



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2007 10:00 a.m.

**Jackson County Fire District #3
8333 Agate Rd., White City**

Call to order: 10:15 a.m.

Attendees: Neil Benson (JaCIFP), Chris Chambers (Ashland F&R), Brian Bolstad (JCFD #5), Dana Sallee (Ashland F&R), Carey Chaput (Applegate FD), Rob Underwood (Applegate FD), Mike Hanna (Rural Metro), Brian Ballou (ODF) and Mark Northrop (Rogue River FD)

Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo: Rob Underwood briefed the cooperative about the Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo, a new one-day public event scheduled for May 10, 2008, at the Jackson County Expo Center. Rob is spearheading this event, which will involve fire departments and emergency services personnel and equipment from throughout southwestern Oregon. This free public event will give residents and families a chance to meet emergency services personnel, see the equipment and learn more about emergency response, preparedness and prevention. The co-op supported the Public Safety Expo idea and agreed to provide the Fire Safety House, Smokey and Sparks, and wildland/urban interface fire prevention displays. Co-op members will also develop/provide activities and handouts for children.

Review of November meeting minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's report: Balance unchanged from previous month

Old Business

Annual planning (cont.): With the addition of the Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo, the co-op decided not to add any more items to its annual calendar, developed at its November meeting.

2008 Officer elections: Mark Northrop was elected president, Dana Sallee was elected vice president, Brian Ballou was elected secretary, and Patty Commons and Carey Chaput will share treasurer duties.

Fire prevention workshop scholarships: Chris Chambers and Dana Sallee were awarded scholarships to the 2008 Fire Prevention Workshop.

Fire safety trailer orientation: Deferred until February meeting.

Committees

Jackson County Integrated Fire Plan Outreach & Education Committee: Work is proceeding on developing a training curriculum for wildland/urban interface fuel reduction professionals. The goal is to keep professionals informed about standards required by the state, the counties, cities and insurance companies so that messages delivered to the public are accurate and consistent. A subcommittee meeting is slated for Jan. 22 or 23 at Rogue River FD. The committee is also developing a series of TV spots focused on fire prevention in the interface. Channel 12 is interested in developing the spots, based on topics provided by the committee, and Scott Lewis will be the spokesman. And a meeting was scheduled on Dec. 20 for the local fire prevention team subcommittee.

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Fire safety trailer events committee: No events scheduled in the next couple of months.

Fire safety trailer management committee: Brian Ballou will find out whether ODF can service the Fire Safety House's generator. A training session on use and care of the trailer will take place during the co-op's February meeting. Dana will make an appointment with an RV service center to get the Safety House's roof evaluated and to perform maintenance if necessary. The co-op approved a budget of \$100-\$200 for this evaluation and maintenance.

Team Teaching committee: No new information.

Nonprofit status: Continuing.

RVFPC website: The website will undergo a change in 2008, and include more content for public education. An ODF temporary employee, Ian Keusink, is developing content about home fire prevention and wildland urban interface fire preparedness.

Local fire prevention conference: This idea was put on hold for perhaps a year. The co-op has several ongoing projects that it needs to focus on, and will be devoting resources toward the new Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo.

New business

Computer purchase: The JaCIFP O&E committee and the co-op agreed to share the cost of a laptop computer, printer and software that will be owned by the co-op. The co-op committed \$500 toward the purchase and the O&E committee will pay the remaining balance out of its fire prevention team grant funds. The fire prevention team will use the laptop during deployments on wildland/urban interface fires and other assignments; the co-op will use it for business management, presentation development and website support. It is estimated that the total cost will be \$2,000.

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Adjournment: 12:30 p.m.

Next meeting: January 9, 10:00 a.m., ODF Grants Pass Unit, 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass

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