



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Agenda – March 14, 2008
Hosted by Denver Firefighters Museum



Meeting Called to Order by Ms. Taylor at 9:09 a.m.

McEvoy Minute - Introductions Only

Minutes from Jan. 11, 2008 ~ Approved as presented

Treasurer's Report of March 14, 2008

Ms. Blunt reported that we have \$13,600.62 in checking and \$29,688.08 in savings for a total account value of \$43,288.70. This total includes a refund check from the Denver Newspaper Agency for the 2007 Post Project.

Report from Related Organizations

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ Mr. Pribble reported that the state chiefs agreed to donate \$500 to the conference, which represents a full scholarship. He also updated the membership on recent legislative issues considered by the CSFCA. The bill concerning Fire Safer Cigarettes was proceeding, having passed the Senate and the first House committee. Several FLSEC members had testified and attended the committee hearings. Another bill of note concerns residences to have carbon monoxide alarms, but it had enforcement issues. It also fails to address smoke alarms, which are not required in Colorado homes.

Fire Marshals of Colorado ~ Ms. Taylor reported that FMAC's last meeting included a review of the importance of documentation as well as securing and maintaining that documentation, including the records of juvenile firesetter interventions.

Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ Mr. Pringle said this group was hosting a PVC sprinkler system training in late March.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ Mr. Jensen reported that its most recent training concerned appearances on high-definition televisions (such as news conferences and interviews). He'll be sharing the contents of a tool kit suggested by the speaker and reminded the membership that with citizen journalists/paparazzi on the prowl, as well as government and private security cameras, we must remember that we're always on camera. Every interview should be treated as a live interview because media outlets are posting raw footage (pre-editor) on websites.

Executive Board (EBoard) ~ Ms. Taylor said the Eboard is meeting at the end of the month and will report at the May meeting.

Committee Reports

Publications/Media/Curriculum: (ejensen@evergreenfirerescue.com)

Mr. Jensen recognized the committee members (Mr. Pringle, Ms. Rayne, Ms. Trost, Ms. Leeka, Ms. Kutchen, Ms. Miller, Ms. Moore, Mr. Gasowski and Ms. Blunt) and summarized the recent progress on Phase 1 of the Activity Book project. He said other media will be investigated in the future and explained that the current courtship of Curriculum with Publications/Media will help maintain consistent messages between the website and the activity book. The Post Project was nearly complete except for thank-you cards and finished with a net gain of \$700 (the members rejoiced).

Conference: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.org)

Mr. Pribble recognized his committee members (Ms. Taylor, Mr. Jensen, Ms. Geier, Ms. Cataldo, Ms. Kutchen and Ms. Leeka) and noted that 61 people had registered for the conference, passing the number (53) of attendees at the 2007 conference. Many of the attendees are from non-fire service agencies so as more FLSEC members submit their registrations, the attendance should continue increasing. He reminded the membership that the early registration discount ended March 23. Scholarships remain available. And there's still plenty of time to recruit more attendees for the event. He shared the schedule of speakers and noted that a scholarship request form was included in the minutes. Ms. Cataldo, the chair of the Silent Auction sub-subcommittee, asked each agency to submit one item for the silent auction.

Awards: (kmoore@littletongov.org)

Said Ms. Moore, "Plans for the banquet are coming along nicely."

Certifications: (prings@ci.loveland.co.us)

Ms. Potton, Ms. Cataldo and Ms. Trost volunteered to serve on this committee to work with Ms. Taylor, Ms. Moore, Ms. Reed and Mr. Pringle, and the Division of Fire Safety, to develop the Fire & Life Safety Educator (I, II, III and Instructor) and Juvenile Firesetter (I, II and Instructor) programs, which will maintain FLSEC as a source for education within the fire service as well as among the public. The NCFMA has requested a JFS course at its November training in Loveland. Ms. Moore anticipates offering a FLSE I course in September.

Website: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.com)

Mr. Pribble reported that between February 9 and March 10, 2008, 315 users visited www.firesafetypeducators.org. On average they visited 2.5 pages and spent about two minutes perusing. Although 45% of the visitors bounced to another site immediately, the statistics suggest that 55% of visitors spent a great deal more time on our site.

Election of Officers -- None

Old Business

New Logo ~ The membership agreed to go with the current draft and begin purchasing attire with the new logo on it, including the scaled down version for hats. Mr. Pringle is working with a silk-screening company to develop the logo for t-shirts. The Eboard also will consider how to add it most effectively to our letterhead and other places.

FLSEC Attire ~ The Eboard will develop a plan at its March meeting. Ms. Rayne offered the museum's website as a medium for those sales.

Grant with Denver Firefighters Museum ~ We expect to hear from the feds in May.

Loveland Activity Book ~ Mr. Pringle shared samples of his agency's new activity book, which is the model for FLSEC's.

Membership dues ~ Mr. Jensen subtly reminded agencies to submit their dues for 2008. FLSEC currently has over 50 members representing 38 agencies.

Our 2008 Meetings will be:

May 9 @ West Metro

July 11 @ Castle Rock

September 12 @ Greater Brighton

November 14 @ North Metro

New Business

Mission Statement ~ Ms. Taylor would like the membership to submit suggestions to her for consideration by the Eboard.



Professional Development ~ Ms. Leeka suggested that we showcase programs at some meetings while Mr. Pribble suggested we conduct a training in the morning, break for lunch and have our meeting in the afternoon (FMAC-style) to provide professional development for our members and increase meeting attendance. We might attract new members, too. Mr. Pringle said these trainings will add value to agency participation in FLSEC.

Gifts for Bereavement ~ Ms. Taylor explains that no policy exists currently, but she wants to develop one to avoid the inconsistencies of the past. With the membership's approval, the Eboard will develop that policy later this month.

Explorer Programs ~ Ms. Miller asked whether any agencies had explorer or cadet programs that she could recommend to her peers in school. Programs exist in Thornton, Parker, Colorado Springs, Castle Rock and Denver.

Status of former members ~ Ms. Goodwin reported that Marta Dubay had resigned from the CSFD to work in the court system in Cripple Creek. Ms. Goodwin brought photo albums with her that Ms. Dubay donated to FLSEC.

Door Prize ~ None

Training ~ None; banquet to follow meeting

Members in attendance

Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton), Angela Cataldo (Thornton), Leo DeVigil (Denver), Dan Englehardt (Loveland), Steve Gasowski (Parker), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs), Einar Jensen (Evergreen), Pam Kutchen (North Metro), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster), Patrick Love (Poudre), Caitlyn Miller (Central City), Katie Moore (Littleton), Colleen Potton (Franktown), Scott Pribble (Arvada), Scott Pringle (Loveland), Angela Rayne (Denver Firefighters Museum), Mandy Reed (South Metro), Tracey Taylor (Parker), Debra Thorson (Denver), Tracy Tisher (Denver Firefighters Museum), Micki Trost (West Metro) and Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek).

Guests in Attendance

Rich Anderson (CoCat Restoration), CeCe Miller (FSEC Alumna) and Jane Zook (Colorado Springs).

Quotes of the Month

"We're expecting twins!" --Mr. Jensen

"We'll be taking \$20 from you." --Ms. Moore

"Yeah, what are we doing with that?" --Mr. Pringle

"I would whine for you, too." --Mr. Cataldo

"You can determine from this that people from Kansas are slow readers." --Mr. Pribble

"Thanks for all two of you who brought patches." --Mr. Pringle

Meeting Adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary

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