



# U.W.S.P. Fire Crew

## Meeting Minutes

## Exciting News 'n Stuff!!!

November 8, 2007

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fire/>

Attendance: 50

Fire Danger: Moderate

### Important Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Engine Captain Scott Linn from Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will be guest speaking at next week's meeting.
- Next week's meeting is in CNR 120!
- Pile party on Saturday! (See Cache Manager section)
- Forestry Tech. Exam this weekend (11/10/07)
- Fire Crew & S.A.F. cookout on November 29<sup>th</sup> at Iverson Park.
- Foresters vs. Wildlifers fall semester broomball game on December 6!

### Crew Leader: Brian Puckett

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- We would like to apologize for any confusions and complications caused by our implementation of IQS for crew member certifications this year. We chose to use this system in the better interest of the crew as a whole, as well as future officers. IQS is a very user-friendly system that allows us to view how many people we've got with any particular certification(s). This is also the same system that federal agencies use, and thus allows them to be on the same page we are when we show up to a fire. We are also currently working on becoming a federally recognized organization. Furthermore, for those of you who haven't already heard, UWSP Fire Crew is sort of a high risk organization for the school. In recent years, we have been under a lot of scrutiny for liability/insurance reasons. The risk management people who work with our insurance seem to be pretty satisfied with IQS and our use of federal qualifications standards for our crew positions on the fireline. If anybody would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to speak with any of the Crew officers or Dr. Cook.
- We will be hosting S-212 (Power Saws on the Fireline) in the near future. We are currently planning to run the classroom portion of this class on the evening of Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the field portion of the class being conducted on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are looking for FISTA training, please contact Zach. We will have more details concerning S-212 at next week's meeting.

## **Assistant Crew Leader: Jordan Black**

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- The Standing Rocks burn last week was a big success, burning approximately 25 acres, and hopefully helping the park in their battle against garlic mustard.  
[Photo slide show: fearless leaders wear jeans at fires, Todd Pulvermacher can almost fit in a cupboard, Josh Haen wears Nomex capris, Adam Tlachac fights fires (no, literally, he *fights* them!), and mild torching is pretty sweet]
- The Berard Oaks burn we did last week Thursday was mostly successful.  
[Photo slide show: Alex is hot and Nate runs through fire]
- Overall, last week was an exciting week for prescribed burning with the Crew, but we now have rain in the forecast. In other words, things got hot real fast, but as soon as we started, it was over...story of Jordan's life right there.
- We will be doing some PT hiking on Tuesday/Thursday afternoons, and weighted packs are encouraged; more information on this will come soon. Also, we are looking into getting the climbing wall opened up for a Friday evening PT. We will still be doing the usual PT sessions on Monday/Wednesday mornings and evenings, as well as Friday morning surprises.

## **Secretary: P. J. Koehler**

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- Due to a large amount of stress on Fire Crew officers associated with the spring certification course that we host, P. J. will be forming a committee to help ensure everything runs smoothly and nobody goes nuts or starts hurting people. Please contact P. J. if you are interested in helping; keep in mind, this will be a splendid learning opportunity for anyone considering an officer position for next year.
- The FOR 224 course will be testing next week, so anybody available to help grade tests after next week's meeting please bring a red pen, and we'll all have a lot of fun.
- For those of you who have been taking pictures at various Crew events, we are working on creating a good system to post and share these photos with everyone. We will also be having a photo contest at the end of the semester, so if you have any really exciting pictures, you could end up winning a really exciting prize! We'll have more details on this at next week's meeting, so please be patient until then.

## **Cache Manager: Zach Hartshorn**

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- Zach will be hosting a Pile Party at OTS this Saturday. For those of you with dirty minds, it's not that kind of piling, it's just wood. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out, but only those who are already S-212 certified will be running saws. Please meet at the cache at 8:30am.
- Resume/job application workshop tonight after the meeting in the CNR computer lab across from the hall from the office. For those of you who cannot attend, there will be an additional workshop held after the FOR 224 class is finished.
- Tomahawk and Bendalin orders have all been sent in.

### **Treasurer: Joshua Haen**

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- DNR t-shirt orders are in, but Brian kicked their box down the stairwell on the way to the meeting, so if your shirt looks dirty, it's not because Josh wore it.
- Anybody who needs a new/current IRPG should stop by the office or send an email to Josh.

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

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- Fire Crew & S.A.F fall cookout will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> at Iverson Park. Sorry for any confusion to those of you who heard it would be on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Foresters vs. Wildlifers biannual broomball game is scheduled for December 6.

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

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- Nothing this week.

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

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- For those of you who have expressed interest in what the older Fire Crew t-shirt designs looked like, Brad wore his shirt from 2001 tonight. He then walked down the CNR 170 catwalk, struck a pose at the front of the room, did a little spin, and returned to his seat.

### **But wait, that's not all!!!**

Fire Job Photo Slide Show

- Wildland Engines by Brian Puckett  
Summary: Keep an open mind. Engines are typically used for initial attack on small fires (or large fires before they are large). If you are not a big fan of hard work, engines may be the best route for you. We try not to walk if we can avoid it.
- Helitack by Zach Hartshorn  
Summary: Helitackers ride in style. They have balls of fire. Type I ships suck retardant. You may get to swim in a pumpkin on slow days.
- Hand Crews by Jordan Black  
Summary: Hand crews are friendly. They travel around the country in buggies. Hand crews are better because helislackers and engine slugs don't do anything.