

**Region Seven Life Safety Council  
November 18, 2008  
Wapato Fire Department**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Valledares at 1030.

**Attendance:**

Don Linder, YCFPB  
Ron Rutherford, YCFPB  
Joe Seemiller, KVFR  
Santos Valdez, Wapato FD  
Gary Hanna, Selah FD

Bill Steele, UGFD  
Don Fletcher, YCFPB  
Barry Kerth, KCFMO  
Mary Valledares, City of Yakima  
Chuck Heath, City of Yakima

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Ron, seconded by Joe. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Previous Balance: \$10,345.24

Current Balance: \$10,345.24

**Bills:**

ICC annual dues. Motion by Ron, seconded by Chuck to pay. Motion approved.

**Communications:**

ICC annual membership.

Public Educators Life Safety Course is being hosted by East Pierce at Bonney Lake on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If interested, contact Chief of Buckley FD.

**Old Business:**

Derald contacted Les Townzen to instruct a High-Pile storage and a 2-day fire alarm class. Les responded he is able to do the High-Pile course, and is working on a alarm class, and could have one available with sufficient notice. Cost for the classes is \$1,350 per day, \$50 each for 1-day manuals and \$75 each for 2-day manuals. Mary interested in basics, what is required when and Barry was interested in licensing and certification requirements. Dates for classes was discussed and proposed to be held January 27/28 for alarm class, and February 24<sup>th</sup> for High-Pile storage. Derald to contact Les with schedule and to relay specifics of classes so our needs are met. Bill offered the use of Station 86 as a

location. Courses will be offered to others, 1-day for \$75 and 2-day for \$100.  
**Les is having back surgery and is not available on the dates requested. He has proposed March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the High-Pile class and March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Alarm class.**

**New Business:**

Don L. reported on idea of Gary's to use a portion of each meeting to present/discuss a topic related to Code issues. This would make our meetings more meaningful and provide opportunity to discuss application/interpretation of Code. A side benefit would be to provide some continuity where possible in application. A preliminary schedule to begin with is:

January	Gary on Alarm Systems
February	Don on High Pile Storage
March	Santos on Battery Rooms

Discussion held regarding issues with ABC Fire, Mansfield Alarm, and LP-G. A number of concerns seems to be consistent throughout the Region. Further discussion/s to identify how to correct maybe appropriate.

Barry reported Brenda and Jakki have been appointed to a State Board on the Wildland Urban Interface. This Code is being considered for adoption by the State. Barry discussed the I-90 project and some of the issues associated with it. A consultant has been hired to help identify concerns and issues related to this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SELAH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**