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Hi all,

April 17th the Group met at the Washington State Patrol Fire Training Center out of North Bend to complete a site survey.

The members who attended were as follows:

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Guests that attended were Jason Daniels and Don Crawford from the City of Edmonds; as well as Mike Bevin, Dan Loch and Brian Stoss from the City of Issaquah.

The Group met up at the Fire Training Center at 9AM on April 17th. The sun was out and it turned into a beautiful day. We first met in a small training room to discuss the make-up of the facility. They are supplied with potable water from their own private well. That water comes from the well across the campus and into the treatment building. The water is treated by means of hypo chlorite injection and is then piped out through the potable system.

The fresh water is delivered to the waste water treatment plant, the dorm rooms, the training rooms and a variety of out buildings.

The firefighting water is a separate system for fire suppression in the appropriate buildings and supplies the hydrants in the training areas. After use at the hydrants, it drains into holding ponds and is pumped back and re used.

The Group surveyed the buildings that utilize fresh water. Bob Eastwood, Dale Baxmann and Tim Cantwell, a few of the more seasoned veterans, chased pipes and determined if they thought adequate backflow assemblies were in place. They shared their thoughts and explained what they saw to the less experienced CCS's. There were a few unanswered questions regarding the piping that was not visible, but overall, things looked good. The Group will offer a letter with recommendations to improve conditions such as labeling pipes and identifying the "unknowns".

Everyone enjoyed and gained some knowledge on how to conduct a survey. There is just nothing better than the hands-on approach to really understand where to start in a complex plumbing facility, such as their sewage treatment plant. Thanks to everyone who participated to make the training and the site survey a great success. We would also like to thank Levi for the time he spent showing us around. I've attached some fun photos from the day. You will need to manually move through the slide show. The power point I built was just too big to email.

The next meeting will be held at the South Seattle Community College on May 15th at 10:00 AM. Chip Brooks from the Local 699 Sprinklerfitters Union, and Group member, will be hosting a presentation on fire suppression systems.

The address is 6737 Corson Ave South, Seattle WA. 98019-3450.

Driving Directions: I-5 North or South, take the Corson Ave exit.

Go straight through the first stop light. Go about a quarter mile and turn right (after the black fence) and then take a left into the first parking lot, and you should be looking at a grey building. That is building C. We will be in Building C, Room 111. There will be signs up to help us navigate to where we need to be. If you have any questions, you can email Chip at chiheb@hotmail.com

See you there!

Kathy

Group Sec.

SPECIAL NOTICE & QUESTION: If you can help James out, please email him and CC me so I can share it with all.

Thanks!!



Attached is a photo of a 1.5" Febco 850 at the Costco #001 on 4th Ave. Both checks went right to 0 while testing.

The photo shows what I found when I opened it up; the disk retainer screws had come loose at some point and washed downstream causing both checks to come apart. But what is really strange is that black cone shaped

piece (circled in yellow) I pulled out of this thing. It has nothing to do with this assembly and I have no idea how it got into the device. I was wondering if you have ever seen anything like this before.

Sincerely,

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MEETING CALENDAR 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 COMPLETION OF OLD BUSINESS/BI-LAWS, ETC	CITY OF ISSAQUAH 1775 12 TH AVE NW, 98027	TODD FREEMAN 425 837 3400
20-Feb	INSTALLATIONS: GOOD, BAD AND UGLY	CITY OF EDMONDS-SHOPS 7110 210 TH ST SW, 98026	LINDA MCMURPHY 425 771 0235
20-Mar	ANNUAL BAT FORUM 9 AM – 1 PM	CITY OF BELLEVUE 2901 115 TH AVE	TYLER HIMMELMAN 425 452 5208
17-Apr	FIELD TRIP/WSP FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY- SITE SURVEY 10 AM - ?	50810 GROUSE RIDGE RD NORTH BEND, WA	DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN 425 364 9531
15-May	FIRE SUPPRESSION –SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEED TO VERIFY	6737 CORSON AVE S, SEATTLE, 98108	CHIP BROOKS 425 359 6475
19-Jun	TBD	TBD	
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 1939
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

LOCATION DETAILS AND MAPS WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE CURRENT MEETING.