

September 2008 LEC Face-toFace in Phoenix MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Georges Sansfacon
Jennifer Brown
Martin Barrow
David Kuprie
Mike Calfee
Andrew Markle
Randall Trease
Trent Knoles
Tony Hatcher
Joe Noland
Julian Fitzgerald
Debora Meise
Lonette Turner
Marc Nichols(by phone)

NOTES:

Joe Noland

Don Boswell was not in attendance, but voiced concerns about resigning from the committee due to limited funding for travel. He was asked to wait and see if the grant was approved. We learned the grant was not approved and Don will be notified. All members advised concerns over budgeting.

Lonette clarified the IFTA funding for the face-to-face and Law Enforcement & Managers Seminar. IFTA pays for the face-to-face or the LEC Seminar.

Discussion of the importance of the face-to-face in order to keep LEC current on issues and to keep pressing forward.

Jennifer discussed the location of the face-to-face. Locations suggested were North Carolina, Phoenix, or New Orleans. Everyone agreed on North Carolina with an exact location TBD in November. All LEC members are to check their calendars for dates in either April or May. LEC members are to e-mail chair and/or co-chair their availability.

Georges brought up the possibility of an IFTA annual fuel check effort around the beginning of May. This would be a national event to get the IFTA word out. Discussion about making it a 3 day event, and the concerns of getting jurisdictions to participate. Martin suggested we try and piggy-back on an existing event such as the I-40 road check to get started.

Also discussed was a 1 day blitz to check for dyed fuel and IFTA compliance right after the IFTA grace period. Each participating jurisdiction would keep stats

and report to IFTA Inc. on the project. Andrew advised that he has some forms that may be beneficial to use during this blitz.

Jennifer suggested that the LEC draft a memo to give to the law enforcement jurisdictions to advise what we plan on doing during the 1 day blitz. It was determined that the LEC would send out this memo to the IFTA board and IFTA jurisdictions.

The LEC roadshow was discussed. Jennifer suggested that the LEC look into recruiting non-LEC members and jurisdictions to participate regionally to raise IFTA awareness.

The LEC congratulated Marc Nichols on his recent promotion to Major.

The LEC would like to do an IFTA 101 in service training for local and state law enforcement. Sort of a train-the-trainer program. Martin advised that the NC Highway Patrol is currently working with small agencies, so this may be a starting point to model our training after. Concern was voiced as to different jurisdictions training requirements per state certification. Jennifer wants each LEC jurisdiction to come up with points for a training plan and try and have ready by next conference call.

Lonette advised the LEC that the IFTA brochure looks good (Nice job Trent). The target audience should be law enforcement. Julian suggested that the brochure should be sent to individuals above the level of the IFTA commissioners to get the word to those who control budgetary items. Julian advised that he would work on a letter on behalf of the IFTA board to accompany the brochures.

IFTA inc. is looking into the next Law Enforcement & Manager's Seminar that is apparently scheduled the same time period as IRP's annual meeting. More to come.

The suggestion was made at the next seminar that we just do introductions instead of intros and an icebreaker.

Jennifer thanked each LEC member and presented certificates of appreciation. She further reminded each LEC member to make the conference calls as we need everyone's participation. IFTA Inc. advised that they can send out e-mail reminders and Outlook appointment reminders prior to the scheduled calls. The conference calls remain the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. eastern time.

The next conference call is **October 14th**.