

Spokane Seminar

17 out of 34 attendees (50.0%) filled out evaluations, 11 of the 17 (64.7%) wanted certificates of training

EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM

EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM												
How to Find and Secure Grants for Fire Districts	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	15	88.2%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Specific Comments:	<p>Could have saved time by not having the 3 speakers talking about accomplishments/failures on grants. Please number pages of handouts in future. Michelle did a great job, clear, easy to understand, audience participation - nice job!</p> <p>Fast paced, not enough time to write notes from power point slides. Very informative and knowledgeable!</p> <p>Good information.</p> <p>More resources for grant writers - directory or whatever to help departments decide who to obtain for a project.</p>											
EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM												
District Finances: Taxes, Levies, Bonds & Benefit Charges	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	3	17.6%	8	47.0%	1	5.9%	1	5.9%	4	23.3%	0	0.0%
Specific Comments:	<p>Difficult material to understand, needs more time, slower presentation, better examples.</p> <p>Should be an am presentation.</p> <p>Slides too small. Many people left during this presentation. Too long, too confusing, slides hard to read, seemed to be all over the board. You should sit through this before you have a group!</p> <p>Small, hard to read slides, dry-tax.</p>											

EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTORS

EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTORS												
Michelle Mazzola - Grants	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	14	82.3%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTORS												
Rich Davis - Finances	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	6	35.2%	7	41.1%	1	5.9%	1	5.9%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%
Specific Comments:	<p>Smart guy presenting difficult material rapidly - slow down, hard to follow.</p> <p>Um - Uh - Uh - Rich Davis - speech 101. Seems to really know his stuff - no reason to stumble!! Sometimes you think you are starting from the beginning but you are not. I'm more confused that when I came!</p>											

LENGTH OF THE SEMINAR

How to Find and Secure Grants for Fire Districts	Too Short		Right Length		Too Long		No Answer	
	5	29.4%	12	70.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Specific Comments:	Too short - could be a week.							
District Finances: Taxes, Levies, Bonds & Benefit Charges	Too Short		Right Length		Too Long		No Answer	
	1	5.9%	9	52.9%	2	11.8%	5	0.0%

MY PRINCIPAL REASON FOR ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR WAS:

Grants (writing, process, procedures and levies)	7
District Finances	2
Absorb knowledge and information.	1
Find sources of grants and how to access and when.	1
Fire district planning to build a fire station.	1
New and remodel construction for our district.	1
Spokane location/Davenport hotel.	1
Was to educate myself in the many ways of looking and applying for project operating funds.	1
Was to reinforce my knowledge of my role as a commissioner.	1

I WOULD LIKE THE WFCA TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Another class on finances. More comprehensive including details on all other benefit charges etc.	1
Grants.	1
Info on WAC 296-305, NFPA 1720 revenue sources!	1
Loan options for commissioners a step by step process how to do it.	1

EVALUATION OF THE MEALS AND MEETING FACILITY

	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
Quality of Service	14	82.3%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Quality of Food	9	52.9%	8	47.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food Quality & Variety - Continental Breakfast	11	64.7%	6	35.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food Quality & Variety - Lunch	7	41.1%	7	41.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	17.6%
Specific Comments:	Beautiful and awesome service. Beautiful facility! What a treat to be here! Great accommodations. Hotel was great. Meeting room right sized. Hotel excellent. Hotel is the reason I attended. Wonderful place to meet.											

Ocean Shores Seminar

89 out of 112 attendees (79.4%) filled out evaluations, 62 of the 89 (69.7%) wanted certificates of training

EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM

EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM												
How to Find and Secure Grants for Fire Districts	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	51	57.3%	36	40.4%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%
*1 Between Excellent and Good.												
Specific Comments:	<p>A lot of information from this class. Enjoyed the presentation and handout to follow along with the speech. Easy to follow with handouts. Chief Fortier was great help with hands on experience Excellent, good class. Found it hard to give specific grant information because they tend to be so individualized. Roundtable discussion was beneficial. Good information. It's very helpful to hear the questions from the floor and answers from the experts. There was not enough time for all the grant writing (budgets). Panel discussion - very helpful with relative examples - success and failure. Presentation of act on grants would be nice otherwise the class is just what I can read about online. Sparked a lot of ideas to be creative in locating and receiving grants. Very good & inspiring. Very informative for those of us who just started looking at grants. Very informative. Very well presented and very informative.</p>											
District Finances: Taxes, Levies, Bonds & Benefit Charges	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
	27	30.3%	32	35.9%	5	5.6%	0	0.0%	24	26.9%	1	1.1%
*1 Between Excellent and Good.												
Specific Comments:	<p>Covered too much info. Less material and more examples for next section. Earlier in day, don't use lawyer (chief or assessor). Examples were great. Over the top presentation - more examples would be better! I make pulp for a livingō a little over my head. Still, good info to hear. Outstanding handout. Slides were so small and hard to read. The presentation was ok it was just a little over our heads. Subject tough at this time of the day. This was also presented at the Snure seminar. Wow, very, very complex!</p>											
General Comments:	<p>Finances difficult after lunch. Would be more effective to switch finances to the am and grants in the afternoon. (3) Appreciate the additional resources. Both classes contained excellent information for me. Course was more information than I got in prior classes. Don't use red text on screens (w dark backgrounds) they are hard to see. If lights are on text (in general) is hard to see. Excellent materials. Good information - could have had more time. I'm from Eastern Washington and wasn't able to make the Spokane seminar. I really appreciated having a smaller rural speaker and his knowledge. This has been an informative seminar.</p>											

Too short.
 Very well done/appropriate subject clarifications, PowerPoint and handouts helpful.

EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTORS

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		No Answer		*Other	
Michelle Mazzola - Grants	60	67.4%	26	29.2%	2	2.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%
	*1 Between Excellent and Good.											
Specific Comments:	<p>Explains herself very well. Good at answering questions. Great presentations from both Michelle and Don. Has a broad practical knowledge of the subject. Excellent resource. Has a wealth of knowledge. Shorten PowerPoint. Questions are answered in a manor so as to fit your situation. Very dynamic and engaging. Was OK but it seemed like she was here to get business for herself. Was very informative - nice presentation. Was very knowledgeable, her presentation was/will be useful to me. Great info! Well prepared, knows material.</p>											
Rich Davis - Finances	35	39.3%	30	33.7%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	23	25.8%	0	0.0%
Specific Comments:	<p>A little scattered, room got too hot after lunch. Very sleepy. Did a good job with a difficult subject. Good knowledge - confusing with too many illustrations. Knew his subject - explained clearly. Knows his topic well, dry topic but good information. Monotone. Thank God he had some jokes! Very few questions needed. Very good for the subject. Was very knowledgeable, very deep subject. You did good. Did a great job with a difficult subject.</p>											
General Comments:	<p>Chief Fortier gave an excellent presentation based on his personal experience. Chief Fortier is a nice piece to the presentation. Don Fortier - excellent. Don Fortier - liked the detailed info he provided. Lots of knowledge, experience and dedication to the fire service and its purpose. The panel discussion with Chief Don Fortier, Commissioner Dave Fergus and Commissioner Bob Skaggs - very informative. Made it easy to relate to our own situations. Very good speakers, great preparation, great handouts. Very informative. Very knowledgeable. Wealth of information - good handouts!</p>											

LENGTH OF THE SEMINAR

How to Find and Secure Grants for Fire Districts	<u>Too Short</u>		<u>Right Length</u>		<u>Too Long</u>		<u>No Answer</u>	
	13	14.6%	71	79.8%	1	1.1%	4	4.4%
Specific Comments:	Too short - not checking it as bad, just would like another day to hear more information.							
District Finances: Taxes, Levies, Bonds & Benefit Charges	<u>Too Short</u>		<u>Right Length</u>		<u>Too Long</u>		<u>No Answer</u>	
	7	7.8%	41	46.1%	8	8.9%	33	37.1%

MY PRINCIPAL REASON FOR ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR WAS:

Grants	18
Grant writing.	13
Financing/Funding information and where to find.	11
Education.	10
Where to find grants.	5
What makes a successful grant.	3
Become the best commissioner possible.	2
Building a new station.	2
Continued education.	2
Increase knowledge.	2
Networking.	2
Benefit charge good.	1
Dept grants administrator.	1
Find out grant sources and what kind of grants are being awarded.	1
How to get through county rule change DDEs, which are changed mid project.	1
Improve knowledge.	1
Information.	1
Involvement of RFA - support - see trends/needs.	1
Learn levy process.	1
Learn more about requirements.	1
Learn new material.	1
Levy lift.	1
Needed info for civic growth.	1
New approach to grants.	1
Taxies, levies, and bonds.	1
To come up to speed as a new district secretary in a district that will soon be building a new fire hall	1
To further education on developing and maintaining our fire department.	1
To gather new information.	1
To learn why we can't get a grant.	1
To see what other grant sources are out there.	1
Small district - all volunteer department - we are in need of a new station - not enough tax base to build without outside funding contribution.	1
Wanting to apply for a grant to get a building.	1
We need help/advice.	1

I WOULD LIKE THE WFCA TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:	
Strategic planning for fire districts.	3
A lot of information for one day, an extra half day for material would help.	1
Accounting and computer systems.	1
Budget/Finance and legislative process of emergency medical service/funding/fire/life safety education and prevention in WA state today!	1
Commissioner/Chief relations, do not step on each other's toes.	1
Conducting a commissioners meeting, what is allowed, what isn't, dealing with difficult officers.	1
Doing a good job.	1
Employee/volunteer issues- hiring, firing, discrimination, etc.	1
Fire commissioner responsibilities and liabilities.	1
Grant writing workshop.	1
How to be a commissioner! What do they need to know? How to chair a meeting. Executive sessions. What can, can't do?	1
How to get along with DDES - get through the maze of mid project rule changes, etc.	1
Michelle's grants 201 class.	1
Needs development - how to know what you need (prep for grants).	1
RCWs and laws - more on what are the jobs of commissioners, how to run meetings.	1
Records - retention and public records request.	1
Regional fire authority involve consultants and administrators, finance experts (not legal or Snure).	1
RFA/Merger/consolidation, planning (participation w county/city, district strategy.)	1
Rural fire protection district/interface with DNR/wildland.	1
What are components of a good program.	1
What does a model fire department/district look like (what is a good functioning organization).	1

EVALUATION OF THE MEALS AND MEETING FACILITY

	<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Fair</u>		<u>Poor</u>		<u>No Answer</u>		<u>*Other</u>	
Quality of Service	38	42.7%	41	46.1%	2	2.2%	0	0.0%	8	8.9%	0	0.0%
Quality of Food	29	32.6%	34	38.2%	13	14.6%	0	0.0%	10	11.2%	3	3.3%
*1 Between Excellent and Good, 1 Between Good and Fair, 1 Between Fair and Poor.												
Food Quality & Variety - Continental Breakfast	20	22.5%	25	28.1%	27	30.3%	4	4.5%	12	13.4%	1	1.1%
*1 Between Good and Fair.												
Food Quality & Variety - Lunch	32	35.9%	31	34.8%	11	12.3%	0	0.0%	12	13.4%	3	3.3%
*1 Between Excellent and Good, 1 Between Good and Fair, 1 Between Fair and Poor.												
Specific Comments:	<p>Good. (3) Very nice. (3) Breakfast - no juice. Comfortable and adequate. Comfortable setting, nice rooms, helpful staff. Excellent facility, meeting room very good - staff WFCA and hotel excellent - Thanks. Excellent location. Generally excellent. Good facility. Good location, continue offering training at this facility. Better than the casino Got a little warm in the afternoon. Great quantity. Great! Hotel room 221 - door shades broken - unable to open; not enough towels for room, coffee packet open upon arrival, only 1 packet. It would be nice to go back to the Quinault but this is a nice place. Meeting room needs ability to darken room to better see PowerPoint slides. Drapes finally closed in second half of the day (much better). Need more choices for breakfast and lunch. Need to allow for walkway behind back row of tables. Nice facility. OK but sound system could be better. Room too warm. People were yawning. Room was good - bed was not very good mattress - sway back edge very broken down. Round tables for training? They both are very nice. Turn down the heat after lunch. Very clean - no problems. Very good - no smoke like casino. Very good food!</p>											