

# Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Association

## Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2007 Recorded by: Jamie Perkins

**Location:** Meeting held at Grapevine Fire Department, Station #1, 601 Boyd Drive, Grapevine

**Called to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. with the following in attendance:

- Jamie Perkins, Carrollton FD
- Nikkita Reese, Dallas Fire-Rescue
- Rebecca Mathews, Dallas Fire-Rescue
- Megan Schuth, Denton FD
- Wendi Kimpton, Farmers Branch FD
- Floyd Strider, Flower Mound FD
- Jerry Bonner, Flower Mound FD
- John Wright, Flower Mound FD
- Robert Brooks, Flower Mound FD
- Christopher Balanciere, Garland FD
- Mike VanBuskirk, Garland FD
- Stacie Durham, McKinney FD
- Keri Grant, McKinney FD
- Christan Odom, Murphy FD
- Wesley Caskey, Richardson FD
- Theresa Level, Richardson FD
- Billy Gaston, Richardson FD
- Roger Stewart, Roanoke FD

**Adoption of Minutes:** May 17, 2007 meeting minutes were adopted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Provided by Megan Schuth: balance of \$1,715.15

### Old business discussed:

1. 1-Day Conference: Developing & Maintaining a CFA & CFAAA:
  - Held at the Flower Mound Fire Department, speakers Peggy Harrell, Plano FD and Rick Nash, Bedford FD, provided a seminar on how to develop and maintain a Citizen Fire Academy and Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association. Eleven people attended. Evaluations stated program was "excellent." Would like to see seminars in the future regarding: 501(c)3 forms and clown programs.
2. Fire Marshals' Conference:
  - Information was presented on the classes that will be offered at the 2007 Fire Marshal's Conference in Austin, TX the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fourteen hours of pub ed courses will be provided and include the following:
    - "Not Just Another Pub Ed! How to Empower Effective Educators"  
Keri Price Grant, McKinney Fire Dept
    - "beAlert: Disaster Preparedness for Businesses"  
Laura Behrens, Denton Fire Dept

- *Risk Watch* Safe Community / Ready for *Risk Watch!*  
Jamie Perkins, Carrollton Fire Dept
- Clowning Characterization – Skit Writing  
Jeff Christenson & Bryan Jarvis, Lewisville Fire Dept
- Home Safety Literacy Project  
Peggy Harrell, Plano Fire Dept
- Foundations of Emergency Management  
Karen Adkins, McKinney Fire Dept
- The Media Can Be Your Friend  
Watson Kohankie, Carrollton Fire Dept
- Clowning Characterization – Making Props  
Jeff Christenson & Bryan Jarvis, Lewisville Fire Dept

3. Educator of the Year Award:

Committee of Jamie Perkins, Wendi Kimpton and Keri Grant are still working on the Award and will provide more information at the September meeting.

**New business discussed:**

1. Meeting Programs for remainder of the year:

The following programs have been scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- September 20<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speakers, Mr. John Rodriguez (The Shriners) and Ms. Tanya Hastings (Parkland Burn Unit) will provide information on working with burn survivors.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Field Trip to Parkland’s Burn Center
- December TBA – Christmas Party

**Adjournment:** Business meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**Program & Speaker Presentation:** Roger Stewart, Fire Marshal for Roanoke Fire Department provided information on Grapevine Fire Dept’s Fire Safety House, which Roger used to oversee when he worked at GFD. Roger reviewed the type of classes that are used with the Safety House, which included kitchen safety with topics covering hot water, use of toasters, and stove top pans. Parents are encouraged to provide children with meals they can fix themselves that do not require cooking. Messages include – don’t touch the stove – it’s a tool not a toy. Elementary school children are taught basic fire safety, middle school age children are taught home safety with younger siblings, and adults are presented with information on smoking. Grapevine and Flower Mound fire department set up their Safety Houses for members to tour and listen to programs.

**Next Meeting:** September 20, 2007, Doubletree Hotel in Farmers Branch, 4099 Valley View Lane.