



association of central oklahoma governments
Operation FireSAFE

OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

10:00 a.m., May 24, 2005

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

Please note special date for meeting.
Pizza Luncheon will follow the regular committee meeting.
Plan to stay for lunch.
Donations to cover the cost for the luncheon would be appreciated.

Participating Programs

- Bethany
- Choctaw
- Del City
- Edmond
- El Reno
- Guthrie
- Midwest City
- Moore
- Mustang
- Newalla
- Newcastle
- Nichols Hills
- Norman
- Oklahoma Air National Guard
- Oklahoma City
- Shawnee
- Spencer
- Tinker Air Force Base
- The Village
- Warr Acres
- Yukon

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES--REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2005 (Attachment IV)

Action Requested: Motion to approve minutes from the March 15, 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. POWER POINT PRESENTATION – ORIENTATION ON FIRESAFE TO LINE PERSONNEL

INFORMATION: Marie Helene-Lareault, Lois Pokorny, Jane Sutter and Jimmy Gibson have developed a Power Point presentation that can be used to acquaint line personnel with the FireSAFE program and the importance of their referrals. It will be presented and distributed at the meeting.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 15, 2005**

The second meeting for the calendar year of the Operation FireSAFE Operational Committee convened at 10:04 a.m., March 15, 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

Jim Hock, Del City Fire Department
Marie-Helene Lareault, Midwest City Fire Department
Getty Williams, Newalla Fire Department
Les Tyree, Oklahoma Air National Guard Fire Department
Tim Adams, Oklahoma City Fire Department
Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee Fire Department
Alan Hileman, Shawnee Fire Department
Rob Gilkison, The Village Fire Department
Lois Pokorny, Oklahoma City-County Health Department
Debbie Rice, Oklahoma City-County Health Department
Dan Benton, Mid-Del Youth & Family Services
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 10:04 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made around the room.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 18, 2005

Tim Adams, Oklahoma City, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2005 regular meeting. Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Development - None

Program Development - Chairman Jimmy Gibson reported that the Program Development Committee has been working to create a Power Point slide presentation that can be used as a standard presentation to be made to all participating Operation FireSAFE departments' line personnel in an effort to keep them abreast of the operations of the program.

Jane Sutter explained that the thought behind the plan is that various members of the group would serve as spokespersons to give the presentation to various departments; someone other than the person representing that department. She said they also plan to have one mental health professional in the program to be a part of the presentation as well. She said this would be a 30-minute presentation.

Jane said the presentation will be shown at the May committee meeting and if approved, they would like to conduct presentations over the summer. She asked the group to keep that in mind when planning future training at their departments.

Tim Adams said that the Tonkawa Fire Department recently contacted him inquiring how we started our FireSAFE program. Jane suggested that Tonkawa contact the Ponca City Fire Department since they became involved and started a FireSAFE program there. Tim advised that some of us contact Tonkawa as a means of directing them to operate similar to the FireSAFE program we have. There would be no one there to see that they are accountable to the program as part of the larger group if they operated outside, Tim said.

Jane suggested that Tim visit with a representative from the Tonkawa Fire Department and walk them through the program manual and explain the details to them.

Lois Pokorny said one aspect of a department running solo is that they could get burnt out. Its good to have the support of other departments to keep each encouraged. Lois suggested that we have an annual meeting and invite other departments to join in and learn what we do with Operation FireSAFE in our region.

Lois suggested that we invite Tonkawa to attend the next Interviewer Training session that we have here.

Public Education - Tim Adams reported that the Missouri Valley Fire Marshals' Association is going to focus on juvenile firesetting at their annual public education conference. They are conducting the 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Officer certification for \$100.00. The conference will be in Wichita, Kansas this year. He said the conference, which has several breakout sessions on juvenile firesetter issues, is \$175; and the certification runs Monday through Wednesday for the Juvenile Firesetter Officer, which is \$100. He said the motel rooms are also \$100 per night. The conference is May 2-8. Tim suggested that our FireSAFE program send one or two people who need certification. He asked if anyone in the group would like to do that. Tim said the breakout sessions are, primarily, entry-level presentations. He said it might not be as beneficial for anyone who has been in public education for a while.

He said the certification will be on May 2 and 3, with the testing on the 4th and the conference begins May 5-8. Jane asked who would like to represent our group if we are able to acquire funds to cover the costs. Marie Helene-Lareault, Midwest City, and Rob Gilkison, The Village volunteered to attend.

Jane reported that SAFE KIDS provided each fire department with copies of the videos that were aired on Channel 4 back in October 2004.

Tim asked Martha if she recalled the legislation that passed a few years ago about smoke alarms on rental properties. Martha said it was a law stating that smoke alarms must be placed in all residential, and rental dwellings. Smoke alarms were already required to be in apartment dwellings and motels, etc. Tim asked if the language stated in it said that it was the responsibility of the property owner to have the smoke alarms installed and working when it was rented, but up to the renter to keep it maintained. He said this has become a big issue since the recent fatalities due to a fire at a rental property that had no smoke detector. She referred him to www.LSB.state.ok.us for that information. Tim said Oklahoma City gave away 26,000 smoke alarms last year and already 900 this year to date.

Martha said that the Save A Life program issues a letter that they are not to be given away to anyone that is required by law to provide one, and they ask the fire departments not to provide smoke alarms to those people but instead to single family homes, etc.

Martha Collar reported that the Burglar Bar bill passed the House unanimously. It has not been assigned to a Senate Committee as of this date. She said she talked to the representative Ron Peters who authored this bill, and they discussed that possibly this bill had not gone far enough because it would only prevent the installation of burglar bars on new construction or remodel, unless they have a quick-release mechanism on them. She said we should require the removal of burglar bars on existing construction. Martha said they would go ahead with the language as is and at a future time try to add that to it.

Tim said that Oklahoma City is working on an ordinance because 16 people have died in fires due to burglar bars hindering them to exit the property.

Jane announced to the group that there is a wireless 9-1-1 bill, HB1751, that the ACOG communities would be interested in. She explained that his bill would allow us to go to a vote of the people to allow a service fee on wireless phones. Currently, there is no service fee. The Legislation now says, by a countywide vote, we can have a current bill that says a 50-cent service fee on wireless phones to make them work better with 9-1-1. Staff has determined that 50-cents will not cover the costs in Oklahoma, and certainly not for the remainder of the state. This bill should be heard by the full House. We hope it will be heard tomorrow. She said there is a resistance by the wireless companies to this bill. She said we would not be able to improve how 9-1-1 works with wireless phones unless this bill is approved. Jane asked the group to call their representatives to approve this bill.

Mental Health Committee - Lois Pokorny contacted Mid-Del Youth and Family Services since the committee's last meeting, and the new representative on FireSAFE is in attendance today, Dan Benton.

Lois said she is also working on learning the name of the contact from Oklahoma City Youth and Family Service.

Lois reported that previously she had contacted the *Monitor on Psychology*, published by the American Psychology Association, about juvenile firesetting. They included in their website the letter that she wrote to them in response to Melissa Dittmann's article "STOPPING young firestarters" that was published in the July/August issue, and Lois provided a copy as a handout.

Lois said she has an opportunity to submit an article also to the Fire Chiefs magazine regarding juvenile firesetting. They also invited her to submit a Power Point presentation addressing lessons learned, etc. She asked if the group would be willing to form a subcommittee to work on a presentation. The following volunteered to serve: Lois Pokorny, Tim Adams, Jane Sutter, Jerry Church and Ken Pontius. Lois said she would make a first draft.

Lois reminded the group that it is time to conduct another Interviewer Training session. After a group discussion, it was decided to invite new firefighters; Dan Benton, Mid-Del Youth & Family Services; firefighters from the Tonkawa Fire Department; and Ponca City firefighters.

Lois Pokorny, Tim Adams, Marie Helene-Lareault, Debbie Rice and Rob Gilkison volunteered to serve as trainers at the Interviewer Training session.

The group agreed to set the Interviewer session on May 20, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

VI. OPERATION FIRESAFE PROGRAM STATISTICS

A current program statistical report was provided as a handout at the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ken Pontius suggested that at the next meeting we have a luncheon along with the meeting. In the meantime he will contact some of the departments that have missed numerous meetings. The group agreed to change the meeting date from the third Tuesday in the month to May 24th. The group agreed that they would order pizza and members would make donations to cover the costs for the luncheon.

Martha Collar said the first week in May is National SAFE KIDS Week and May 2 is Safety Day at the state capitol. She said there will be a press conference that morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Reed Center in relation to that. The booth will be on the fourth floor of the rotunda. Display time would be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jane said ACOG would have a FireSAFE booth and a 9-1-1 booth.

Martha invited any agency that would like to participate and bring their individual display booth. Martha said the effort is to educate the lawmakers on some of the existing safety issues because they have learned from experience when presenting proposed Bills to the legislature, that it is necessary to have done some preliminary work ahead of that.

The group viewed the five video segments regarding fire safety that were aired on Channel 4 in October.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 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