

Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 19, 2010
West Metro Fire Rescue Headquarters
433 Allison Way, Lakewood, CO

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Riley.

Members Present

Attending the meeting in person were, President Riley, Treasurer Marsh, Chief Mygatt, Secretary Morgan, Chief McBee, Chief Lombardi, Chief Ury, Chief Qualman, and Chief Parmley. Attending via tele-conference were Chief Rhodes, Chief Pistor, and Chief Eveatt.

Others Present for Meeting

Theresa Staples (CDFS), Deborah Colburn and Gina Gonzales (AEMP)

Minutes

The minutes for the July 30th meeting and the October 8th meeting were not ready for adoption. A motion was made by Lombardi to postpone the approval of minutes. Second by Mygatt, all yes.

Financial Reports

Cooke reported that as of today there are 103 people registered for the COLS training and 254 for the Fire Leadership Challenge, and that the Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs Conference is also included in the balance sheet and in the financial reports given. A motion was made by Mygatt to approve the financials and seconded by Marsh. All yes.

Presidents Report (Riley)

1. Chief Riley reported that there are currently six Departments in the State who are moving forward with the accreditation process. Red White and Blue FPD will likely complete accreditation in 2011.
2. The next meeting of the accreditation consortium will be in Keystone on Friday December 3rd in the form of a “meet and greet” and there will also be classes offered with detail of the accreditation process on Saturday December 4th at the conference.
3. The Officer Development Handbook from IAFC has been revised and is available to purchase from IAFC. They are working on making downloadable versions of the revised handbook available for download.
4. The MVFCA is working on the annual conference to be held in Wichita, KS in July.
5. President Riley will be unable to attend the annual meeting in Keystone on Thursday December 2nd as the City of Pueblo is conducting testing for the Chief of Police vacancy and Chief Riley is sitting on the committee.

Vice Presidents Report (Pischke)

Due to a family emergency Chief Pischke was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Pischke.

Executive Directors Report (Cooke)

1. Director Cooke asked that written reports from officers, sections, and Regional Directors be given to him prior to the Annual Meeting for distribution.
2. The CSFCA had a booth at the Colorado Fire Fighters Academy that went very well and was worth the efforts to attend. Information was exchanged as well as additional vendors committed to the Fire Leadership Challenge Conference as a result of the CSFCA's participation. It was agreed that our participation in other conferences was important for our strategic goals.
3. The joint Public Safety Council meeting was held on November 18th to discuss potential legislative items for the upcoming legislative session. Most of the legislative items at this point are primarily law enforcement items with several being related to the legal limits of THC levels to be similar to alcohol laws. Additional conversations revolved around recent meetings with the Sheriffs and the Chief's of Police associations meeting with the law enforcement unions regarding the law enforcement "Bill of Rights" proposed legislation. The Union leaders were taking the information back to their membership for input and comment.
4. Cooke distributed a memorandum from Chief Qualman regarding possible legislation pertaining to SWAT medics. Cooke and Qualman led the conversation and it was explained that while many medics are serving on SWAT teams and carry firearms for self-defense, there is nothing in statute that permits this and very few insurance companies will provide coverage. Based upon feedback it appears that the only way to address this is to expand the existing Peace Officer Statutes to include SWAT Medics. A discussion followed and it was agreed that any changes would be to cover SWAT medics while performing activities related to tactical operations only and not while performing "normal" duties as a medic. In addition, it is a matter of allowing agencies who choose to participate in tactical operations, to provide adequate insurance and liability coverage and will not make any requirements for agencies to participate if they choose not to participate locally. Some suggestions from the Joint Public Safety Council were to not limit it to Fire Based Medics and to include EMS agencies and ER Physicians based upon some of the SWAT team models around the State. No legislation is currently drafted for review and Chief Qualman and Director Cooke were asking for direction from the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Morgan to support SWAT Medic conceptually for future review by the CSFCA, and that Chief Qualman take the lead for the CSFCA on the matter. Seconded by Marsh, all yes.
5. Cooke reported that thus far we have not been overwhelmed with the amount of legislative issues of interest that are forthcoming but he is aware that Children's Hospital wants legislation to ban "toy lighters". Since this is a matter that affects interstate commerce as well as consumer safety it may be best suited to be

addressed from a national level. Cooke has directed Children's Hospital to contact Safe Kids as well.

6. There may be some legislative items to clean up the statutes regarding the Division of Fire Safety but details on this are not yet available.
7. Based upon the work of the Sprinkler Coalition it appears unlikely that there will be any proposed legislation to over-ride the IRC Sprinkler requirement. This needs to continue to be monitored as 2013 may be the time that resistance becomes more apparent. The Fire Service has more partnerships to be formed on this matter.
8. Additional meetings will be coming in the future with groups such as CML, CCI, etc. regarding potential legislative issues.
9. The agenda and format for the Annual Meeting was discussed and agreed upon. If additional items are needed for the agenda please let Paul know.
10. The final 2010 budget will be distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting on December 2nd. A Board Meeting will be held at 19:00 on December 1st at the Lake Dillon Fire and Rescue station in Keystone for final comment and board approval. Teleconference capabilities will be available. The approved budget will then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for adoption.
11. The pilot class to implement HB1099 (training of Board Members in wildland urban interface issues) will be held in Keystone. The class is scheduled for December 1st from 13:00 to 17:00 hours. The goal of this class is to receive feedback on the content to see if it is meeting the objectives.
12. Chief Watkins had contacted Cooke asking if the CSFCA would be sending out a survey similar to that sent by the Chiefs of Police regarding feedback on how Fire Departments are dealing with budget cuts, salaries, furlough days, etc. A conversation took place regarding the survey and the importance of the survey as well as distinguishing between municipal departments and special districts. A motion was made by Marsh that a survey be created for distribution by the group in attendance at the MSEC meeting on Tuesday November 23rd. Second by Parmley, all yes.

A special presentation was given to the Board by Deborah Colburn and Gina Gonzales from Animal Emergency Management Program. The presentation was based upon the importance of first responders understanding the importance and hazards of performing technical animal rescue and their desire to have the CSFCA endorse their program. A motion was made by Mygatt to endorse the groups effort, seconded by Marsh. All yes.

A break was taken from 11:45 until 11:55.

Old Business

1. Chief Marsh has distributed a request for additional information on what should be included in the MSEC Salary Survey to make it more valuable. Chief Marsh has received good feedback on the topic and what adjustments should be made. A committee meeting is scheduled to discuss the feedback on Tuesday November 23rd at 14:00 to review comments and make adjustments to the survey.

2. Chief Parmley updated the group on the work of the FLC Committee. COLS attendance is up this year and while the FLC attended numbers are similar to where they were last year they are hoping for an increase in registrations over the next few weeks. Vendor / exhibitor space is nearly sold out for the conference. The committee has been working very hard on containing costs of the conference and they encourage all to continue to encourage participants to sign up to attend.
3. Cooke advised the Board that Vice President Pischke was unable to update the group on the Strategic Plan due to a family emergency. A copy of the updated Strategic Plan was distributed to the Board and the plan will be distributed to the membership prior to the annual meeting on December 2nd. A comment period will be given and the final plan will be adopted at a future meeting. Cooke asked that any Board Member feedback or comment be received by him prior to the December 2nd meeting.
4. The Regional director positions are appointed by the President of the CSFCA. Consensus of the group was that the membership be advised of the vacancies and that letters of interest be solicited for appointment by the in-coming President.

New Business

1. The Nominating Committee reported that there were two applicants for the Vice-President position and one for the President position although nominations could come from the floor at the annual meeting. A paper ballot will be prepared prior to the election with space allotted for write-in candidates.
2. Requests for endorsement for the 2nd Vice President position of the IAFC have been received by the CSFCA. After discussion a motion was made by Parmley that a position not be taken by the CSFCA but rather that a position be taken that the CSFCA feels that both candidates are qualified and competent to perform the duties of the office. Seconded by Mygatt, all yes.

Division, Region and Section Reports

a) Section Reports

- 1. Fire Marshals (Dave Lowrey)**
- 2. Training Officers (Kevin Milan)**
- 3. Fire Safety Educators (Tracey Taylor)**
- 4. Combination Chiefs (Bruce Mygatt)**

Chief Mygatt reported that the next Combination Section meeting will be held at 15:00 on December 2nd in Keystone. All are encouraged to attend and share their experiences of what is working within their organizations.

- 5. Volunteer Chiefs (Don Chapman)**

- 6. Metro Chiefs (Don Lombardi)**

Chief Lombardi reported on the recent elections of the Metro Chiefs and reported that the officers for next year are as follows: Secretary/Treasurer Mike Garcia, Member at Large

Mark Bodane, Vice President John Staley, President Mike Pattarozzi, Past President Don Lombardi.

Chief Lombardi updated that Gary Briesse is on the transition team for Governor Hickenlooper and that the suggestion has been made that Chief McBee will be a part of the Public Safety transition team.

7. Wildland Fire Section (Jamey Bumgarner)

Chief Bumgarner was unavailable and Chief Parmley updated the group on his behalf. The group is working on the details for the MOU to use the NWCG logo on wildland training materials as well as for the tracking of training. The section is also working on the CRRF rates with Claire Brown from CSFS with minimal changes proposed. The next Section meeting will be held in Keystone on December 2nd and is being scheduled not to conflict with the Combination Section.

8. Chaplains (Ken Rice)

9. Mechanics

b) Regional Reports

1. North Central Region (Don Lombardi)

2. Northeast Region

3. Northwest Region

4. San Luis Valley Region (Don Chapman)

5. South Central Region (Dave Ury)

Chief Ury reported that their region was gathering information regarding the transitioning from “older” to “newer” radio technologies including time lines as to when equipment would no longer be serviceable and become obsolete. The region recently experienced a DTR system failure due to a problem with a power supply as well. Ury also brought up the topic of possible user fees to support the maintenance and upkeep of the State DTR infrastructure.

6. South Region (Chris Riley)

Chief Riley advised the group that Billy Goldfeder would be doing a presentation in Pueblo on December 10th and all are encouraged to attend. They are looking to bring Dave Dodson and Chief Salka to the South Region in 2011 and additional information will follow.

7. Southwest Region (Larry Behrens)

Chief McBee thanked Chief Graeber for a great educational session on coaching session that Chief Graeber hosted recently.

8. West Region (Bob Pistor)

9. Southeast Region (Aaron Eveatt)

c) Missouri Valley (John Bales, John Mullin)

d) USAR Task Force (Doug McBee)

Chief McBee advised that he would be meeting with FEMA on December 7th regarding future funding of the USAR teams.

e) Division of Fire Safety Report (Kevin Klein)

f) Other Reports

Committee Reports

1) Colorado Resource Mobilization Working Group (Steve Pischke, Jerry Rhodes, Dan Qualman)

Chief Qualman advised the group that a video regarding the Colorado Resource Mobilization Plan had been completed and will be shown at the annual meeting in Keystone.

2) Type 3 Incident Management Team Subcommittee (Dan Qualman)

3) Colorado All-Hazard Incident Management Team Training and Certifications Advisory Committee (Doug McBee)

Chief McBee reminded the group that this Committee is not a “rubber stamp” and all rules and regulations for certifications must be followed.

4) School Safety Resource Center (John Mullin, Jerry Rhodes)

5) State All Hazards Advisory Committee (Joe Bruce, Dan Qualman)

6) Emergency Fire Fund (Dave Parmley, Dave Ury)

Chief Parmley reported that the EFF is depleted. While conversations have been held on ways to adjust the contributions to the fund the current economic conditions are not conducive to adjustments.

Chief Parmley asked if the CSFCA wanted a new representative for EFF with the number of Summit County representation being at current levels. Consensus of the group was that any decisions along those lines would be made after the up-coming elections.

7) Metro State Bachelors Degree Program (Andy Marsh)

Other Committee Reports

Other Business/Announcements

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 19:00 hours on December 1st 2010, at LDFR in Keystone.

Next General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting is the annual meeting on December 2nd 2010, 11:30 a.m., at the Keystone Conference Center.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mygatt to adjourn the CSFCA Board Meeting at 13:03. Seconded by Lombardi, all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Morgan
Secretary

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