



Fire Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2007
Hosted by Glenwood Springs Fire Department
At the Glenwood Springs Public Library



Meeting Called to Order at 1030 by Ms. Taylor.

McEvoy Minute

Mr. Jensen: Evergreen's annual Back-to-School Safety Day is scheduled for September 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the auxiliary is raising money for pet oxygen masks with a pancake breakfast on October 20 and they're implementing a community wildfire protection plan.

Mr. Pringle: Loveland is starting another season of the pizza delivery/smoke alarm program and preparing for Fire Prevention Week/Month (FPW).

Mr. Engelhardt: He's implementing a new program to place smoke alarms in the city's older homes and integrating the help from interns from Aims Community College.

Ms. Woodward: Elk Creek's open house is September 22 and she plans to have a mini-combat challenge for kids.

Ms. Leeka: She's implementing a home safety survey grant.

Ms. Moore: Littleton's characterization program has a Spiderman theme this year.

Mr. Biggers: He's working with community members to implement the Grassroots Fire Safety Council, which is a great program for departments with limited staffing and enthusiastic community members.

Mr. Page: Having provided EMS assistance to Norman Shu recently, Mike's media work for Grand Junction has been growing as fast as its population. He also has a new chief.

Mr. Van Walraven: Public education is one of his favorite pursuits among all the other hats he wears. Aspen purchased a public education trailer that is used throughout the region. He's also starting a smoke alarm program.

Mr. Davis: Another multi-hatter, his staff is preparing for October's events, such as bringing the smoke trailer to his community's 2,500 kids. He's also developing a juvenile Firesetter intervention program for northern Colorado based on The Children's Hospital's successful, but distant model.

Ms. Miller: Not much is happening in Central City.

Mr. Pribble: He cancelled Arvada's open house as to not compete with a firefighter function and, in his free time, is working on the Fire & Life Safety Conference of the Rockies.

Ms. Glantz: As a new educator, she's trying to fulfill requests from the community before initiating new programs.

Ms. Reed: "it's been crazy," she said, but the Fire & Life Safety Educator I course was great and FSEC members Ms. Glantz and Mr. Arias were stellar students.

Ms. Cataldo: She plans to visit kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders in 17 Thornton schools in 2 ½ weeks and find time to develop new programs for middle schoolers and senior citizens.

Ms. Kutchen: Broomfield Days begin on September 15 and she's preparing for the October school visits.

Mr. Arias: He's refreshing the Risk Watch program North Metro provides to 5th graders to be in line with his own teaching style.

Ms. Taylor: The E-Board decided to leave the vice president position vacant since the elections are in November. Taste of Parker was scheduled for September 15, she was attending a juvenile firesetting conference in Portland starting on Sept. 16 and she's preparing for a preparedness fair sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Ms. Trost: West Metro is implementing a grant to train the administrators of Jefferson County School District on the International Fire Code.

Minutes from July 13, 2007, meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report approved. We have \$19,666.47 in checking (boosted by Denver Post Project contributions) and \$34,499.90 in savings for a total of \$54,166.37 in all accounts.

Report from Related Organizations

CSFC: Currently meeting in La Junta and discussing whether Colorado needs a state fire marshal. Other topics of interest are legislation concerning swimming pool safety and fire safer cigarettes.

FMAC: The fire marshals did not meet during the summer.

ESPIOC: The board had no interest in combining conference with us; their next meeting is at Centennial Airport in October.

Committee Reports

Denver Post Project: The deadline for teachers to register is September 28 and a new form will be mailed to members to recruit those classrooms. The project is a 12-pager, but we are currently \$12,000 short of the fundraising goal. Mr. Jensen requested members brainstorm ideas for other publications and means to reach an audience (and evaluate them) and email those ideas to him before the next meeting. He also recognized Mr. Gasowski and Ms. Forbes for their efforts.

Conference: Mr. Pribble reviewed the minutes from the committee meeting of Sept. 7. With a new name for the conference, a new logo is needed and he's accepting suggestions. Two subcommittees were formed: Mr. Jensen leads the sponsorship one and Ms. Taylor leads the speakers one. Dennis Debbaudt, a nationally recognized expert on autism, is a possible keynote speaker; other speakers will be asked to submit a proposal. Last year's conference netted a \$9,000 nest egg for the 2008 version, which enabled Mr. Pribble to set a discount rate for registration fees (\$225 prior to 3/23/08 and \$250 afterwards) and a buy two get one free deal for agencies. The cost of accommodations increased only \$2 per room. Led by Ms. Taylor, the membership expressed its gratitude to Mr. Pribble for his efforts.

Awards: No report, but Ms. Moore and Ms. Reed will consider Mr. Pribble's suggestion to have an awards banquet separate from the conference that, as Ms. Taylor added, will be open to members' families.

JFIS I Certification: Although no formal committee exists, a lively discussion ensued. Mr. Davis asked that FSEC teach a JFS course in Windsor for a northern Colorado JFS program. Ms. Taylor is still waiting for the Division of Fire Safety to respond to her inquiry about instructor qualifications, but a tentative course was set for Nov. 14-15. Potential instructors agreed that they wanted the Division's approval and would strive to prepare students to pass the exam and become confident, skilled interventionists.

FLSE I Certification: Ms. Reed and Ms. Moore reviewed the successful course taught at Littleton last month and asked membership to survey colleagues on the need for another FLSE I course. Again the Division of Fire Safety needs to respond to requests for FLSE II, III and train-the-trainer courses to nurture FSEC's instructor corps and extend the opportunities to future students.

Curriculum: Ms. Moore requests that members send her lesson plans for students in grades 3-6, even if those plans are for scout groups and on injury prevention or other topics.

Website: No report

Election of Officers -- Ms. Moore and Mr. Pribble were nominated for the office of vice president,

with the election to occur in November. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to the voting.

Old Business

Instructor Fees: E-Board will set rates after certification committees determine the needs of their programs.

This Year's Meetings:

November 9th -- Loveland Fire: At this meeting, we'll set the schedule for 2008 and encourage agencies to host meetings that haven't hosted in recent years.

New Business

Name Change: Mr. Jensen will investigate how to change FSEC's name if the membership thinks it should be more inclusive of non-fire agencies.

New Logo: Ms. Glantz was asked to refine her draft and bring it to the next meeting. All members are encouraged to submit their proposals for a new logo at the November meeting, too.

FSEC Apparel: Ms. Taylor and Mr. Pringle have suggestions for embroidery companies that could create new FSEC apparel for members. Both will request bids from the companies to be reviewed at the November meeting.

FSEC Schwag: The membership agreed with Ms. Moore that FSEC should have its own goodies to distribute at events such as the state fair and teachers' conference. Bring ideas to the November meeting.

Business cards: The membership will address this topic at the November meeting, including the addition of a safety message (Ms. Reed) or mission statement (Mr. Arias) on the card's reverse side.

Colorado Home Escape Day: Mr. Jensen asked to table this idea to a future meeting, but asked members to consider statewide events sponsored by FSEC and implemented by member agencies such as a home escape day.

Members in attendance

Josh Arias (North Metro), Angela Cataldo (Thornton), Dan Engelhardt (Loveland), Rachel Glantz (Mountain View), Einar Jensen (Evergreen), Pam Kutchen (North Metro), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster), Caitlyn Miller (Central City), Katie Moore (Littleton), Mike Page (Grand Junction), Scott Pribble (Arvada), Scott Pringle (Loveland), Mandy Reed (South Metro), Tracey Taylor (Parker), Micki Trost (West Metro), Ed Van Walraven (Aspen) and Beth Woodward (Elk Creek).

Guests in attendance

Ron Biggers (Glenwood Springs) and Mike Davis (Windsor-Severance).

Quotes of the Month

"The buck stops somewhere else." --Mr. Van Walraven

"I'm also looking forward to the day I turn 18." --Mr. Pribble

"I'm so glad to have Josh." --Ms. Kutchen

"All I hear are crickets." --Mr. Jensen

Meeting Adjourned at 1302

Respectfully submitted by Einar Jensen, FSEC Secretary