

**Region Seven Fire Investigation Council**  
**September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes**  
Wapato Fire Station

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Derald Gaidos at 9:05.

**Attendance:**

Don Linder, YCFPB	Jim Fuehrer, YFD
Kevin Frazier, YCFD 5	Dave Johnson, YSO
Barry Kerth, KCCDS	Santos Valdez, WFD
Lloyd Hazzard, Sunnyside FD	Gary Hanna Selah FD
Jody Taylor, Fish and Wildlife	Derald Gaidos, YCFPB
Ron Rutherford, YCFPB	James Munroe DNR

**Introduction of Guests:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Treasures Report: \$8,990.83**

Checking:

Deposit:

State Reimb:

Contract \$

Checks Written: 3131 – Professional Paint Supply \$86.53

**Current Balance: \$8,904.30**

**Bills: None**

**Communications: None**

**Old Business:**

921 Update class discussed. There will be one at the Fire Marshal's Roundtable, Region needs to host a class. New books are out. Discussion held on purchasing new 921 books for members. Will buy one book for participating members at this time, 14 books to be ordered.

Ron spoke with Kevin Nee who provided Liem's contact info on electrical class. We are still looking for a 3-day class, basic info at a level we can understand. Additional information on class offered by someone back East, possible \$2,000 plus expenses. Kevin asked if anyone had training from Public Agency Training Council. Kevin read info on a course outline and has emailed for more

information. Ray Powell and Steve Riggs are the instructors. Another option might be Perry Tech as far as basic electricity information.

Region 8 still interested in joint training, crossing over into some law enforcement related training to augment fire investigation. More to come.

**Equipment:** Evidence cans have been purchased. Temporarily being stored at County. If you need some, please contact Ron, Derald, or Don.

### **New Business:**

Ron and Don will be attending the FM Roundtable in Spokane, October 20-24. They will be hosting a table at the Parade event on Tuesday evening, showcasing the Region's activity on bin fires, fireworks, and bio-diesel. Jim Johnston is still working on the technical paper regarding the bin burn. Derald requested the Region send Jim to attend the Parade to discuss the bin burn from a fire protection engineer's perspective. Ron made a motion to pay for Jim's room for the night, Lloyd seconded. Motion passed.

### **GOOD of the ORDER –**

Derald investigated a structure fire, bio-diesel related. Concerns were discussed about methanol on site and other flammable liquids that may be present for processing. The equipment was very similar to what Will Winslow said would be there.

Joe Seemiller was busy investigating, foundation was all that was left of the residence.

Ron investigated a shop fire, cause determined to be a food dehydrator. Ron also investigated a residential fire in East Valley, cause was clothing piled on electric heater. Ron also investigated a fire in the Lower Valley related to a burglary, victims possible knew the suspect/s.

Lower Valley had a couple of hay stack fires, there is a previous history as to location and time of year fires occur. YSO was on scene.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT SELAH  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**