



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2009
Hosted by Thornton Fire Rescue



Meeting Called to Order: 0903

Special Guests ~ Chief John Staley of Thornton Fire said that having FLSEC at his building was something like warm hands on a cold morning on a dairy farm. He has a history with life safety education and explained that he has saved many more lives while in the fire prevention bureau than he ever did in operations. That life safety began in 1982 when he worked for the Billings Fire Department. He contributed to Learn Not to Burn and Risk Watch. He said local programs are the best because as one community benefits from a fire department's efforts, the neighboring communities will begin asking for and demanding the same programs; that's the way a small program has a large influence. He added that we should remember that sharing involves taking from others and giving back.

McEvoy Minute ~

Dr. Jackson ~ He passed around brochures for the upcoming Western Juvenile Firesetting Conference that The Children's Hospital is hosting Oct. 8 and 9. He said the speakers will be coming from across the country and included a few FLSEC members (Ms. Taylor and Mr. Riegenbach). He also encouraged people to look into a Pediatric Trauma Conference scheduled for Dec. 10 and 11. Visit www.thechildrenshospital.org for information on either.

Mr. Simon ~ He began his time in Copper Mountain's fire prevention bureau in April. He's been working with HOAs and building managers in "protected" communities. His agency is building a new station that may be ready for an FLSEC meeting in 2010.

Mr. McGinn ~ He's the new fire marshal in Fort Lupton and he's seeking ideas for Fire Prevention Week (FPW).

Ms. Woolley ~ Fairmount's open houses are Oct. 4. Instead of making the events into gala logistical challenges, they're sticking with their neighborhood roots at Stations 1 and 2. She has scheduled school visits for October.

Ms. Schroeder ~ "You've been awesome," she said of FLSEC and the generosity of its members to help her develop programs for Aurora. She's been working with Ms. Harrington and is planning activities for FPW including open houses at stations. She's also busy planning her juvenile firesetter intervention program.

Ms. Harrington is partnering with libraries for FPW activities and programs in addition to hosting an open house. She thanks FLSEC for its help with the Arapahoe County Fair in July.

Ms. Trost ~ The horrible 2009 Summer is nearing its end in West Metro's district, hopefully ending the string of juvenile-set fires — at least one of which was fatal. That activity has generated more school requests than usual. West Metro is one of 12 "hot spots" in the Home Safety Council's program with Lowe's stores.

Ms. Driskell ~ She told us where the restrooms were located and said she has had so many juvenile firesetter cases this summer that she's conducting group classes. Thornton recently passed a fireworks ordinance that included immediate stiff penalties.

Ms. Goodwin ~ With her agency's limited resources, they are accommodating requests from kindergartens for fire prevention month programs, but no other grade level. She and Ms. Zook are conducting their fire inspections solo now. She also admitted to reprimanding her dentist — after treatment — for having an expired fire extinguisher in the office.

Mr. Stovall ~ he credited Ms. Norconk with the idea of recruiting an intern from a local college to assist Englewood with its fire prevention programming. He said it's been a refreshing experi-

ence working with Ms. Hirsch.

Ms. Hirsch ~ She's graduating from Metro State in December with a degree in Organizational Communications (aka the warm and fuzzy side of management). She said she's in awe of all the programs fire department's offer their communities. With her help, all of Englewood's elementary schools have requested FPW presentations; none of them asked for EFD in 2008! She is doing a poster contest and a reading program in the libraries.

Ms. Norconk ~ She admitted to enjoying the emails from Mr. Jensen. She again thanked us for the conference where she learned about fall prevention, bicycle safety and other programs that she has now implemented in Englewood. She said their firefighters are on board with the programming.

Ms. Moore ~ "The craziness has begun," she said, listing all the programs Littleton offers in the fall including Stranger Danger, playground safety and the puppet show.

Ms. Leeka ~ She's using Ms. Kutchen's Bingo game for her district's 3rd graders. She's partnering with St. Anthony's North to deliver the Fall Prevention program we learned about at the July meeting in Colorado Springs.

Ms. Potton ~ South Metro is staffing a pair of Lowe's stores for their Safety Saturdays. She and her colleagues at SMFR also have developed a new lesson plan for 3rd graders on home escape plans that meets the state curriculum guidelines that emphasize sequencing skills.

Ms. Thai ~ She also works for Boulder Rural. She thanked FLSEC for its input on Longmont's muster, which was so successful the community expects to have another in 2010. She is providing programs for 1st-5th grades in Longmont.

Mr. Prather ~ The live burn/sprinkler demonstration in August was videotaped by a crew from the local community college. They hope to have copies available for distribution by year's end. His residential Knox Box program, which was reluctantly funded by local insurance agents, has developed its own momentum and is now a great success. He also noted that a handful of high school students are assisting him with Milliken's puppet show and improving it beyond his dreams.

Ms. Rolier ~ She introduced herself as an employee of Quinlan Gas Fireplaces and a safety partner for FLSEC.

Mr. Quinlan ~ He's been in the fireplace business for 17 years and until now thought he was alone in the call for home safety. Now he knows that FLSEC shares his interests.

Mr. Riggensbach ~ He's the juvenile firesetter intervention specialist for Denver Fire Department. He's developing a program for middle school students. He also volunteers with Strasburg and is attempting to bring them into the fire and injury prevention sphere. Ms. Taylor suggested that he find another Strasburg member to join FLSEC.

Mr. Denison ~ He is the director of the Northern Colorado Fire Safety Training Association. He opted to save his McEvoy Minute time for his presentation later in the agenda.

Ms. Blunt ~ Greater Brighton has planned to do an open house at each of its five stations on Sept. 26, which has created some headaches. She's doing 200 presentations for her district's 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders and she's found that the skit format overcomes the Spanish language barriers that might otherwise interfere with learning.

Mr. Pringle ~ Loveland is opening a new museum dedicated to the history of the fire service and he is delivering a 90-minute presentation on the subject at a grand opening on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. He invited FLSEC members to attend.

Mr. Jensen ~ As a historian, he found the recommendations from President Truman's 1947 National Conference on Fire Prevention interesting because they included fire prevention programs for all levels of schools — kindergarten through college — throughout the year. He mentioned it because so many FLSDEC members were complaining about the stress of cramming so many school programs into a single week or single month. Maybe our solution is to offer the programs throughout the year and encourage schools (and others) to request programs beyond the confines of October.

Ms. Taylor ~ She thanked Ms. Potton for the review of South Metro's new program and mentioned both the firesetter conference and NCFMA conference as upcoming educational opportunities.

Mr. Pribble ~ His annual safety day was less than 24 hours away, but he was hiding the stress well. He planned to conduct a residential sprinkler demonstration and film it for the local cable access channel.

Minutes from July 10, 2009 ~ Approved as Presented.

Communications ~ None.

Treasurer's Report of September 18, 2009 ~

The exact numbers will be added in the future, but we did experience a drop in funds resulting from expenses associated with the Salute to Seniors Event and other miscellaneous bills. Report approved as presented. Report was approved as presented.

Report from Related Organizations ~

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ Mr. Jensen attended the meeting in Ignacio on behalf of FLSEC and submitted a review of the meeting with the agenda. He did not complain that the drive home included a three-hour detour around Wolf Creek Pass. He reminded attendees that the CSFCA is a great supporter of FLSEC.

Fire Marshals Association of Colorado ~ No report.

FMAC's ad hoc residential sprinkler committee ~ Mr. Pribble is chairing the Educational prong of this committee. He said the local home builders association is supporting the residential sprinklers campaign; it's the national association that isn't. The next meeting of the entire committee was Sept. 22 in Jefferson County.

Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ The upcoming conference has great programs for many aspects of fire prevention. Visit www.ncfma.info for details.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ The September meeting was at The CELL, a museum in Denver dedicated to the history of terrorism. The Oct. 8 meeting is a media mixer.

Safe Kids Denver Metro ~ South Metro hosted the recent Safe Kids meeting. Among the topics discussed were Walk to School Day, a traumatic brain injury kit that could travel, Kidde's donation of carbon monoxide detectors and the national distracted drivers report. Mr. Pringle reviewed the recent Larimer County Safe Kids meeting, too. He attended the safety fair as Safety Sam and Larimer County also will mark Walk to School Day with programs.

Executive Board (EBoard) ~ Ms. Taylor said the FLSEC Handbook ready for review and she would be emailing it to the members to request their feedback.

NFPA ~ Ms. Taylor and Monica Colby will be teaching at the Western Juvenile Firesetting Conference at The Children's Hospital in October. Introduce yourself to Ms. Colby.

Team Reports

Publications/Curriculum:

Our 2008 Grant Application was denied and the 2009 FP&S Grant Period opens Sept. 21 (Closes Oct. 23). Members said we should reapply after making the adjustments recommended in the denial letter and based on Ms. Trost's input. Ms. Taylor asked the group to consider how FLSEC would sustain the Great Colorado Fire Drill in the future if grants aren't available. Mr. Stovall suggested a corporate partner might be interested. Ms. Trost suggested making resources available after the first year "at cost," which is what West Metro has done with much success, or attaching a fee to the program. Ms. Leeka said selling a life safety educator calendar might be an "attractive" option. Ms. Goodwin asked whether sustainability could also relate to "green" options to make the application better.

Conference:

In addition to what was said at the meeting, the following information could be gleaned from the minutes from the last team meeting: Colleen Coffey of the National Mental Health Aware-

ness Campaign and FDNY Chief Daniel Nigro (ret.) are the keynote speakers; we will have casino night again; there may be an optional bus tour into Rocky Mountain National Park Wednesday evening; the call for speakers is open until Oct. 16 and we've received only 6 submissions thus far; Centura Health is a Twin Owls Sponsor (\$1,000) and the Silent Auction Group (Ms. Leeka) asked for additional help from members to contribute one item representing their agency or community.

Awards:

The nomination forms for the 2009 Life Safety Educator and 2009 Program of the Year should be released in December. Start considering your nominations now.

Certifications:

The Fire & Life Safety Educator Level II course will be presented at the Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association Conference the first week of November. Visit www.ncfma.info for registration information.

Media/Public Relations:

Ms. Schroeder invited FLSEC to participate in the Aurora Senior Safety Fair from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 30. Ms. Harrington and Ms. Woolley agreed to staff the booth with leftovers from the Salute to Seniors Event on FLSEC's behalf.

Ms. Trost and Mr. Pribble directed Ms. Moore to investigate our options at the Stock Show.

Ms. Taylor asked whether we wanted to pay \$550 for a booth at the EMS Conference in Keystone in November. The membership said no.

FLSEC will be staffing a booth — and helping with registration — at the Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association's Leadership Challenge in December. Visit www.colofirechiefs.org for information. Ms. Trost is one of the instructors at that conference.

Old Business

- Ms. Leeka thanks FLSEC for participating in Hot Times Cool cars.
- Upcoming conferences: From Spark to Finish (The Children's Hospital)
- Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association
- 2010 Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies
- Ms. Harrington, urged by Mr. Jensen, said the Arapahoe County Fair was a good learning experience (both for learning about the audience and learning how to unite 8 diverse partners), but if the fair eliminates the free booth space for non-profits in 2010, that same group probably wouldn't participate again.
- Ms. Taylor requested each member agency email her 3 photos of their life safety programs in action. Email those photos to tracey.taylor@southmetro.org.

- Our Remaining 2009 Meetings are:
 - November 13 ~ Poudre Fire Authority
 - *** Remember that we'll be picking sites for the 2010 meetings at our November meeting. If you'd like to "bid" for a meeting, either attend or email Secretary Einar Jensen with your request. Our goal is to have different agencies host the meetings from year to year.

New Business

The Public Relations/Media Team will investigate whether a **raffle license** is feasible for FLSEC. The idea originated in a conference team meeting.

Ms. Moore asked whether FLSEC would be interested in hosting a **multi-agency fire safety training class** for deaf and hard of hearing people. Ms. Schroeder has had similar requests in her district and Ms. Goodwin mentioned that her city hosts the state's School for the Deaf and Blind. That trio will pursue the opportunity and report back to the membership in November.

At the request of the State Training Officers, FLSEC was asked to review a **Code of Ethics**

that would apply to all the organizations that operate under the umbrella of the state fire chiefs. Mr. Jensen will email it to the membership for feedback.

Cathy Prudhomme of the **Community Preparedness Advisory Council** has invited an FLSEC representative to attend meetings so that life safety educators could add to the emergency preparedness conversations. Ms. Trost voiced interest in serving in such a role.

Mr. Jensen distributed **battery request forms** agencies could use to request resources for smoke alarm campaigns from the Energizer Company.

Door Prize ~ Won by Mr. McGinn

Training ~ John Denison, a former member and president of our organization, is now the director of the Northern Colorado Fire Safety Training Association (NCFSTA). He enlightened attendees about his organization and his own background with fire and life safety education. The NCFSTA helps smaller agencies in northern Colorado develop their own life safety education programs and delivers puppet shows to their schools. Each puppet show costs approximately \$800; a FEMA grant underwrites \$600 while the host agency covers the remaining \$200.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00

Members in attendance

Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton FPD), Angela Driskell (Thornton FR), Brianna Goodwin (Colorado Springs FD), Deanna Harrington (Cunningham FPD), Einar Jensen (South Metro FR), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster FR), Greg McGinn (Fort Lupton FR), Katie Moore (Littleton FR), Madeline Norconk (Englewood FD), Colleen Potton (South Metro FR), Dean Prather (Milliken FPD), Scott Pribble (Arvada FPD), Scott Pringle (Loveland FR), Tom Quinlan (Quinlan Gas Fireplaces), Jonathan Riggerbach (Denver FD), Nancy Rolier (Quinlan Gas Fireplaces), Diane Schroeder (Aurora FD), Sean Simon (Copper Mountain FD), Kraig Stovall (Englewood FD), Tracey Taylor (South Metro FR), Stephanie Thai (Longmont FD), Micki Trost (West Metro FR) and Jenny Woolley (Fairmount FPD).

Guests in Attendance

John Denison (Northern Colorado Fire Safety Training Association), Bonnie Hirsch (Englewood FD), Brad Jackson (The Children's Hospital) and Chief John Staley (Thornton FD).

Quotes of the Month

"Life Safety Education is more important than anything else we do." ~Chief Staley

"Prevention ties it altogether." ~Mr. Simon

"Twenty pizza parties is enough for me!" ~Ms. Leeka

"Until you brought it up, I had forgotten about Fire Prevention Week!" ~Mr. Pringle

"Maybe we'll stand out because we're so fabulous." ~Ms. Goodwin

"I was quite wet when I got done but it wasn't from the rain." ~Mr. Pringle

"Pam and Angela and I are out walking the streets!" ~Ms. Leeka

"The downside of winning the award is serving on the committee." ~Mr. Pringle

"I wonder if you have comic of the year; you guys are a blast." ~Mr. Quinlan

"I'll charge her double in Estes Park, beeeaaatch." ~Mr. Jensen

"Einar needs a nap." ~Ms. Schroeder

"It's Aurora!" ~Ms. Woolley

"You guys haven't changed." ~Mr. Denison

"We have a little over 300 clowns." ~Ms. Taylor

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary

FLSEC Images from August & September

