

CENTRAL CASCADES FIRE & EMS SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES September 17, 2009

I. Call to order at 1105, President Doug Herring

-Roll call: Doug Herring, Dick Carlson, Sally Carlson, Brad Kahler were present and constituted a quorum. Holly Henderson and Bob Ringering were present as guests and Chief Tim Cramblit was also in attendance.

-Agenda was reviewed and no changes were requested.

-Mr. Robert Ringering, SDAO Loss prevention Inspector, gave a brief review of 15 updates to the loss prevention policies and procedures.

II. Secretary Report, Dick Carlson

-Minutes were reviewed. **Motion to accept minutes as presented from Brad Kahler and seconded by Doug Herring. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.** Copies were signed and will be posted and distributed at close of meeting. Doug will review Safety Board and mail boxes to insure distribution. **Thanks again, Doug!**

III. Old Business, All

-May Inspection was reviewed for closure. All violations from May have been corrected and documented. Doug has signed the closure statement which is attached.

-An Inspection was conducted today by Bob Ringering. This resulted in a number of items being documented which will be formally reported to us in the coming month. Items included monthly fire extinguisher inspections and sign offs, thermostats in food storage, Exit signs and added kitchen protection. We will have a small committee correct any noted deficiencies when the report is received.

-Grab handles were reviewed for apparatus. It is very difficult to do the cross lays in 1211 or 1241 without assuming a hazardous physical position. The options will be reviewed and discussed in October.

-Doug reported on the slogans and posters he reviewed with the printer. He also reported on pricing and sizing options. Selections were made by a majority of the committee and orders will be placed. Further assessment needs to be done to locate stickum reminders for a 360 degree check before moving a vehicle. Other items are now cleared.

-The monthly theme will be facility signage and the practical side of keeping all volunteers aware. In 2008 citations exceeding \$1,000,000 confirmed the need for developing, implementing and sustaining a comprehensive safety program throughout the facility. This includes the effective use of visual communicating

tools. We can reinforce a safe environment by using well placed signs and markings.

-There were **no accidents** to discuss this month but Doug recalled that during hose testing the area was cleared when hose was being pressurized. A safety officer was assigned to insure we were following procedure. Added items would be reviewed in monthly training sessions. Remember that we all need to continue our vigilance and look out for one another. If you think we need a safety Officer, **SPEAK UP!**

-A brief discussion was held on bridge safety and the use of forest service bridges for fire equipment. The Chincaupin Bridge is still off limits with equipment until further notice. Wildfire plan needs to be updated to avoid a major accident or loss of equipment in a wildfire.

-Stop signs have been purchased to be installed at the exits of the driveways. This will help remind all drivers of safety and clearances for full stops.

IV. New Business: All

-We discussed new standards or OR-OSHA adoptions with Bob Ringering. He agreed that the new positions seem to be warnings of pending fines or fees but also told us of subtle changes. The large issue discussed was the smart local policy of only admitting an Or-OSHA inspector with a warrant. Warrant for inspecting should qualify everything to be inspected.

-Ideas for Safety month and our planned emphasis was discussed. There is a great deal available on the market and least expensive should be our policy. We will highlight smoke detectors which has been a project for the District. Detector inspections of batteries and operation will be important for all who use them in their homes and cabins.

-Seasonal conditioning was discussed and all were reminded to check their gear for good flash light batteries, clean shields, Yak Trax and be careful with Kitty litter. If the wrong kind is used it becomes very slippery as it soaks up liquids. When replacing litter always double check for the appropriate type.

-Bob Ringering was asked to check to see if encryption could be included on a safety and security grant with SDAO.

V. Personnel Suggestions: All

-There were no suggestions or emails received during the month. General discussion was held on how to continue to engage all personnel in safety via email and notices. Doug will try to email at least once a month. It is obvious that all volunteers need to be constantly reminded of their inbox's for announcements and notices.

VI. Chief's review/comments: Tim Cramblit

-Chief Cramblit's comments are in the previous reported items. Be safe out there!

VII. Next meeting: All

-Committee will meet on October 15, 2009 @ 1100

Adjourn @ 1220

Submitted for acceptance:

R.R. Carlson, Secretary
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OCTOBER 15, 2009