



# U.W.S.P. Fire Crew

## Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2007

Attendance: 47  
Fire Danger: Low

### Important Announcements

- FIRE CACHE PARTY TODAY!!!! (09/28/07) Please see Cache Manager section below for further details.
- Sign-up sheets for Rock-n-Bowl and Fire Crew intramural teams have been posted on the Fire Crew office door.
- For those of you who don't know, the Fire Crew office is located in room 361A in the CNR. Don't be afraid to stop by sometime, somebody is almost always up there, and we enjoy company.

### Crew Leader: Brian Puckett

- Get your paperwork/certifications and dues turned in!
- We are currently working on getting the crew additional opportunities to acquire some advanced fire certifications via tech schools around the state. Hopefully we'll have more details and some good news regarding this possibility in the future.

### Assistant Crew Leader: Jordan Black

- Despite recent wet stuff falling from the sky, we are still crossing our fingers for a good burn season this fall. Jordan will be scouting some burns in the near future, and anyone interested in tagging along (to help out or just to learn) should contact him at [jblac208@uwsp.edu](mailto:jblac208@uwsp.edu).
- Anti-rain dances are strongly encouraged, and anyone interested in group anti-rain dances is welcome to join Jordan behind the HEC after his morning P.T. sessions; bring a friend if you'd like.
- P.T. is going great! Keep it up!
  - One-hour sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings by Jordan; please meet at 6am outside of the M.A.C. (in the Health Enhancement Center) to join him. Evening P.T. will be run by Brent Thiel at 7pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings, at the same location. They will both be sending out reminder emails.
  - P.T. is **NOT COMPETITIVE**, and everyone is encouraged participate and join in the fun.

### Secretary: P. J. Koehler

- Get your dues paid! Really, it's for your own good. Participation points don't matter if your dues are not paid, your membership is imaginary if your dues are not paid, and worst of all, you will no longer be receiving these really awesome minutes after this week if your dues are not paid!

- Please get your paperwork turned in A.S.A.P. Everybody needs to fill out a new Member Information form, W-9, DNR Physical Requirements Acknowledgement form, and UWSP Fire Crew Responsibility, Release, and Participation waiver; (all together, that's four pieces of paper that need to be turned in). Please include photocopies of any certifications you currently hold. Nobody will be doing any fire related work with the crew unless these forms are turned in and we have some proof of your certifications. You may direct any questions to P.J. at [pkoeh539@uwsp.edu](mailto:pkoeh539@uwsp.edu). Additional forms will be available in the Fire Crew office (CNR 361A).

### Cache Manager: Zach Hartshorn

- Fire Cache Party on Friday, 09/28/07 (that's today). The party starts at 15:30, otherwise known as 3:30pm (for those of you who don't habla Español). For those of you who don't know where it is, the cache is located at the back of J Lot...you'll see us.
- Pumps party, next week Tuesday at 4:30pm. Meet at the cache, and we'll head out to McDill Pond from there.
- Anybody who is qualified to help supervise at Pulpcut should contact Zach at [zhart993@uwsp.edu](mailto:zhart993@uwsp.edu). He needs help, both professionally and from YOU! To qualify, you must have either taken/passed Pulpcut, completed FISTA I & II, or be S-212 certified.
  - Please note: Fire Crew uses Pulpcut as a prerequisite to the S-212 certification, so we can all benefit by helping out!
- Gear check-out procedures are still postponed until the new helmets are ready, and everything should be good to go within the next two weeks. If we do any burning before then, gear will be checked out on an as-needed basis.
- PRO-DEALS!!! Zach has arranged a pro-deal through Smith Optics! But wait! That's not all! Smith Optics owns Bushnell!!! This deal will be available **for personal orders of UWSP Fire Crew members ONLY!!!** You may not place an order unless you have first paid your dues. This is a very generous deal they are providing for the crew, and to avoid losing it forever, we must respect the conditions they have set for us. If you have any questions about these conditions, you can email Zach or stop by the office. **Orders AND money will be due on October 4.** (Any checks must be made payable to Zach Hartshorn)
  - A Smartwool pro-deal is in the making, and we should have it set up soon.

### Treasurer: Joshua Haen

- Membership dues are still \$3 for the semester or \$5 for the year. Please stop by the office or bring money to next week's meeting to pay.
- If you have any ideas for T-shirt designs, please send them to Josh at [jhaen466@uwsp.edu](mailto:jhaen466@uwsp.edu). We will be voting on a design on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and the orders will be due on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- If anyone is interested in ordering a Fire Crew fleece (NOT Nomex), please let Josh know. If there is enough interest, he will organize an order. Also, Fire Crew hat orders will be organized soon; please be patient!
- Josh acquired some donated lumber and made a really sweet "Today's Fire Danger" sign to hang outside of the office. As soon as we get some fire danger, it'll be WAY cool!

### **S.A.P. Representative: Michelle Stelzig**

- Rock-n-Bowl will be on October 18 at Point Bowl. Cost is \$6 per person. A sign up sheet is posted on the Fire Crew office door; please note if you'll need transportation when you sign up.
- Fire Crew intramural teams sign-up sheets are also posted on the office door now.
- If anybody has other ideas for social events that we could do as a crew, please let Michelle know and she will look into it. Contact Michelle at [mstel808@uwsp.edu](mailto:mstel808@uwsp.edu).

### **Crew Advisor: James Cook**

- We may be seeing a trickle-down of wildfire job openings in the U.S. Forest service as a result of people being drawn to the state of California. Please watch your emails for job openings; Dr. Cook regularly forwards job openings to the crew.

### **WDNR Liaison: Brad Kildow**

- Indoor Training Session (ITS) will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need approximately 20 volunteers to run seven stations from 7-9pm for this to run smoothly. Then on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a second ITS to focus specifically on pumps.
  - We will begin organizing volunteers at next week's meeting, so please keep your calendars clear for this.
- UWSP, UWRF, Fox Valley Tech, and Northland Tech student fire crews all worked with the DNR on wildfires this past year. At Brad's recent ranger recertification training, all of the above-mentioned crews were briefly discussed. Common problems among university/college fire crews include limited hands-on training and a lack of physical training/testing. **Two of the rangers stated that UWSP Fire Crew sets the standard for other university/college fire crews to follow.** Let's keep up the hard work at ITS, OTS, and PT; people are noticing. Keep up the good work everybody!