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The WWCCPP Group met on Wednesday the 18th at Woodinville Water District. Chair Tim Cantwell opened the meeting at 10 AM and introductions were given.

Members in attendance were:

Dennis Mclaughlin, Bob Eastwood, Mary Gonzales, Linda McMurphy, Dale Baxmann, Chris Sutton, Mark Fallgatter, Jimmy Saxon, Kathy Caldwell and Sandy Love.

Treasurer James was unable to attend and vice chair Tony is recovering from knee surgery and we hope he is doing well.

We started with the discussion of the residential flow through fire systems and the headaches they are giving most of us. Tim is having trouble identifying whether or not the systems being installed in his District are flow through or stand alone systems. He has decided to lock off newly installed fire meters until he receives correct documentation from the fire marshal.

Other purveyors are relying on the fire marshals or others to make sure that backflow protection is installed if needed.

Linda at City of Edmonds has the opportunity to review plans and must sign off on the certificate of occupancy permit.

Mark from King County says that now they require plans on site before they will inspect.

So, just to sum up that whole conversation, as you can see from the examples above, most CCS's are attempting to get a good hold on this situation and some have been more successful than others. Bob Eastwood suggested that maybe he could invite the Washington Fire Coalition to come back to the Group to speak to us and to better understand the purveyors point of view. We may try to get them for the September meeting. We would like to develop a set of questions for them, so if you have anything you would like them to address, send your comments or questions to me. I will compile a list.

I realize that we can be a bit negative when it comes to residential fire sprinklers just due to the problems they cause us in the cross connection field, but I really do believe that they save lives and property. Check out the YouTube video that speaks of why fires in new homes can be more dangerous. Very interesting. [Ron Hazelton talks about why fires in newer homes can be more dangerous.](#) (Ctrl+Click)

We then migrated over to the topic of the AHJs (Authority Having Jurisdiction) and all of the challenges that go along with that. We discussed differences in the UPC and the WACs and various different ways of looking at what is necessary for backflow protection on commercial appliances. Ice machines need an RP if they are water cooled. The machines that cool with air need no backflow protection. Mark said that you will find that serial numbers on the machines will either start with a W or an A which is an easy way to tell the difference. Also, water cooled machines continually drain from the bottom and air cooled do not. Anyway, just a little trivia in case you've had trouble identifying these in the past.

On a different note, we are still on track with the Seminar planning and the Website is looking good, with some newly added advertisers and the updated membership list.

Also attached today is the first announcement for the Annual October Seminar; avoid the rush and sign up early!

The other attachment is an article Dennis found interesting and makes us appreciate our natural resources here in the Northwest.

That's all I've got.

The next meeting will be on July 16th when we will all converge at the City of Everett with our guide Tim Markham and wagon train up to the Lake Chaplain Water Treatment Facility. He has a van with 14 seats available. If you would like to kick back and enjoy the scenery, just let him know you'd like to reserve a seat. We'll figure out any other logistics then.

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Tim asks that you park on the street in front of the building.

BE THERE BY 8:00 AM and call or email Tim if you have any questions.