



Fire Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2007
Hosted by Poudre Fire Authority



Meeting Called to Order at 0902

McEvoy Minute

Paul Russell: There's still no timeframe for the City of Castle Rock to add a full-time public education position, so he's wearing the education hat with his other head attire. He also has Red Zone software skills for agencies developing wildland urban interface programs and he's starting a coloring contest where the winning poster is affixed to CRFD apparatus for a year.

Scott Pringle: Another multi-hatter, he's recuperating from a busy fireworks season.

Patrick Love: There's a 5k race on October 13 and a rib-eating contest July 14 in conjunction with Texas Road House. The rib-fest also was a Fill the Boot event for the MDA.

Scott Pribble: A recent mini-academy for kids taught him that 7-9 year olds should have a one-day event while the 10-14 year olds are more able to participate in a multi-day event. He canceled Arvada's September Muster rather than compete with a benefit for an AFPD family.

Micki Trost: West Metro won a grant to provide fire safety camps with the Foot-hills Parks & Recreation District. WMFR's June muster had approximately 10,000 participants.

Leo DeVigil: New juvenile Firesetter cases have kept him busy, and a new investigator has shown interest in joining DFD's public education cadre.

Angela Cataldo: She's been developing Thornton's Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program, in part by attending morning briefings of the Thornton Police and convincing them to cite kids so that they have to enter her diversion program.

Brianna Goodwin: Colorado Springs had a muster in June and is preparing for an emergency skills camp later this month.

Sherrie Olguin: Newly married with an allegedly "easier" last name, her fishing derby was a success and she's adding a mini-combat challenge to the Westy Fest later this summer. She also won a \$37,000 grant for a senior citizen home safety survey program and the Station 1 open house was a grand success because the line firefighters bought into the idea and worked the marketing end for the agency.

Josh Arias: The newest FSEC member was a line firefighter outside of Reno, Nevada and is now getting ready for August's National Night Out as he

learns the nuances of his new position.

Katie Moore: Littleton's second mini-academy is the third week of July and should be as fun as the first. She thinking about the school year and her characterization team is planning this year's program, which will have a Spiderman theme.

Gary Micheli: After introducing Woody Percival, Pueblo's new educator, he described the department's firehouse chili contribution to a progressive food tour in the Bessemer neighborhood and mentioned the upcoming state fair as a way to reach the masses.

Woody Percival: Pueblo has a new progressive chief who likes promoting the fire department and its roles in the community. He already filmed a public service announcement at the river recently.

Steve Gasowski: The fireworks season provided him with many juvenile firesetters and improvised devices. The Parker Community Festival was successful in June, a bicycle safety rodeo is on the horizon and his women's health forum at Wal-Mart was good. Parker Fire also is designing a new puppet show and a tenants' guide for apartment safety. He's also developing a brand recognition program.

Beth Woodward: Elk Creek has attended several community events and Beth continues to wear multiple hats for the agency.

Einar Jensen: Evergreen Fire Rescue is co-hosting a propane safety forum with AmeriGas in July and is spending lots of time with residents on mitigating the risk of wildfires. EFR's safety fair, now coordinated by a community coalition, is scheduled for September 15.

Tracey Taylor: It's been interesting designing a five-year budget and assisting with the projects mentioned by Steve.

Jason Mantas: He's happy being on the line again.

Mandy Reed: Amy Teddy is leaving after the Kids in Motion conference, but Mandy will continue with her fire warden and CPR instruction.

Minutes from May 11, 2007, approved with amendments to correct email addresses.

Treasurer's report approved. We have \$13,213.47 in checking and \$34,439.76 in savings for a total of \$47,653.23.

Report from Related Organizations

Colorado State Fire Chiefs: The Glenwood Springs meeting featured an excellent training on a kids program in Wisconsin through the Ready.Gov project.

Fire Marshals of Colorado: FMAC also had a good training and approved a \$3,000 donation to the Post Project

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado: ESPIOC is offering a training on August 9 on crisis communications.

Committee Reports

Denver Post Project: (ejensen@evergreenfirerescue.com)

With less than half of the money needed to produce a 12-page insert, the committee is considering an 8-page insert. Still waiting for verdicts from potential agency and corporate sponsors. Began brainstorming options for the future and FSEC members were asked to identify money in their budgets for the 2008 Safety and Fire Education Resource (SAFER) which may include multi-media formats.

Conference: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.com)

Scott Pribble still is waiting for a final report from the 2007 committee and has started negotiations with Beaver Run for the 2008 event. He presented a draft "Save the Date" card, of which the membership voted he produce 1,000 for distribution at the Kids in Motion conference. Tracey, Sherrie and Angela volunteered to join Scott, Einar, Elaine Wentas and Kelli Hilborn on the committee. Membership asked to email ideas to Pribble.

Awards: (kmoores@littletongov.org or m.reed@southmetro.org)

No report from Katie Moore or Mandy Reed.

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist Certification: The committee needs to plan when it will next teach the course. Tracey will integrate JFIS information into the FSEC Survival Guide so that members know how to acquire and maintain such certifications.

Fire Life Safety Educator Certification: This exceptional course will be taught August 22, 23 and 24 at Littleton Fire Rescue. Reserve your spot by emailing Mandy. The committee also will investigate bringing instructors to the state for FLSE II and III, and a train-the-trainer course.

Curriculum: Send lesson plans for grades 3-6 to Katie Moore for inclusion on the website. Tracey read a letter of thanks from a Website user for the posted plans.

Recruitment and Membership: No report.

Membership Display: The display could be at the State Fair in Pueblo if members want to staff the booth. Contact Gary Micheli (gmmpf@hotmail.com) for details. Tracey and Einar will be attending on August 25.

Website: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.org) No report.

Election of Officers -- None

Old Business

Golf Tournament: On hold.

Poker Night: Integrate into the conference for fun rather than funds

Candle Sales: Still available

Safe2Tell: Marta worked with this group to update their website.

Instructor Fees: EBoard will create a guide for instructor responsibilities much like the State Patrol's during the 3rd Quarter.

By-Laws: No report/no committee

FSEC Survival Guide

Tracey wants to integrate information into a guide that will help members acquire and maintain certifications, develop programming and stay current in FSEC. Angela Cataldo suggested emailing calendars of planning and implementation so that new members will know better when to begin planning events and how to implement them.

FSEC Meetings:

September 14th -- Glenwood Springs Public Library, 10 a.m. Consider car-pooling and lodging options.

November 9th -- Loveland Fire

Posting Items on Website: Send events of member agencies for inclusion on the FSEC website to scott.pribble@arvadafire.com. The website should promote our events rather than those of others and thus another incentive for membership.

New Business

Scott Pringle reported that the Missouri Valley Conference was weak logistically.

Sherrie announced that she'll be attending the Firefighters' Hot Times Kool Cars charity auto show in Arvada on August 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and would like to have the FSEC display board. Visit www.hottimeskoolcars.org for details.

Upcoming Conferences

See attached

Door Prize

Members in attendance

Josh Arias (North Metro Fire), Angela Cataldo (Thornton Fire), Leo DeVigil (Denver Fire), Steve Gasowski (Parker Fire), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs Fire), Einar Jensen (Evergreen Fire), Patrick Love (Poudre Fire), Jason Mantas

(Poudre Fire), Gary Micheli (Pueblo Fire), Katie Moore (Littleton Fire), Sherrie Olguin (Westminster Fire), Woody Percival (Pueblo Fire), Scott Pribble (Arvada Fire), Scott Pringle (Loveland Fire), Mandy Reed (South Metro Fire), Paul Russell (Castle Rock Fire), Tracey Taylor (Parker Fire), Micki Trost (West Metro Fire) and Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek Fire).

Guests in attendance

None

Quotes of the Month

“I’ll be Dad any minute.” --Scott Pribble

“Do we have to be with your department?” --Gary Micheli

“Call me.” --Patrick Love

“When it comes to what I’m doing, I don’t know.” --Josh Arias

“I’m traumatized from my 9-month review.” --Steve Gasowski

“I don’t really do much *anymore*.” --Jason Mantas

“If you send it, they might come.” --Scott Pribble

Meeting Adjourned at: 1209