

**EMF Introductory Letter Fire, Health and Safety at RSE February 17, 2010**

Fire, Health and Safety concerns at Ramtha's School of Enlightenment (RSE), a division of JZK Inc.

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To whom it may concern

]Re: Fire, Health and Safety Concerns at The Ramtha's School of Enlightenment (RSE), a division of JZK Inc.

RSE website link: <http://www.ramtha.com/>

Through this document, we are representing the former members of RSE and interested parties who have witnessed firsthand what we now bring to your attention.

We are bringing our concerns forward in the hope that in doing so we may contribute to the prevention of more injuries in the future and/or a tragedy from occurring at RSE.

We believe the information contained in this document will provide ample material to warrant a full investigation of JZK Inc. and RSE through the federal, state, county or local government agencies.

Aside from the abuses inflicted upon attendees through the methods used at RSE, we assert that there are grounds to expose, or otherwise pursue public safety issues as they relate to the RSE school facility; and we believe that it would be irresponsible on our part not to do that.

The public, including the participants of RSE, deserve all of the due care and attention governmental agencies have been established to provide.

We further maintain that failure to investigate when violations are brought to the attention of regulating governmental agencies may amount to tacit agreement with the violations and/or a failure to fulfill obligatory duties.

It is tragic that injuries and/or deaths seemingly take place before the indications & records of negligence (often dating back years), as likely to be found in the case of the JZK Inc. RSE organization, are brought forward.

In review of a recent Russian night club fire,

See, Associated Press Lax codes cited in Russia blaze that killed 107?

Link:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/12/05/russian-nightclub-fire-kill\\_381222.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/12/05/russian-nightclub-fire-kill_381222.html)

And the sweat lodge tragedy in Arizona,

["Motivational Speaker James Arthur Ray Charged in Arizona Sweat Lodge Deaths"]

Link: Fox News

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,584752,00.html>

It seems that the injuries and deaths relating to these events were preventable.

In both of those cases, had those who were aware of threats to the safety of others, pressed the issue with regulatory bodies (even if it meant making public what they knew), surely some action would have been taken to prevent these terrible tragedies.

Those who had knowledge of the abuse and the risks to the safety of others in these cases now face regret and in some cases, prosecution.

We are concerned that you, as well as those we represent through Enlighten Me Free (EMF), may very well find ourselves in a similar situation should further injury or death of RSE participants result due to our failure to act.

RSE utilizes an authoritarian boot camp method of activities with "initiations" that often involve physical danger, coupled with food and sleep deprivation.

Providence St Peter Hospital in Olympia, WA has a long history of treating traumatized and injured RSE students at their A & E facility.

Our primary concern however, is for the safety of participants and the public during events held at the RSE campus. With this in mind, we respectfully suggest inspections be carried out, unannounced while major RSE events are in progress.

We understand the Thurston County and the Fire Marshal may not be aware of health and safety issues when inspecting the RSE campus when closed. It is during major RSE events that both fire and health safety issues are magnified due to the number of participants and the activities in which students are coerced to engage.

RSE promotes a culture of secrecy, whereby its students are reluctant to report any safety issues that are evident during events.

As the owner and operator of RSE, JZ Knight, President & CEO of JZK Inc. has obtained some conditional permits to operate her business, but it remains unclear as to what category under which that business is classified. It would seem it has been classified under whichever JZK Inc. felt appropriate at the time, in order to obtain the desired permit. We maintain that as RSE operates as a private school, it should be classified and regulated as such.

Particularly that the JZK Inc. RSE organization operates an international school with many foreign students attending who mistakenly assume RSE is properly licensed and permitted to operate as a private school in the United States.

Evidence within this document reveals JZK Inc. and RSE have consistently and knowingly violated conditions of obtained permits in the past and continue to do so. We are deeply concerned the apparent disregard for the recommendations and permit conditions as put forward by the Thurston County and the Fire Marshal, may indicate an equal disregard for the safety and wellbeing of RSE students and the public.

We urge you to investigate The Ramtha's School of Enlightenment (RSE Inc.) and we submit this document in confidence that you will act upon it.

We do understand the delicate nature of this undertaking and are fully aware that JZK Inc. has both donated and pledged to donate considerable financial assistance to the S.E. Thurston Fire/EMS Department.

[i][quote]"Knight has pledged \$120,000 in 2010 to Southeast Thurston Fire/EMS for their general operational fund or to where the greatest community benefit would be derived".

JZ Knight.com website link:

<http://www.jzknight.com/2009/11/jz-knight-pledges-additional-120,000-gift-to-local-fireems-department/>

For anyone who has not been involved with an organization such as JZK Inc., it may be difficult to fully appreciate the danger which customers (former or current students), face in openly criticizing such an organization. It is similar to the dangers a whistle blower often faces when revealing the facts of a corporations unethical practices, particularly when they have concrete evidence of harmful and illegal practices.

We hope you take this into consideration if you request witnesses to come forward.

Out of respect for those who have agreed to be interviewed and to give evidence, we have agreed to protect their identity until such time as an investigation of RSE is underway.

We encourage you to contact us through the above email and/or P.O. Box if you are in a position to carry out such an investigation and/or are willing to act in the capacity of public protection.

Respectfully yours,

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