



Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado
Meeting Minutes– Nov. 12, 2010
Hosted by West Metro Fire Rescue



Meeting Called to Order: 9:02 a.m. by Vice President Micki Trost

McEvoy Minute

Mr. Jensen ~ He announced that he had published a book on the history of the Idaho Springs Fire Department. It's available for purchase at www.lulu.com by searching his name.

Mr. Stovall ~ Although the day was a furlough day for city employees, he was on duty to help conduct an evacuation drill at Craig Hospital that afternoon. He said he and other EFD personnel also would provide fire safety information to the patients and their families regarding safety for individuals with functional needs. Englewood's Fire Prevention Week (FPW), which included school visits, puppet shows and a poster contest, was successful, thanks in part to its intern: Danielle Strimbu.

Mr. Percival ~ Pueblo Fire's open house was great. It united multiple city agencies at PFD's new station. He also mentioned the opening of a new veteran's memorial bridge.

Mr. Micheli ~ FLSEC member Tony "Big Country" Rodkey was in Pueblo recently as part of a hazardous materials training opportunity and timed his visit to coincide with the chili festival, which he learned about at the 2010 Conference. Apparently Big Country handled back-to-back "sloppers" — open faced burgers with mounds of chili as featured on the TV show "Food Wars" and seemed to know everyone in town. We all say Hi! back.

Ms. Leeka ~ Her annual FPW game, Are you Smarter than a Firefighters, was a grand success and now she's working her way through the string of pizza parties.

Ms. Kutchen ~ North Metro's event at Flatirons Mall was successful. She thanks Arvada's Scott Pribble for the use of his inflatable house. After visiting each of the district's schools in October, she is now conducting 911, candle safety, juvenile firesetter prevention and burn prevention classes for school children.

Mr. Sare ~ He started in the position a couple weeks before October. He said a recent spike in juvenile firesetting led Aurora Fire to create a task force to lead an inquiry into the trend.

Ms. Blunt ~ She said Greater Brighton's FPW involved skits for each of the district's 1st- and 2nd-grade classrooms. The teachers again loved the presentations. Now she's waiting to see what the 2011 budget brings her.

Ms. Trost ~ Twelve people graduated from the West Metro Citizens Academy and her agency conducted a side-by-side sprinkler demonstration at an open house in October thanks to a grant. She's now developing youth camps — one for girls and one for boys — for next year even with a budget that has dropped 50 percent.

Ms. Cobler ~ She joined the Colorado State Patrol's Public Affairs Division in April and attended the meeting to see what FLSEC could add to her efforts. She said, "October is when we slow down... I liked it!" She's brainstorming ideas for new outreach options.

Ms. Potton ~ She amazed the membership with tales of South Metro's 17 simultaneous open houses the afternoon of Halloween. "It was crazy!" She thinks better marketing will make the 2011 event, which already is on the books thanks to strong internal support, even better.

Ms. Saito ~ West Metro's Halloween event at the nearby Whole Food parking lot was less fun than in year's past because of construction issues, but it was a good opportunity to discuss pedestrian safety. West Metro followed those messages by not participating in a Bel Mar Trick-or-Treat event that didn't address pedestrian safety concerns. She and Micki also are updating the training for the agency's speaker's bureau and she's creating new activity sheets for preschool-

through 6th-grade audiences based on seasonal safety topics.

Ms. Moore ~ Her October included 25 puppet shows for 2,100 kids in addition to other school visits.

Ms. Woodward ~ Her district has two elementary schools. She conducted FPW presentations for the Kindergarten– through 2nd-grade classes in one and the K-4 kids in the other. Recent fatal crashes in Elk Creek’s district have led her to partner with other resources to develop a new safe driving campaign.

Mr. Love ~ Poudre Fire Authority again hosted a 5K race thanks to help from the local Whole Foods — “They are rock stars!” he proclaimed. That store held a healthy eating event in October and raised money for PFA. He’s also working with the local CBS affiliate to create public safety announcements. He also has a backlog of juvenile firesetter cases on his agenda.

Mr. Boyle ~ Copper Mountain Fire is getting busier as Copper Mountain resort prepares to open for the 2010-2011 season. His district has no schools; instead they work with the resort on fire and injury prevention programming including a recent program that taught building managers how CMFD will use its ladder trucks to help residents/visitors escape condos if trapped by fire. He also mentioned the annual Skier Safety Week that occurs in March as an upcoming event.

Ms. Hannah-Ruh ~ She’s new to Mountain View’s prevention bureau and looks forward to contributing to her community in that avenue. She helped deliver FPW programs to 1,300 kindergarteners and 1st graders and the annual holiday toy drive starts soon. Mountain View also conducts a Santa Run so that Santa can ride district apparatus to contact kids prior to Christmas to remind them about good behavior and safe behavior.

Mr. Simon ~ he thanked the membership for the responses regarding his birthday party request and said he plans to develop station-hosted birthday parties as a way to contact the kids who live in Copper Mountain district. He’s also working to educate property managers on the importance of keeping fire lanes clear of flower pots and other items.

Mr. Nichols ~ Aspens FPW/Month was interesting, he said, but he refused to supply details. Because of Aspen’s layout, his agency isn’t able to host trick-or-treaters at its stations so they go out to the sparse neighborhoods, block roadways that otherwise might have speeding cars on them and spend the evening showing their equipment and apparatus to families.

Ms. Legersky ~ She said Aspen has a fire safety trailer made by the Scotty company that they use to deliver some programming. The trailer also is loaned to other agencies. She said Aspen has had fires in pots occasionally and was interested in Arvada’s program.

Mr. Pringle ~ October is fading in his rearview mirror, which has provided time to develop a proposed car seat program for his district.

Ms. Zook ~ FPW was hectic in Colorado Springs. The fire department’s newspaper-based home escape map challenge netted only eight entries, which did make the judging easy, she admitted. She bragged about the local Red Robin restaurants that offered prizes for the challenge and that continue to work with CSFD’s life safety educators with other programs. She also mentioned that she and Brianna had developed a new “homespun” juvenile firesetter prevention program called Fire Factor. Deigned for middle school students, Fire Factor uses media that the target audience uses. She thanked the membership for its input that is helping her develop a new injury prevention program. She also is starting a fire and life safety consortium among the city’s schools so they can trade prevention tips with each other and she said CSFD should be hiring a public information officer soon and may be adding a life safety educator position in 2011.

Minutes from Sept. 17, 2010 ~ Passed, but Ms. Leeka voiced her opposition to the photos that appeared.

Communications ~ Mr. Jensen said a majority of Colorado’s voters wished us well by voting no on 60, 61 and 101!

Treasurer’s Report ~ Although Ms. Goodwin was in Seattle, she had sent the report to Mr. Jensen.

He shared that the checking account had \$4,995.50, the saving account had \$10,493.05 and the conference account had \$3,720 for a total of all funds of \$19,210.55. Aspen Fire submitted its dues that morning, too. Ms. Zook pledged to bring them to her colleague.

Report from Related Organizations ~

Colorado State Fire Chiefs ~ No report.

Fire Marshals Association of Colorado ~ The most recent training was on anti-freeze issues within residential sprinkler systems, according to Ms. Woodward.

FMAC's ad hoc residential sprinkler committee ~ Mr. Jensen said the education group submitted articles championing the home builder's role in providing residential sprinklers to both the Special Districts Association and Colorado Municipal League. Members also were tasked with surveying insurance agents to learn about that agency's perspective on sprinklers.

Northern Colorado Fire Marshal's Association ~ The annual conference has been moved to February, according to Mr. Pringle. Updates will follow or members can visit ncfma.net.

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado ~ Mr. Love said the recent training covered the role of public information officers at incidents managed under the unified command model.

Regional Safe Kids ~ Ms. Potton said she is the new president-elect for Safe Kids Denver Metro. Mae Hsu took over the new state coordinator's role and a new coordinator for the Denver chapter should start soon. As a chapter, SKDM planned to scale back in 2011 to prevent from spreading its resources too thinly. She also reviewed the YouTube video contest currently underway for middle-schoolers regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety. Mr. Pringle said he had been nominated as president of the Larimer County chapter of Safe Kids.

NFPA ~ No report

Committee Reports

Executive Board: No report

Publications/Curriculum: No report

Conference:

"Today is a great day to budget for the 2011 Conference"

Mr. Jensen reviewed the account status, which had not changed from September, but he mentioned that a new sponsor for 2011 is the E470 Foundation. It will donate \$2,000 to conference to provide scholarships for attendees from agencies that it contracts with to provide emergency services to the roadway and its customers, such as Aurora, Thornton, Sable Altura and Cunningham. Mr. Jensen said he'd share the details of that offer later this year so those agencies could start planning for the conference. He also shared a list of the speakers chosen for the 2011 conference and described the showcases that will occur on the Friday morning. One of the showcases will be Colorado Springs' Fire Factor.

Awards: No report other than Mr. Micheli's note that he contacted a facility near Sedalia about the rate. Ms. Leeka said Westminster has a facility that is open and her friend at the catering company wants to work with us again.

Media/Public Relations: No report

Certifications:

Mr. Jensen announced that he will be teaching FLSE I on the Western Slope in December. Ms. Moore suggested the committee meet to verify that we follow a consistent procedure to assign instructors to requested classes so such choices are made fairly and as well as to protect the program.

Mr. Jensen and Ms. Trost also requested that members provide Ms. Taylor with feedback on the proposed recertification standards. Ms. Trost asked Mr. Jensen to attach the draft proposals to this meeting's minutes.

Theresa Staples of the Division of Fire Safety was not able to attend the meeting and update us on the status of the IFSTA Accreditation Status of the state's Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist program.

Old Business

- * Fire safety and prevention course for Colorado's hearing impaired residents: tabled until 2011. Ms. Moore welcomes assistance in planning and implementing this program, especially since Diane Schroeder has returned to Aurora Fire's operations division.
- * Friend of Life Safety Recognition: tabled until Jeff Dorrell returns to a meeting.
- * Vision 20/20: Mr. Pringle thanked the single member who provided him feedback on the Vision 20/20 materials.
- * Project Learning Tree ~ Members from both sides of the Continental Divide voiced interest in attending a train-the-trainer course after the new year begins.
- * Status of Goals
 - Grow membership to 50 agencies (DONE)
 - Develop and implement statewide Home Escape Plan Programming (PENDING)
 - Become an Educational Resource and Advocate for Residential Sprinklers (PENDING)
 - Conduct a Successful Conference that breaks even fiscally (DONE *and* MISSED)
 - Conduct a fire safety/prevention course for Colorado's hearing impaired community (IN PROGRESS)

Elections

Congratulations to the new members of FLSEC's Executive Board! Their duties will begin in 2011. Our new officers are President Sherrie Leeka of Westminster Fire, Secretary Woody Percival of Pueblo Fire and At-Large Director Brian Nichols of Aspen Fire.

New Business

Mr. Jensen shared a suggestion from Ms. Goodwin about opening the election process to members who can't attend the November meeting to strengthen the inclusiveness of the organization. A brief discussion followed in which the members supported the suggestion. Ms. Trost said the Executive Board would draft a new policy to solicit nominations in September or October so that voting could occur via email or in person at the November meeting. They would share the draft policy with the membership at the January meeting.

Meeting sites for 2011 ~ Thanks to all who volunteered to host the next year of meetings!

January: Englewood

March: TBD in conjunction with the annual banquet

May: North Metro

July: Copper Mountain

September: Aspen

November: Littleton

And both Greater Brighton and Mountain View volunteered to be alternate sites if any of those had to back out.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:06 a.m.

Members in Attendance

Brian Nichols (Aspen), Colleen Potton (South Metro), Dawn Blunt (Greater Brighton), Einar Jensen (South Metro), Elizabeth Woodward (Elk Creek), Gary Micheli (Pueblo), Jan Legersky (Aspen), Jane Zook (Colorado Springs), Katie Moore (Littleton), Kraig Stovall (Englewood), Micki Trost (West Metro), Pam Kutchen (North Metro), Patrick Love (Poudre Fire), Scott Pringle (Loveland), Scott Sare (Aurora), Sean Simon (Copper Mountain), Sheri L. Hannah-Ruh (Mountain View), Sherrie Leeka (Westminster), Steve Boyle (Copper Mountain), Susan Saito (West Metro) and Woody Percival (Pueblo)

Guests in Attendance

Heather Cobler (Colorado State Patrol)

Quotes of the Month

"I'm glad he got my message." ~Mr. Percival

"I only watch Nick Junior." ~Mr. Jensen

"So you're saying you're available in October?" ~Mr. Percival

"Somebody told me this morning that I have a mustache." ~Mr. Simon

"I'm glad to hear that because my 25th birthday is coming up soon." ~Mr. Pringle

"Keep your pot out of the fire lane." ~Mr. Percival

"Oh yeah. She'll do anything." ~Mr. Stovall

Respectfully Submitted by Einar Jensen, Secretary

Effective 01/2011		
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I		
JFIS I Certification	Certification Period/Fee 3 Years – CO Division of Fire Safety Certification Fee = \$30 Note: There is a 30 day waiting period from original exam date for any retake.	Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully complete JFIS I course offered by Colorado and pass JFIS I written exam with 70% or higher; OR • Successfully complete National Fire Academy course and pass the Colorado JFIS I written exam with 70% or higher
JFIS Re-Certification Required for all re-certifications on 01/2012 and after	Recertification Period/Fee 3 Years – CO Division of Fire Safety Recertification Fee: \$20	Re-Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a minimum of 6 hours of documented CEUs related to juvenile firesetter intervention; AND • JFIS I Activity Sheets • Complete on-line renewal form located on Division of Fire Safety website.
JFIS I Instructor	Qualification Period/Fee CO Division of Fire Safety Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado	Qualification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDFS certification in JFIS I; OR • NFA certification in JFIS I, II; AND • Accredited Fire Instructor I certification; AND • Active involvement with conducting juvenile firesetter interventions; AND • Successfully shadow/co-instruct one full JFIS I course; AND • Must hold JFIS I certification for a minimum of one year prior to Instructor Candidacy
Details		

2010		
Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Levels I, II		
FLSE I, II Certification 2010: Currently, only levels 1 and 2 are offered through the State.	Certification Period/Fee 3 Years – CO Division of Fire Safety Certification Fee: \$30 Note: There is a 30 day waiting period from original exam date for any retake.	Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully complete Public FLSE I course offered by Colorado and pass written exam with 80% or higher; OR • Successfully complete a Division of Fire Safety approved FLSE I or II course and pass the Colorado written exam with 80% or higher
	FLSE I Re-Certification Required for all re-certifications in 01/2012 and after	Recertification Period/Fee 3 Years – CO Division of Fire Safety Recertification Fee: \$20
FLSE II Re-Certification Required for all re-certifications on 01/2012 and after	Recertification Period/Fee 3 Years – CO Division of Fire Safety Recertification Fee: \$20	Re-Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a minimum of 6 hours of continuing education related to public education, curriculum development, instructional methodology, presentation software, or other related topic; AND • FLSE II Activity Sheets; AND • Complete on-line renewal form located on Division of Fire Safety website.
	FLSE I & II Instructor	Qualification Period/Fee CO Division of Fire Safety Fire & Life Safety Educators of Colorado

