



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2008
Hosted by Greater Brighton Fire Protection District



Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 a.m.

McEvoy Minute ~

Mr. Pribble ~ He distributed photos and descriptions of several pieces of furniture that he and his wife are trying to sell due to house down-sizing. Oh yeah, and Arvada Fire's Safety Day is Saturday, September 20th from 10 – 2. (As of this printing, all of the furniture has been sold)

Mr. Boyle ~ He is excited that Copper Mountain has been successful in getting its citizens involved in fire prevention.

Ms. Leeka ~ She has decided to scrap the “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?” game show concept and is now running with the “Deal or No Deal” game show idea. If you are interested in being a model for Ms. Leeka's show, please contact her directly.

Ms. Harrington ~ Cunningham Fire also is conducting an open house and pancake breakfast on Oct. 4.

Mr. Love ~ He is preparing for Poudre Fire Authority's 3K/5K Flame Out Family Walk and Run. This event helps to fund their programs throughout the year.

Mr. Ipatenco ~ He and Golden Fire are gearing up for Fire Prevention week.

Ms. Kutchen ~ North Metro is preparing for their 3rd grade Fire Safety Bingo, the Great American Fire Drill, and their new Be Ready program. Thanks to the generosity of Arvada Fire, North Metro will be putting on a display at Flatiron Crossing Mall on September 27th.

Ms. Moore ~ She is preparing for a Kindergarten playground safety program, Open Houses on October 4th and the Great American Fire Drill on October 8th.

Ms. Goodwin ~ She and her counterparts in the Springs are gearing up for Fire Prevention Week to hit all segments: business, schools and seniors.

Ms. Woodward ~ She is preparing for their Open House on September 20th as well as going to all of the elementary schools in October.

Mr. Micheli ~ He introduced his guest who is a firefighter from Poland that is spending 4 weeks with Pueblo Fire on an exchange program. Mr. Micheli is still trying to recover from the State Fair.

Ms. Thai ~ With only 1 ½ months on the job, there is still a learning curve involved. She will be sending crews to every Kindergarten and 1st grade during Fire Prevention Week.

Ms. McConnell ~ Being from Boulder County, Ms. McConnell announced that “we're unique”. She is working with a group called Beetle Busters on the different beetle infestations in her area.

Ms. Feuerborn ~ Being from a non-fire agency, she is working on national Walk to School Day on October 8th.

Mr. Prather ~ The Metropolis of Milliken is in the process of recruiting people to help him out with his puppet shows.

Mr. Englehardt ~ Loveland Fire is searching for a new Fire Chief and is also going through the process of changing their ISO classification.

Mr. Pringle ~ Mr. Murphy now appears to be in charge of his schedule. Not only is he dealing with the items that are listed for Mr. Englehardt, he is finishing his role in the FLSEC coloring book project, working on the NCFMA conference in November, has taken many calls for upcoming fire prevention events, has had an apartment fire to investigate, and he heard something about Fire Prevention Week next month.

Ms. Blunt ~ She has 12 elementary schools in her district and will get to each 1st – 3rd grade classes individually in October. Her agency will also host Open Houses at each fire house on October 27th from 10 – 2.

Ms. Taylor ~ Now that her agency finally has an official name (South Metro Fire Rescue Authority) and a full staff of educators, she is ready for her “kick butt” team to get moving.

Ms. Thorson ~ She has been DNC'd to death. This summer, she completed mandatory Fire Inspector 1 & 2 certifications and is now completing a train the trainer program for her 400 high rises. The Denver Firefighter's Museum is hosting an auction on September 20th. For more information, go to their website, <http://www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org>.

Minutes from July 11, 2008 ~ Approved

Treasurer's Report as of September 12, 2008

We have \$4,424.45 in checking and \$27,121.15 in savings for a combined total of \$31,545.60 in all accounts. Report approved as provided.

Report from Related Organizations

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ Since our last meeting, FLSEC has participated in the Hot Times, Cool Cars event, staffed the CSFC booth at Fire Rescue International and will participate in the Colorado Fallen Firefighter's event at the Rockies game later today.

Fire Marshals of Colorado ~ No report. Their next meeting is September 19th.

Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ Mr. Pringle said continues to prepare for its conference November 3-7 at the Sylvan Dale Ranch near Loveland. Their next meeting is September 16th.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ Mr. Pribble reported that yesterday's meeting was a tour of The Denver Post printing building. It was an interesting tour. Their next meeting will be October 9th in Arvada.

Executive Board (EBoard) ~ There has not been an E-Board meeting since FLSEC's July meeting so there was nothing to report.

Team Reports

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

Mr. Pringle passed around a copy of the new book and reported that the books have been delivered to a storage unit in Brighton and each of the E-Board members has a key for access. There was some discussion as to how to pay the artist for the work that was done on the book. The confusion is where the money is to come from, the grant or FLSEC. It was decided that if the grant will not pay the artist, FLSEC will pay them no more than \$1,000 or will make up the difference up to that amount. There is still some work to do on the Spanish version and deciding how much to charge for extra copies or non-member agency copies. More information will follow when it becomes available.

Conference: (scott.pribble@arvadafire.com)

Mr. Pribble reported that, due to another raise in rates from the host resort and the fact that the 2008 conference barely broke even, the 2009 conference will be moved to the Winter Park Mountain Lodge. The room rates are much cheaper and the full food menu is over \$1 per person cheaper than the stripped down menu at the last resort. The RFP for speakers will go out next month.

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

The Awards Team agreed that they should meet and that they should have some information by the November meeting.

Certifications:

There was a Fire & Life Safety Educator I class held on August 18th – 20th in Westminster. Twenty-one students attended from all across the state and now Ms. Driskell and Mr. Pribble are certified to be lead instructors. We will look into offering the class at least two times a year in the future.

Election of Officers

The positions of President and Secretary are up in November. These are two year terms. There was discussion about how many people from one agency should be allowed to serve on the board at one time. This issue is not currently addressed in the bylaws. The concern was that one agency could dominate the E-Board and control the agency. There was a lengthy discussion about this issue, about whether or not a B Member should be able to vote at meetings, and whether a 5th position

should be added to the board to eliminate the possibility of a tie among the E-Board. The following was submitted as a change to the bylaws: “The Executive Board may consist of up to two members from the same organization. However, no more than one organization may have multiple members on the Executive Board at one time.” In order for this change to take affect by the November meeting, an email vote will occur at a later date.

Old Business

Grant with Denver Firefighter’s Museum ~ Ms. Rayne was not in attendance so no official update was given.

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

Letterhead ~ Ms. Blunt has designed templates for letterhead that can be used by the membership. This will be a Word document that you can then print out on your printer at your office.

Our Remaining 2008 Meetings are:

November 14 @ ?? ~ Due to no water supply at their new training facility, North Metro will not be able to host the November meeting as planned. Denver Fire has agreed to host the meeting. The station location will be announced later but it should be near Stapleton.

New Business

The authors of the book “Breckler Bunny Learns to be Careful” are interested in working with our organization in several ways. Western States Fire Protection Company gave FLSEC \$1,000 to buy copies of the book that were then handed out to kids going to the Rockies game on September 12th. The authors are also interested in helping with the conference.

Door Prize

Won by Ms. Thorson

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 for a BullEx Fire Extinguisher Trainer demonstration by Mr. Pribble.

Members in attendance:

Stephen Boyle (Copper Mountain), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs), Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton Fire), Debra Thorson (Denver Fire), Pam Kutchen (North Metro Fire Rescue), Deanna Harrington (Cunningham Fire), Robert Ipatenco (Golden), Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek), Stephanie Thai (Longmont), Laura McConnell (Boulder Rural and Boulder Mountain), Dean Prather (Milliken), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster Fire), Patrick Love (Poudre Fire), Gary Micheli (Pueblo Fire), Katie Moore (Littleton Fire Rescue), Scott Pribble (Arvada Fire), Scott Pringle (Loveland Fire Rescue), Dan Englehardt (Loveland Fire Rescue), Tracey Taylor (South Metro Fire Rescue Authority)

Guests in attendance:

Leslie Feuerborn, Safe Kids – Denver Metro, Dariusz Ruchala (Poland)

Quotes of the Month:

“I would love to educate you.” ~ Ms. Goodwin

“We just watched.” ~ Ms. Kutchen

“I’ve been going through Einar’s drawers.” ~ Ms. Taylor

“I can’t even count.” ~ Ms. Moore