

GREATER VICTORIA TRAINING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Meeting Held  
**November 4, 2008**

The meeting was held at Saltspring Island Fire Hall #1.

Present:	Hank Michno	Sidney
	Scott Davidson	Langford
	Matt Barney	Sooke
	John Robertson	Central Saanich
	John Trelford	North Saanich
	Jamie Holmes	Salt Spring Island
	Dan Murphy	Nanaimo

**Meeting called to order and chaired by Captain Jamie Holmes at 10:10 hours.**

**New Business:**

Captain Jamie Holmes showed a power point presentation on Action Training system that the Saltspring Fire Department is using for their training purposes. Jamie gave an overview of how the Action training system works and how they keep track of firefighter usage on the system. Firefighters are able to come in and pick up on any material they missed on practice nights in order to be prepared for writing the Justice Institute module exams. If anyone is interested in the program please contact Captain Jamie Holmes at [trainingofficer@telus.net](mailto:trainingofficer@telus.net).

Captain Holmes gave a presentation on the Bullex Smart Fire Extinguisher training system that was recently purchased for their fire extinguisher training program

Assistant Chief John Robertson gave a brief overview of the hazardous material training and equipment. If anyone is interested in viewing the trailer or perhaps having a familiarization night at their Fire Hall with the equipment on the trailer please contact John Robertson at [johnrobertson@csaanich.ca](mailto:johnrobertson@csaanich.ca).

There was a general discussion on the Electrical Training train the trainer course being offered through BC Hydro. This course is an initiative through the BCFTOA and designed for fire departments to be able to give their members electrical training.

## **Round Table**

### **Nanaimo**

- ❖ Hosting a 5 day EVO course in November.

### **Sidney**

- ❖ 12 firefighters to Otter Point for Live Fire refresher.

### **Sooke**

- ❖ Recruit class going well.
- ❖ Looking at hosting Fire and Life Safety educator course in the new year..
- ❖ Hosting haz-mat operations course in the spring.

### **North Saanich**

- ❖ 9 recruits started in October.

### **Langford**

- ❖ 7 firefighters completed Live Fire 2 training.
- ❖ 1 firefighter attending Live Fire 1 in Maple Ridge.
- ❖ Fire Service Instructor 1 course for Langford members in November..

### **Central Saanich**

- ❖ 5 new recruits started.
- ❖ Haz-mat training ongoing.

### **Saltspring**

- ❖ 1 firefighter to Live Fire 1 and Live Fire 2.
- ❖ 4 firefighters completed the haz-mat technicians course.

**On motion the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 hours.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at Sidney Fire Hall. (1000 hours)**