



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Agenda – May 9, 2008
Hosted by West Metro Fire Rescue



Meeting Called to Order: 0900

McEvoy Minute ~

Mr. Jensen: He taught his first water safety course recently to an audience of ‘tweens, passed around an article from *The Onion* and should have mentioned how successful a pair of recent mock crashes at Clear Creek and Evergreen High Schools were.

Ms. Goodwin: Colorado Springs will hire its new educator soon after a record number of applicants. She also said the CSFD educators will diversify their classes and audiences.

Ms. Leeka: Westminster’s Citizen’s Academy has three weeks remaining. She has events planned for most of the summer’s Saturdays, including a water festival at Front Range Community College. Monday she was scheduled to receive a proclamation from the Westminster City Council for her FLSEC award.

Ms. Kutchen: She is completing a water safety program among her district’s elementary schools.

Ms. Driskell: Having taught CPR to 240 middle school students, she’s preparing for the Thornton Town Festival later this month. She’s changing her car seat program and developing new programs for middle school and senior citizen audiences.

Mr. Pribble: After a “rash” of fires in his district, he found that 75% were caused by cigarettes discarded in potting material. As a result he developed the “Keep your butt out of the Pot” campaign.

Mr. Pringle: “Work is work and I don’t want to talk about that,” he said. Instead he noted that his band, Pindral, is opening at the Fox Theater on June 12.

Ms. Woodward: Her preschool program is complete and her next big project is the September Open House.

Ms. Trost: She’s been conducting mock response scenarios with her line personnel at Lakewood’s recreation centers to improve their ability to report emergencies. On the too-close horizon is West Metro’s annual Muster (June 14) in which 10,000 people collect for a day of fire department fun in the sun.

Mr. Love: After praising West Metro’s boardroom, he admitted that staffing events remains difficult. As a result, and as a way to develop his own program, he’ll be creating a survey for all FLSEC members to benchmark their programs. He asked that the membership submit prospective questions to him by May 31. Also, the Peoples Burn Foundation has a new campus safety DVD.

Ms. Harrington: Having recently moved from suppression to prevention, she admitted that “I am here to sponge and steal.”

Mr. Boyle: A majority of his time is spent with building managers and other ski resort employees to make their buildings safer. He’s already seen a marked decrease in the volume of fire code violations as a result of his educational programs.

Ms. Potton: A letter telling Franktown’s businesses that she’d be conducting code inspections soon prompted many of them to correct violations prior to her arrival. She shared horror stories about the Elephant Rock Bicycle Ride that swarms her community and challenges her to deliver bicycle safety messages.

Ms. Tisher: The museum’s early education program for Denver Public Schools has ended in time to prepare for a full summer of downtown Denver events including the Free Day and People’s Fair.

Mr. Percival: Unlike Colorado Springs, Pueblo's educators want to specialize. A recent water festival reached 1,800 students. He's preparing for a new and improved presence at the state fair.

Mr. Micheli: He coordinated an open house at Pueblo's new fire museum and brought the fire safety bus to an event at Monte Vista in the San Luis Valley. Nearly 350 kids from those small agricultural communities were able to benefit from Pueblo's resources.

Ms. Moore: A spring of Stewie the Duck and Juvenile Firesetter presentations is giving way to the kids' mini academies of the summer.

Ms. Hunzeker: She and CoCat were there to support FLSEC and its events.

Mr. Anderson: After attending the banquet in March, he's started working with Central City Fire to provide some resources to that small agency and CoCat is sponsoring West Metro's Muster. CoCat has funds and time available for member activities.

Ms. Blunt: Leftovers from a grant allowed her to purchase a Hazard House. She said GBFPD attends community events in the summer but doesn't host any of its own.

Ms. Thorson: With assistance from Ms. Goodwin, she's updating Denver's outreach program for senior citizens and spending most of her time on the district's 400+ high rise buildings. She noted that Denver's CERT classes are open to all state residents.

Mr. Gross: Golden has moved into its new station and is gearing up for its annual pancake breakfast during Buffalo Bill Days on May 28. Boulder is preparing to deliver its academies for resident assistants and Greek leaders at the University of Colorado. As those student leaders perform firefighter duties, they learn why the fire code is so important for their own safety as well as that of emergency responders. Boulder also had a successful pet resuscitation recently.

Ms. Taylor: Parker South Metro Fire Authority is a reality with four fire & life safety educator positions, two of which are vacant and due for posting in the next two or three weeks. One vacancy was created by the departure of Steve Gasowski who now works for the Division of Fire Safety and hopes to return to FLSEC's membership soon.

Minutes from March 14, 2008 ~ Approved as amended

Treasurer's Report of May 9, 2008

We have \$5,300.67 in checking and \$37,034.18 in savings for a combined total of \$42,334.85 in all accounts. Report approved as provided.

Report from Related Organizations

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ The Safer Cigarettes bill is on Governor Ritter's desk and the carbon monoxide bill died in committee. Ms. Thorson pledged to send a version of Denver's ordinance banning smoking while on oxygen to Mr. Jensen for distribution.

Fire Marshals of Colorado ~ They discussed the school inspection and fire safe assemblies programs. Mr. Love and Mr. Pringle said they've had success encouraging school officials to certify as fire inspectors.

Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ Its annual conference is Nov. 3-7 and may be a great opportunity to teach a juvenile firesetter intervention course. Mr. Pringle or Mr. Love will send updates to Mr. Jensen for distribution.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ Its conference is May 15 and 16 at Beaver Run in Breckenridge.

Executive Board (EBoard) ~ We met at Arvada Fire's new headquarters.

Team Reports

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

Mr. Pringle reported that his artists withdrew from the project and now the committee is seeking other illustrators who are able to attend committee meetings to help communicate the group's vision onto the pages. The committee is meeting May 22 at Westminster Fire.

Conference: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.org)

“It’s over,” Mr. Pribble reported, and 90 people attended, nearly doubling the number from 2007. The committee will debrief soon and consider areas for improvement based on feedback from attendees and their own observations.

Awards: Scott Pringle, Brianna Goodwin, Sherrie Leeka, Katie Moore and Mandy Reed

Ms. Moore shared the results of the post-banquet survey.

Certifications:

Ms. Taylor reported that the email box for our contact at the Division of Fire Safety, Teresa Staples, is full. That said, the membership agreed that it needs to move forward on reviewing the curricula for juvenile firesetter intervention and fire & life safety educator positions. Ms. Moore plans to deliver a Fire & Life Safety Educator I course in September; more information will follow.

Election of Officers -- None

Old Business

Grant with Denver Firefighters Museum ~ Thus far we haven’t netted the grant, but FEMA hasn’t made all of its decisions yet.

FLSEC Attire ~ To purchase your embroidered FLSEC apparel, contact Lisa Passarella (lisa@PROformanceApparel.com or 303-794-8169) or visit www.PROformanceapparel.com. The account is listed under FSEC.

Bereavement Gifts ~ The Executive Board agreed that FLSEC will send a card to a member to express its sentiments, but it will not donate money or send flowers. On a motion from Mr. Love, the membership approved purchasing cards pre-printed with FLSEC’s logo that the secretary will send to appropriate members following appropriate events.

Letterhead ~ Ms. Blunt designed templates that will be emailed to all members for use.

Our Remaining 2008 Meetings are:

July 11 @ Castle Rock

September 12 @ Greater Brighton

November 14 @ North Metro

New Business

Member events: Mr. Pribble asked members to send him community events for posting on the FLSEC website. Ms. Goodwin said members might be able to post their own events to relieve work from Mr. Pribble. Send those events to scott.pribble@arvadafire.com.

Senior Fair: Ms. Thorson reported that a fair catering to senior citizens will be at the Colorado Convention Center on May 14. The membership agreed that such a venue might be appropriate for a booth in the future. May is Older American’s Month, according to Ms. Goodwin, and she “could tell us all about it.”

Truck Paint: Pueblo is on the verge of receiving its Red, White and Blue apparatus, according to Mr. Micheli.

Fire Rescue International: Ms. Taylor will create a sign-up sheet for staffing the FLSEC booth during the FRI Exhibition in August.

Door Prize

Won by Mr. Pribble

Meeting Adjourned at 1056 for a presentation by Mr. Pringle. He demonstrated his “Strap & Snap” program, which he typically delivers to 3rd graders. Thus his current audience was well-matched for the task.

Members in attendance

Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton), Stephen Boyle (Copper Mountain), Angela Driskell (Thornton), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs), Joe Gross (Golden), Einar Jensen (Evergreen), Pam Kutchen (North Metro), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster), Patrick Love (Poudre), Gary Micheli (Pueblo), Katie Moore (Littleton), Woody Percival (Pueblo), Colleen Pottton (Franktown), Scott Pribble (Arvada), Scott Pringle (Loveland), 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), Deanna Harrington (Cunningham) and Amanda Hunzeker (CoCat Restoration).

Quotes of the Month

"I'm doing nothing right now." ~Mr. Pribble

"I'm here to sponge and steal." ~Ms. Harrington

"We have a doll house and a blow-up doll." ~Mr. Percival

"And people complain about emails... kiss my..." ~Mr. Jensen

"I've talked to friends who are smokers and they're saying, 'There are these new cigarettes that keep going out.'" ~Ms. Pottton

"Did you get my email on that {Tracey}? Thanks for responding!" ~Mr. Pringle

"Goodbye Teresa. Talk to you later!" ~Mr. Percival

"I don't have a door prize!" ~Mr. Love

"It makes my head sweat!" ~Ms. Kutchen

"If you swim long laps in a short pool, you might need a helmet." ~Mr. Pringle

"I have vision." ~Ms. Trost

"Can you come to my house?" ~Ms. Tisher

"We can talk about that." ~Mr. Pringle

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary