in structures needing emergency action plans and safety warden training. He's also working in the emergency preparedness area with a new concept called NEST: Neighborhood Emergency Support Team.

Ms. Taylor ~ She is happy to have a team of four life safety educators in South Metro and noted that she worked with Mr. DiPaolo in Englewood.

Mr. Pribble ~ After admitting that he isn't part of the South Metro gang, he said much of his time has been spent on non-Arvada Fire projects including the conference and starting his term as the president of the Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado. He used left-over funds from 2008 to purchase a Boulder Blimp inflatable house with a removable logo. He plans to bring it to a future meeting.

Mr. Pringle ~ Thankfully, he and Mr. Pribble sat alphabetically. He's been conducting programs at middle schools with Lindsay Jaconsen, a burn survivor featured in JFS videos. Loveland has a new fire chief and, he noted, the new first lady of Loveland Fire Rescue makes delicious cinnamon rolls.

Minutes from Nov. 14, 2008 ~ Approved as presented

Treasurer's Report of January 9, 2009 ~ Ms. Blunt is working on the paperwork for the IRS. She reminded members that their annual dues are due. Additionally, FLSEC has \$8,056.45 in the checking account and \$27,184.60 in savings for a total balance of \$35,241.05. Interestingly, that balance is \$90 less than we had one year ago. The report was approved as presented.

Report from Related Organizations

- * Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ FLSEC attended the CSFCA Leadership Conference. It is moving to Keystone in 2009 and should have at least one life safety education speaker. The conference is scheduled for Dec. 3-5.
- * Fire Marshals of Colorado ~ Conveyance systems, such as elevators and escalators, were the topic of the recent training.
- * Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ There was no meeting in December, but they will host the conveyance systems training in February.
- * Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ Under its new leadership, this group brainstormed ideas for training so that ESPIOC could help its members more effectively. One training idea was how to integrate life safety messages into press releases and interviews, according to Ms. Trost. FEMA is hosting the February training and will share tips on providing good backdrops for interviews.
- * SafeKids Denver Metro ~ Ms. Saito reported that The Children's Hospital may become the host of a statewide SafeKids Coalition rather than having several SK regions in the state. The organization's goal is to prevent unintentional injuries among children aged 14 and younger. SK Denver Metro is organized around ways that kids get hurt. SafeKids Week occurs in May and the International Walk to School Day is during Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Jensen noted that SKDM is a conference sponsor.
- * Executive Board (EBoard) ~ No report.
- * Regional NFPA ~ Pat Mieszala has been promoted up the NFPA ladder; Monica Colby of the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office is now our contact. Dave Nuss, a founding parent of FLSEC, is still the local representative for NFPA matters.

Team Reports

Publications/Media/Curriculum:

Mr. Jensen recognized each of the team members attending the meeting and thanked them for their efforts. After reviewing the grant, the Team realized that any activity books beyond a

member's first 1,120 also are free because the books were paid for with a FEMA or tax-supported grant. Mr. Jensen will contact agencies that inadvertently paid for the books to settle that issue. That said, the Publications team will design a system for distributing the extra activity books equitably. The Team also pledged to produce a Spanish version of the book prior to developing the activity book for the next age group. The Publications Team also is investigating other media for sharing FLSEC's messages including billboards and highway signs. This team will lead FLSEC's Great Home Escape campaign this fall.

Conference:

Having the conference at Winter Park this year promises a cozier event, according to Mr. Pribble. Registration is open. Sixty-five speaker proposals were submitted for 28 slots. Scholarship information is posted at the website. The silent auction is returning this year, as is casino night and the conference team is trying to add a no-host social event that includes dancing opportunities. The 2010 Conference is tentatively scheduled for May.

Awards:

The banquet is March 13 at The Overlook in Littleton. All members should receive their invitations in the mail in the coming weeks. The team needs FLSEC members to submit nominations for program of the year and educator of the year; the forms will be attached to these minutes. Please send electronic versions of photos from your 2008 life safety education efforts to Ms. Goodwin. The banquet will cost \$18 per person in advance or \$20 at the door.

Certifications:

This team needs to meet to update the test bank questions, curricula and powerpoints for Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I (JFIS I). Ms. Moore pledged to teach a Fire & Life Safety Educator I (FLSE I) course in March, which met with membership approval, and the FLSE II course in November at the Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association conference (November 2-6, 2009).

Elections ~ November 2009

Old Business

The amendments to the By-laws were approved as presented.

The membership agreed to proceed on a statewide campaign to promote the Great Home Escape (or whatever we call it). Colorado Springs has an interesting pen pal program that may help promote the event based on Ms. Goodwin's description of it. Ms. Woolley suggested using prizes as a way to track participation. We agreed that our efforts should target fire prevention week for the home escape drills, but encourage agencies to use whatever day(s) works best for them. The key will be consistent messages.

Our 2009 Meetings will be:

March 13 ~ Littleton

May 8 ~ North Metro

July 10 ~ Colorado Springs

September 11 ~ Thornton (Date may change to accommodate memorials)

November 13 ~ Poudre

New Business

The membership agreed that pursuing a booth at the Salute to Seniors exhibition probably would be a good use of our resources, depending on audience characteristics. Mr. Jensen agreed to research the issue. He discovered that 2,000 senior citizens and their caregivers attend the May 27, 2009 exhibition, which is sponsored by the Colorado Gerontological Society. While we won't share specific programs with the attendees, we will have an opportunity to share general fire and fall pre-

vention tips and other messages with this target high-risk audience.

The Publications Team was tasked with investigating other annual events in Colorado that would be appropriate locales for our community risk reduction soap box.

The Publications Team also was tasked with developing flyers with messages on myriad safety topics that could be distributed at statewide and more local events. Developing consistent messaging is part of FLSEC's mission in the state.

The South Metro Safety Foundation is hosting a Sweet Hearts Ball on Feb. 13 to raise money to purchase automated external defibrillators in Douglas County Schools. Contact Ms. Potton for details.

The Littleton Firefighters Foundation is hosting its annual Ball on March 7.

Remember that ProFormance Apparel is FLSEC's official source of logo-sporting apparel. Email Lisa at Lisa@PROformanceApparel.com. The website is www.proformanaceapparel.com; click on the online catalog link.

Broomfield Health and Human Services is hosting a car seat technician course April 29, 30, May 1 and May 2 at North metro Fire's training facility. The cost is \$60, which goes to SafeKids, and which is \$250 less than most other car seat courses. Jeff Dorrell has more information.

Door Prize ~ Mr. Dorrell and Ms. Reed won the door prizes.

Training ~ None

Members in attendance

Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton Fire), Jeff DiPaolo (Evergreen Fire), Jeff Dorrell (North Metro Fire), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs Fire), Deanna Harrington (Cunningham Fire), Shelley Hunter (Evergreen Fire), Einar Jensen (South Metro Fire), Pam Kutchen (North Metro Fire), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster Fire), Gary Micheli (Pueblo Fire), Katie Moore (Littleton Fire), Woody Percival (Pueblo Fire), Colleen Potton (South Metro Fire), Scott Pribble (Arvada Fire), Scott Pringle (Loveland Fire), Mandy Reed (South Metro Fire), Paul Russell (Castle Rock Fire), Susan Saito (West Metro Fire), Tracey Taylor (South Metro Fire), Micki Trost (West Metro Fire) and Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek Fire)

Guests in Attendance

Dr. Brad Jackson (The Children's Hospital) and Jenny Woolley (Fairmount Fire)

Quotes of the Month

"I smell like one of our retired firefighters." ~Ms. Moore at the Publications Team Meeting

"Someone over here smells beautiful like they're in need of pollination." ~Mr. Pringle at the Publications Team Meeting

"I'm just a smeller." ~Ms. Kutchen

"We haven't had a lot of time together as a foursome." ~Ms. Taylor

"Pampers, to be exact." ~Mr. Jensen

"Second!" ~Ms. Moore

"It just says semi-formal; it doesn't say dress." ~Ms. Potton

"He can't vote." ~Mr. Percival

Meeting Adjourned ~ 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary