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NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

On May 15th, the Group met at South Seattle Community College, hosted by Chip Brooks. Those in attendance were:

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Please excuse the briefness of this newsletter as we are all very busy this time of the year!

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Chair Dennis McLaughlin. The first discussion involved a vote and approval to ask Kirsten from Firgrove Mutual Water to purchase the accessories and plan to set her phone up to receive credit card payments for the Group. We feel the need to modernize our payment system for the October seminar to make things easier for members to reserve their spot.

Chip gave a presentation on the topic of fire alarms and fire systems. He showed us around their fire training room (photo on last page) and answered many of our questions. We appreciated him hosting the meeting and giving us a lot of facts and good advice.

Chip also volunteered to fill the void by stepping into the Vice-Chair position. All though his effort is highly commended, Dennis pointed out that we would be in violation of our bylaws. Article III reads as follows: "At least one (1) position of Chair or Vice Chair must be held by a representative of a water purveyor. Since neither he nor Dennis are purveyors, we are forced to not be able to accept his offer. It is crucial that a water purveyor step into the position. We are still waiting and hoping someone can meet the criteria and help out in that regard.

New Business: Former Group member Dick Unger has contacted us and would like to donate a backflow testing simulator to the Group. Although we presently have one available for all members to use, we appreciated his offer. He will leave it with our member, Larry Holmes and we will find a use for it.

An issue has come up with a purveyor that has challenged a tester that was using a site tube. Make sure that if you are a tester using this type of equipment that it is approved. If you see this as a purveyor, don't be afraid to ask questions.

I'm going to cut this short...lots to do.

THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, **THE 26th!!** It will be held at the City of Redmond. We will start to ramp up on the planning of the October Seminar. If you are an officer, committee member, or if you would like to become involved and help out, please attend!

The address is 18080 NE 76th St. Redmond, WA 98052

GIVE THE VACANT VICE CHAIR POSITION A THOUGHT. WE NEED SOME HELP IF THE GROUP IS TO SURVIVE!!

The calendar is on the next page:

WESTERN WASHINGTON CROSS CONNECTION PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS 2013 CALENDAR

*****ALL GROUP MEETINGS START AT 10 AM AND CLOSES AT 12 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
*****THE FIELD TRIPS WILL START AT 10 AM BUT THE TIME FINISHED IS UNDETERMINED

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CONTACT
16-Jan	FINAL DRAFT OF CALENDAR	CITY OF ISSAQUAH	TODD FREEMAN
	COMPLETION OF OLD BUSINESS/BI-LAWS, ETC	1775 12 TH AVE NW, 98027	425 837 3400
20-Feb	INSTALLATIONS:	CITY OF EDMONDS-SHOPS	LINDA MCMURPHY
	GOOD, BAD AND UGLY	7110 210 TH ST SW, 98026	425 771 0235
20-Mar	ANNUAL BAT FORUM	CITY OF BELLEVUE	TYLER HIMMELMAN
	9 AM – 1 PM	2901 115 th AVE	425 452 5208
17-Apr	FIELD TRIP/WSP FIRE	50810 GROUSE RIDGE RD	DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN
	TRAINING ACADEMY- SITE SURVEY	NORTH BEND, WA	425 364 9531
	10 AM - ?		

15-May	FIRE SUPPRESSION –SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	6737 CORSON AVE S, SEATTLE, 98108	CHIP BROOKS 425 359 6475
26-Jun	SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE	CITY OF REDMOND SHOPS 18080 NE 76 TH ST 98052	BOB EASTWOOD DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN
17-Jul	FIELD TRIP/ HUSKY STADIUM 10 AM - ?	DETAILS TBA	DALE BAXMANN 206 221 3127
21-Aug	ANNUAL PICNIC	PERRIGO PARK-REDMOND 9011 196 TH AVE NE	KATHY CALDWELL 425 556 2847
18-Sep	FIELD TRIP/ BILL AND MALINDA GATES FOUNDATION/ GREEN BLDG	500 5 TH AVE N SEATTLE, 98109	BOB EASTWOOD 206 233 2635
16-Oct	ANNUAL SEMINAR 7 AM – 1 PM	LA QUINTA INN-TACOMA 1425 E 27 TH ST, 98421	ALL OFFICERS/ DENNIS 206 364 9531
20-Nov	ELECTIONS	CITY OF EVERETT 3200 CEDAR STREET,EVERETT	TIM MARKHAM 425 257 8833
18-Dec	2014 PLANNING ADGENDA	NORTHSHORE UTILITY DIST. 6830 NE 185 TH AVES,KENMORE	CARL LUMAK 425 398 4400

