

OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE &  
BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE AGENDA  
*10:00 a.m., January 20, 2009*  
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 NOVEMBER 18, 2008 (Attachment IV)

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting.

- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Attachment V)

**INFORMATION:** Committee discussions on the following committees:

- A. Fund Development Committee
- B. Program Development Committee
- C. Public Education Committee
- D. Mental Health Committee

**Action Requested:** Discussions.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. VIEW LATEST JUVENILE FIRESETTER VIDEO PRODUCED BY SYNDASTAR

**INFORMATION:** Tim Adams will bring a recent production by Syndastar regarding juvenile firesetters to be viewed by the committee.

**Action Requested:** None, for information only.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

OPERATION FIRESAFE OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE  
& BURN PREVENTION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2008

The sixth meeting for the calendar year of the Operation FireSAFE Operational Committee convened at 10:06 a.m., November 18, 2008 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**

Darryl Troupe, Norman Fire Department

**PRESENT**

Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department  
Casey Rooney, Midwest City Fire Department  
Tim Adams, Oklahoma City Fire Department  
Jimmy Gibson, Shawnee Fire Department  
David Anderson, Shawnee Fire Department  
Todd Watkins, Shawnee Fire Department  
Earnie Baxter, Tinker Fire & Emergency Services  
Susan Chavez, American Red Cross  
Lois Pokorny, Oklahoma City-County Health Department  
Gayle Jones, Oklahoma State Department of Education

**GUESTS**

None

**STAFF**

Jane Sutter, Deputy Director  
Anita Kroth, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Darryl Troupe called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made around the room.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Tim Adams, City of Oklahoma City Fire Department, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2008 regular meeting. Earnie Baxter, Tinker Air Force Base, seconded the motion.

The motion carried the following votes:

AYE: Lojka, Troupe, Adams, Gibson, Baxter, Chavez, Pokorny and Jones

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Development Committee – Jane Sutter reported that State Farm informed Operation FireSAFE that it would be making an additional donation above the standard donation they make each year to the FireSAFE program. She said she would report back to the committee at a later date if that came to fruition.

Program Development Committee – Jerry Lojka reported that the committee has had no further activity following the meetings with the Mid-Del Public Schools counselors.

Tim Adams said he has not made any contact with the Oklahoma City Public School counselors. He added that a FireSAFE program presentation has been scheduled with the Oklahoma City Public Schools for December 10.

Gayle Jones said that Susan Staples is the contact person over the school counselors in the Oklahoma City Public Schools. She agreed to talk to Susan about setting up an appointment with the Oklahoma City Public secondary school counselors about the importance of referring juvenile/firesetters to Operation FireSAFE. Gayle said she would ask Susan Staples to call Jerry Lojka about scheduling a 45-minute presentation to the secondary school counselors.

Tim Adams mentioned that Syndastar Productions has a new, inexpensive firesetter video. Tim said he would bring the video to the next Operational Committee meeting for this group to view.

Public Education Committee – Susan Chavez, American Red Cross, reported that the Red Cross recently participated in a Senior Informed Seminar at the OKC-OSU Extension where she co-presented with Major Danny Thompson, Oklahoma City Fire Department, a program about Senior Safety, fall preventions, house evacuations during a fire, and other specific safety points. Susan said she provided resource information regarding disaster preparedness also. She said approximately 185 senior citizens registered to attend.

Jane Sutter reported that ACOG staff manned an Operation FireSAFE booth at Oklahoma City Public Schools' "Schools for Healthy Living" on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Gayle Jones reported that about 725 people attended. It was open to all 535 school districts. She said CLEET credit was given to law enforcement for attending. The event was called "The 10<sup>th</sup> Safe and Healthy School Conference." There were 27 breakout sessions regarding health and safety. There were five out-of-state speakers there to talk about cyber bullying and teen problem gambling, drug addiction, physical education, gangs, and other current issues. There were 39 booths there to provide resource information to the attendees. There were counselors, family therapists and teachers in attendance.

Gayle said next year this same event will be held on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel. She offered to allow FireSAFE to give a 1.5 hour class.

Mental Health Committee - Lois Pokorny reported that a Basic Interviewer Training Session was held this year and said 10 firefighters registered to attend. She said she would plan to hold an Advanced Interviewer Training next time.

Lois announced that there would be an Operation FireSAFE program presentation at the Episcopal Arch Diocese office on 7<sup>th</sup> and Robinson in Oklahoma City on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jane asked that Gayle Jones invite Susan Staples to be there since Lois and Jerry will make an effort to have professional mental health counselors present as well.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Gayle Jones announced that there will be a 30-minute documentary aired on television on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. on every major network across Oklahoma, including Spanish speaking television programs, called "Crystal Darkness" about methamphetamine use in Oklahoma and how it is affecting lives of children and lives of their families in Oklahoma.

Earnie Baxter reported that Tinker opened Sparky's House again this year to the elementary school on base which demonstrates the safest way to get out of a house in case of fire. The fifth grade teachers did not want to participate this year, but they permitted the fire department to ask that age group what they had learned the prior year. More than 800 children were trained through Sparky's House during that week. The kindergarten, third and fourth grade levels were the main concentration of students that went through the training.

Gayle Jones asked if Tinker could produce a brief promotional video about Sparky's House and send it out to other schools. Earnie said he would need to check on the legal ramifications of that since it is provided on a federal installation.

VII. POTLUCK LUNCHEON

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Lojka made a motion to adjourn. Lois Pokorny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**OPERATION FireSAFE  
Operational Committee**

*Darryl Troupe, Norman, Chairman  
Shaum Jennings, Bethany, Vice Chairman  
Resource Person: Jane Sutter, ACOG*

**2008  
Subcommittees**

**Fund Development Committee**

*Earnie Baxter, Tinker Air Force Base, Chair*

Jane Sutter, ACOG  
Dan Stuart, State Farm Insurance

**Mental Health Committee**

*Lois Pokorny, Chair*

Casey Rooney, Midwest City Fire Dept.  
Pat Damron, Oklahoma State Health Dept.

**Program Development**

*Jerry Lojka, Midwest City, Chair*

Tim Adams, Oklahoma City

**Public Education**

*Shaum Jennings, Bethany, Chair*

Susan Chavez, American Red Cross  
Darryl Troupe, Norman  
Resource Person: Jerry Church