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OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

10:00 a.m., March 15, 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 JAN. 18, 2005 ([Attachment IV](#))

Action Requested: Motion to approve minutes from the January 18, 2005 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
January 18, 2005

The first meeting for the calendar year of the Operation FireSAFE Operational Committee convened at 10:07.m., January 18, 2005 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

Bo Bedford, Midwest City Fire Department
Marie-Helene Lareault, Midwest City Fire Department
Getty Williams, Newalla Fire Department
Terry Hamilton, Nichols Hills Fire Department
Lance Burchett, Nichols Hills Fire Department
David Perez, Oklahoma Air National Guard Fire Department
Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee Fire Department
David Anderson, Shawnee Fire Department
Chris Davis, Tinker Air Force Base Fire Department
Rob Gilkison, The Village Fire Department
Lois Pokorny, Oklahoma City-County Health Department
Martha Collar, Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition

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 10:07.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made around the room.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2004

Bo Bedford, Midwest City, made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2004 regular meeting. Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Development - Jane Sutter reported that the FireSAFE program unexpectedly received \$300 from the National Retired Fire Chiefs Association. Jane reported that Glenda Vassar is in the process of applying for \$2,500 from State Farm Insurance, and we expect that in the near future.

Program Development - None

Public Education - Ken Pontius asked if anyone in the group is interested in attending the Massachusetts conference scheduled in July. After discussion, the group recalled that the Massachusetts training deals with behavior modification and the training in Washington is geared more for fire department educators. The Massachusetts conference is \$1,400 and the registration for the Washington conference is about \$1,200. The group had in previous months discussed seeking funding to send someone from the FireSAFE group to attend.

Jane said we could include these expected expenses in the application for funds from the Kirkpatrick Foundation later if we determine we would need more funds to cover the registrations for someone from the FireSAFE program to attend either one of these conferences. After we review all of the facts we can determine if we want to use Kirkpatrick funds for that.

Firesafe Foundation - None

Mental Health Committee - Lois Pokorny said that she has not yet responded to Dr. Mulvihill, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, regarding his letter suggesting conducting a psychological evaluation and gene testing in relationship to childhood pyromania in the FireSAFE program cases. She said the Fire Chiefs' magazine did recently run her letter to the Editor regarding the FireSAFE program.

Lois said she contacted Mid-Del Youth and Family Services regarding the current contact person to work with the FireSAFE referrals. Jim Hock had requested that at the previous committee meeting.

VI. 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.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Jane asked if anyone in the group would like to receive additional Interviewer training. Representatives from Midwest City, Nichols Hills, and the Oklahoma Air National Guard indicated they have people to send for training.

Lois Pokorny agreed that we would review that need over the next few months to plan a training date.

Ken suggested that we hold on-site training for line personnel. After further discussion the group agreed to have a one-hour overview training class held at each individual fire department that would be an introduction to FireSAFE for firefighters at the departments other than the FireSAFE program interviewers.

Lois Pokorny, Jane Sutter, Marie Helene-Lareault, and Jimmy Gibson agreed to form an Overview Training Committee to meet and work up an introductory curriculum that could be used to give an overview of the program to all firefighters. The group agreed to ask Tim Adams to participate in the committee. The group agreed to meet briefly after today's Operational Committee.

Martha Collar, SAFE KIDS, said she is working to get copies of the interview sessions that were broadcasted in October by Channel 4 about Operation FireSAFE during Fire Prevention Week distributed. Tinker Air Force Base, Moore, Nichols Hills, Shawnee, Midwest City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Air National Guard, and Lois Pokorny all indicated they would like copies. The group added that Norman would want copies.

Martha informed the group that there would be a bill before the Oklahoma Legislature this year regarding burglar bars. Representative Ron Peters has agreed to author it. A shell bill was filed in December; the due date for language on the bill is January 20th. The bill is intended to ban the sale of burglar bars without a quick release mechanism, key release or safe way to open.

Also, it is intended to ban the installation of them on any new construction or remodel. Martha said SAFE KIDS is asking for help from the cities to encourage lawmakers to pass the bill.

She reminded the departments that if any cities need smoke alarms in their community, to contact Save A Life to participate in its matching program where there are 50 free alarms for any community that can match it. Martha said to contact 271-5695 and ask for Beth who can help get those distributed. The local matching fund requirement is \$200 from a community. She said many local clubs and organizations might be willing to donate that for their community.

Martha informed the group that SAFE KIDS received a grant from the State & Territorial Injury Prevention Directors' Association in the amount of \$10,000. The grant has been used to write an injury prevention curriculum, which is for EMS instructors. There are five different training sessions scheduled for February, March and April for all EMS instructors around the state. They will be taking that curriculum out to the EMS providers as well.

Martha said there would be a training session at the statewide conference in July to be held in Ardmore. There will be a comprehensive injury and prevention curriculum taught. There are six different modules to cover risk areas such as general injury prevention; water safety; child passenger safety; poison prevention; etc. They did not include juvenile firesetting, because fire prevention and burn prevention is well covered by fire departments already.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.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

Kyle Trumbly, Yukon
Liz Petrin, Pottawatomie County Health Department
Debbie Blood, Okla. City-County Health Department

Program Development

Jimmy Gibson, Chair

None

Public Education

Tim Adams, Chair

Shaum Jennings, Bethany
David Perez, Oklahoma Air National Guard
Darryl Troupe, Norman
Martha Collar, SAFE KIDS Coalition
Resource Person: Jerry Chuch

