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PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATORS
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**The Washington Public Fire Educators
invite you to attend:**

***The Mary Pang Warehouse Fire and Its Investigation
– Deaths, Extradition, and Aftermath***
Presented by Ray Risdon, Seattle Fire Captain, retired
December 16, 2009 from 9am to 12 noon
Bates Technical College, South Campus
2201 South 78th Street Tacoma, WA

This presentation is designed to help all sectors of the fire service learn from a tragic incident in Seattle Fire's History. Everyone from line firefighters to public information officers to fire investigators and public educators will bring away valuable "lessons learned". This is a presentation you will not want to miss....

Captain Risdon began his fire service career in 1968 in what is now Eastside Fire & Rescue. In 1973, he joined the Seattle Fire Department and worked throughout the city during his career. In charge of the Fire Investigation Unit at the time of the Mary Pang fire, Ray used his 20+ years in the fire service, as well as his background investigating serial arsonist Paul Keller, and conducted an investigation into the origin and cause of the 1995 warehouse fire that killed four Seattle Firefighters. Currently working as Division Chief for Kittitas County Fire District 7, Ray's presentation of the investigation into the Pang Warehouse fire discusses the informant, working with federal agents, arson surveillance before the fire, fire ground operations, building layout, construction issues, firefighter deaths, pursuing the suspect, extradition, and what Seattle Fire did right, and what they did wrong. Captain Risdon's presentation also discusses the effect that the media had on the investigation and aftermath from beginning to end.

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