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SASO Meeting notes 8/29/08 NWFD Training Center, 0900

In Attendance:

Tom Louis GVFD	Rick Moreno TAA
Arnold Benitez ANG	Alex Catalan Rio Rico FD
James Stoltenberg RMFD	Ken Ballenger RMFD
Dave Padilla NWFD	Doug Emans NWFD
Debra Trimble PRFD	Jim Munson Sierra Vista FD
Randy Karrer DHFD	Alex Dunn DHFD
Eddie Cornejo RVFD	Gary West NWFD
Ed Nied TFD	

- Welcome, Eddie Cornejo to take minutes
- Approval of Minutes 6-6-08, all approved no changes
- Nied gave overview of National Fire Service Safety Agenda for 08-09.
 - Alliance Goals- Operate jointly with other fire service organizations including but not limited to: IAFF, FDSOA, NIOSH, ERSI, NVFC and NFFF. This goal has been achieved on numerous levels as evidenced in the new FF LODD Investigation protocols and representation from these groups at IAFC SHS BOD meetings.
 - IAFC Internal Goal- to work harder with IAFC BOD and Exec Dir. To provide timely solutions to critical problems. This has also improved a great deal over the last year
 - Cancer Goal- To aggressively develop specific goals and objectives related to this issue. FF Ca Support Net (FCSN) will be huge player.
 - NIOSH/FF LODD Invest. Goal- working specifically with IAFF and other partner orgs to recommend improvements in process. Also to have better sharing of info on equipment probs and fails.
 - Fire Radio Communications Goal- To work with IAFC Commun Committee in dealing with national radio problem, find out what issues are and figure out what to do about this safety issue.
 - Three Fire Chief "Enough is Enough---so take action" Goals
 - Vehicle/Roadway- develop a no excuse adoption of policy related to apparatus positioning, driving and riding and

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Provide these resources to FC to use. The attitude is "This is our fire apparatus. We allow you to use it and you will operate it EXACTLY the way we teach and direct you and if you and those supervising you choose not to, you will severely regret it."

- Structural Firefighting- An update to the rules of engagement to include a back to basics approach. These items can be used by FC when explaining to elected officials and the community of how many FF it takes depending on circumstances to achieve desired outcomes. In many areas, staffing and local support do not match required services.
- Health, Heart and Fitness- Annual physicals for every FF in N. America, period.
- Discussed the benefits of becoming an affiliate member of IAFC and Arizona Fire Chiefs. You can join both organizations and both Safety Sections as an affiliate member. Members are placed in staging and pulled from staging to work on projects
- In the near future, ambulances may have to meet NFPA 1901 type specs and standards. Keep on top of this so your input is heard.
- Make sure your people are covered and entitled to receive PSOB benefits. Only 1 out of the 9 emergency responders involved in the recent helicopter crash will receive benefits.
- No new word on PC WINN and the radio communication problems.
- Reducing LODD's has to begin with reducing line-of-duty accidents and injuries. There is currently a national project on health surveillance and injury. Also the IAFF just released their injury study. Go to www.iaff.org
- 5k run on October 4, 2008 in Glendale to benefit 100 club. Nied sent flyer last week.
- A good thought to the field troops: "Let's make it a point to manage our own risk so management does not have to."

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- MyClyns samples and brochures were passed out. This is a product you can immediately spray into/onto mucous membranes of eyes, mouth, ears, and nose in the event of an exposure to commun. disease. It is NOT a cure all, but simply buys some time until can flush with water and get to physician.
- Possible Grant writing to benefit SASO. Start small (MyClyns for the group as an example). Possibly work through PFC as 501c3?
- See about getting a copy of the Drop House DVD to the entire group. Stoltenberg is handling and will distribute when done.
- Unanimous amongst the group to have next Safety Day and NFFF benefit dinner together on the same day. NFFF Golf/Dinner chair West will take to committee at planning retreat in Oct.
- Reminder, November 5, 2008 Fall Officer Retreat—Starr Pass
- Nied to co-chair a fire officer credentialing project with AFSI. Looking for volunteers to lead way in developing FO I competencies and ways to get there.
- NWFD is working with Gerber to construct a jacket meeting reflective vest specs
- Rio Rico to possibly host next SASO meeting. Nied will work with Catalan to set up.
- Products from Waxie used to aid in infection control and contamination shared. A lot of area depts use Waxie, safety in numbers ordering??
- TFD using Rave™ with Perma-Block® 3 in their upholstery
- MRSA training video is still in the works but near completion
- Next Mtg to be determined. Most likely Nov sometime in Rio Rico
- Adjourned

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