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Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

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WASHINGTON-NEVADA PARTNERSHIP CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR RECENTLY LAID OFF FIREFIGHTERS

Reno, NV- April 19 to 22, 2010. 20 recently laid off Reno firefighters were given the opportunity to attend an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) course at the Washoe County Training Center & Fallon Naval Air Station. The Reno Fire Department, a member of the Truckee Meadows & Washoe County Fire Protection Districts in the State of Nevada, has partnered with ARFF Training Concepts, Inc. to provide a state-of-the-art course which will give the firefighters the opportunity to become "Certified" and apply for upcoming open positions as Airport Fire Fighters.

The State of Nevada has requested assistance from the State of Washington because it does not currently offer IFSAC ARFF. The State of Washington will assist in the implementation of this course and exams. Certified personnel will be provided to administer the written and practical exams. The practical testing will be held at the Fallon Naval Air Station which has the necessary props and equipment needed to successfully conduct the Washington State certification exam.

Individuals attending this class were taught a wide variety of subjects that meet FAA regulatory requirements outlined in FAR Title 14 CFR part 139, IFSAC requirements as outlined in NFPA 1003, & ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) Title 14, doc. 9137 requirements. Classroom subjects covered all of the following training requirements;

- ❖ Aviation Regulations
- ❖ Accident Investigation & Case Studies
- ❖ Aircraft Familiarization & Construction
- ❖ Aircraft Evacuation
- ❖ Aircraft Forcible Entry
- ❖ Aircraft Search & Rescue
- ❖ Aircraft Overhaul
- ❖ Airport Familiarization
- ❖ Airport Emergency Plan
- ❖ Airport Fire Prevention
- ❖ ARFF Communications
- ❖ ARFF Safety
- ❖ ARFF Equipment & Appliances
- ❖ ARFF Operations – ICS/IMS

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- ❖ Bloodborne Pathogens
- ❖ Fuels & Tactics
- ❖ Hazardous Materials & Cargo (aka. Dangerous Goods)

Practical testing was conducted at the Fallon Naval Air Station and tested the firefighters newly acquired knowledge and skills in a variety of testing stations ranging from Responding, Engine Fires, Wheel & Brake, Interior Fire, Communications, and much more to insure the firefighters demonstrated understanding and mastery of their new skills.

The following individuals have worked tirelessly to make this class happen, which could not have taken place without their support and efforts:

State of Nevada Recognition

James M. Wright, Chief - Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Dennis Pinkerton, Bureau Chief - Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Kurt Latipow, Fire Services Coordinator - Washoe County
Dale Kiriaze, Chairman - Community Assistance Program – IAFF Local 731
Tamara Lopes, Division Chief - Reno Fire Department

State of Washington Recognition

Paul Snider, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal - Washington State Fire Marshal's Office
Barbara Gagner, Program Manager - Washington State Fire Marshal's Office

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