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OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

10:00 a.m., January 18, 2005

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments
21 E. Main – Suite 100
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTIONS
- III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES--REGULAR MEETING NOV. 16, 2004 ([Attachment IV](#))

Action Requested: Motion to approve minutes from the November 16, 2004 meeting.

- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
([Attachment V](#))

INFORMATION: Committee Chairpersons will lead discussions on the following committee activities.

- A. Fund Development Committee----- Glenda Vassar
- B. Program Development Committee----- Jimmy Gibson
- C. Public Education Committee----- Tim Adams
- D. Mental Health Committee ----- Lois Pokorny

Action Requested: Discussions.

- VI. OPERATION FIRESAFE PROGRAM STATISTICS

Action Requested: For information and discussion.

- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 16, 2004

The sixth meeting for the calendar year of the Operation FireSAFE Operational Committee convened at 10:10 a.m., November 16, 2004 in the ACOG Conference Room, 21 East Main, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held as indicated by advance notice posted at the ACOG Offices at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING

Ken Pontius, Chairman, Moore Fire Department

PRESENT

Jim Hock, Del City Fire Department
Bo Bedford, Midwest City Fire Department
Marie-Helene Lareault, Midwest City Fire Department
Getty Williams, Newalla Fire Department
Darryl Troupe, Norman Fire Department
Tim Adams, Oklahoma City Fire Department
Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee Fire Department
Chris Davis, Tinker Air Force Base Fire Department
Dustin Parsons, The Village Fire Department
Rob Gilkison, The Village Fire Department
Lois Pokorny, Oklahoma City-County Health Department
Martha Collar, Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition
Glenda Vassar, State Farm Insurance Companies

GUESTS

None

STAFF

Jane Sutter, Division Director
Jerry Church, Special Programs Officer
Anita Kroth, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Pontius called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made around the room.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ken Pontius thanked each representative from Operation FireSAFE who participated in the KFOR Channel 4 interviews that aired in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Ken expressed appreciation to Jim Hock, Darryl Troupe, Jimmy Gibson, Tim Adams and Martha Collar for helping to make this media effort a success.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

Tim Adams, Oklahoma City, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2004 regular meeting. Getty Williams, Newalla, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Development - Glenda Vassar, State Farm, said that she would soon be submitting a grant request to State Farm Insurance Companies for \$500. This represents the \$500 awarded by State Farm to the Operation FireSAFE program annually.

Jane Sutter, ACOG, suggested that the group might want to consider using the \$500 State Farm monies to purchase videos of the Fire Prevention Week segments from Channel 4 if they deem that as an important public education item.

Program Development - None

Public Education - Tim Adams reported that he had checked into training opportunities across the nation that would be applicable to Operation FireSAFE interviewers. Time has passed to attend the clinical training in Massachusetts, but there is a future training opportunity in Washington state sometime in July that he suggested the group investigate.

Jane suggested that in the next grant application to the Kirkpatrick Foundation that we ask for funds to cover costs to send someone to a training conference. Tim said he would investigate the details of that conference.

For future planning consideration, Tim Adams said that the cost per person could be as much as \$1,400 to attend a training workshop in Massachusetts. He said the registration for the training in Washington is about \$1,200. Jane asked him which training would be more beneficial to our program? Tim assessed that the training in Massachusetts would be better for our program's mental health professionals from a clinical standpoint. He said the Massachusetts training deals more with behavior modification compared to the training in Washington, which is geared more for fire department educators.

Lois Pokorny suggested that mental health professionals attend the training in Massachusetts next year and the educators attend the training in Washington.

Jane said once she receives the detailed information from Tim that she would begin working on the grant proposal.

Tim provided copies for the group of a letter from Dr. John J. Mulvihill and Kimberly V. Talley, Chair of Genetics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, which was in response to their reading the story about Operation FireSAFE in *The Oklahoman* recently.

They mentioned that there are cases that suggest a correlation between childhood pyromania and the genetic condition known as Klinefelter syndrome when there is the presence of an extra X chromosome in boys.

In his letter the doctor suggested the possibility of conducting a psychological evaluation of those individuals, including a one-time genetics consultation and gene testing. He noted that the testing would not change their behavior, but would make it understand-able and treatable with testosterone injections to help them undergo normal puberty.

The doctor offered to talk to someone in the FireSAFE program more about that. Tim asked if Lois Pokorny would respond to the doctor's letter. Lois said she would contact Dr. Mulvihill.

Mental Health Subcommittee – Lois Pokorny reported that she wrote a letter to the Editor of the *Journal of Psychological Association* and did not receive a response. She said she called the *Fire Chief's Magazine* and they were excited to hear from us. They were interested in including information in their scheduled article on juvenile firesetting in their next month's issue. They asked for information as soon as possible. Lois said she e-mailed her information to them but has not heard anything from them since. She said she would contact them again.

Lois asked how our program statistics compare to other programs. Tim Adams said that the number of child-set fires has decreased by 8% in Oklahoma City, as well as a drop of 60% of arson calls. He cautioned, however, that the reporting officer on the fire scene makes a determination as to whether or not it was arson. They sometimes do not follow-up with a full and final report to the Arson Officer in the department, which can skew the statistics.

Tim expressed concern that some of those unreported fires were arson and went unreported, which could mean why the stats appear to reflect a reduced number.

Lois Pokorny said she plans to call a meeting of the mental health professionals associated with the FireSAFE program and referrals and have a discussion on possible goals and ideas that they have to share with each other.

Firesafe Foundation - None

VI. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK UPDATE

Organized by Martha Collar at SAFE KIDS Coalition, KFOR-TV-4 ran a valuable five-part series during Fire Prevention Week describing the dangers of candles; importance of escape plans and smoke alarms; juvenile firesetting; and the availability of Operation FireSAFE. The program received some press coverage as well.

Ken Pontius asked that the group submit an inquiry to Channel 4 on if we could purchase a video of that show and how much it would cost. Jane said it could be \$45 for each clip. To have all segments on one tape could cost as much as \$250. Martha suggested we purchase the segments singularly and then dub them all on one. Ken suggested that we dub it on a DVD as well once we have all segments on one tape with an introduction and ending linking ACOG with the FireSAFE program.

Chairman Pontius asked for a motion to spend up to \$500 of the State Farm donation for a dubbing contract for DVD/VHS copies of the KFOR-TV-4 October 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8th segments during Fire Prevention Week. Ken Pontius made the motion, and Darryl Troupe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Glenda Vassar said she could also apply for a grant from State Farm for a larger amount than the \$500 as State Farm has previously in the past donated every other year a larger amount to the Operation FireSAFE program.

Ken Pontius remarked that he would check with the Moore Firefighter's Union about donating funds to Operation FireSAFE as well.

Jane said at the January 2005 Operational Committee meeting the group could discuss goals and objectives for 2005 and specify some of these items within those goals, and make decisions about how we should spend the funds for development of the program.

VII. REVIEW VIDEO REGARDING GASOLINE IGNITING FIRES

Tim Adams brought a video regarding gasoline-ignited fires and played it for the group at the beginning of the group luncheon (11:05 a.m.). Tim said the video is developed by Pyramid Media and costs \$149. The name of the video is "In An Instant." It is more appropriate for older juveniles in their teen years (15-16 year olds). Tim recommended that we include this video in the list of videos to purchase with grant monies.

VIII. OPERATION FIRESAFE PROGRAM STATISTICS

A current program statistical report was provided as a handout at the meeting. Ken asked that the reporting departments continue to complete the statistical information including ignition source beginning January 2005.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Martha Collar said SAFE KIDS Coalition would have the golf ball drop again this year at the annual golf tournament. She said she would bring drop tickets to the Operational Committee meeting in January.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Tim Adams made a motion to adjourn. Jim Hock seconded the motion. The meeting and luncheon was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

**OPERATION FireSAFE
Operational Committee**

*Ken Pontius, Chairman, Moore
Darryl Troupe, Vice Chairman, Norman
Resource Person: Jane Sutter, ACOG*

**2004-2005
Subcommittees**

Fund Development Committee

Glenda Vassar, Chair

Jim Hock, Del City
Jane Sutter, ACOG

Mental Health Committee

Lois Pokorny, Chair, Okla. City-County Health Department

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Debbie Blood, Okla. City-County Health Department

Program Development

Jimmy Gibson, Chair

Public Education

Tim Adams, Chair

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Resource Person: Jerry Church