

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2007**

- I. Members Present** – Forsman, Mygatt, Morgan, Bales, Qualman, Morrell, Riley, Cooke, Montoya, Hall, Klein, Rhodes, Milan, Oswald, Eveatt, Marsh, Parmley, Ury, McBee, Chapman
- II. Approval of Revised February Minutes – Motion Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Riley APPROVED**
- III. Approval of March Minutes – Motion Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan APPROVED**
- IV. Approval of March Financial Report – Motion Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Riley APPROVED**
- V. Payment of Bills** – Statement Attached
  - a. Add \$1,400 to Deborah Smith for Web Site Development
  - b. **Motion Qualman/2<sup>nd</sup> Milan APPROVED**
- VI. Executive Director’s Report**
  - a. Membership notices are going out
  - b. Certificate of Appreciation from Colorado Division of Emergency Management for help with the blizzards
  - c. Mountain States Employers Council Wage and Salary Survey distribution is waiting for data from Denver, Arvada, and West Metro.
  - d. Web Site Update – New content is being added daily
- VII. Legislative Issues**
  - a. **HB 1008** – Our official position is to support the bill if certain amendments are included. One proposed amendment is to limit coverage to the 4 known cancers – it has not been adopted as yet.
    - i. The bill covers investigators and volunteer personnel.
    - ii. Amendment requires a preponderance of evidence instead of clear and convincing standard.
    - iii. Bill is opposed by CML and there is growing opposition in other public sector areas.
    - iv. Pinnacol Insurance has threatened a 400% rate increase if the bill passes. There was discussion to seek an amendment or strategy that would require any rate increases to be based on actual experience.
    - v. **Motion by Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan – State chiefs will send a letter to the Insurance Commission to require any increases in Workers’ Compensation Insurance Premiums to be based on loss experience and not anticipated losses. APPROVED**
  - b. **Funding for Division of Fire Safety**
    - i. Cash fund spending proposed to fund improvements in the certification data base.
    - ii. One-time funding requested of JBC – source of funding would be from Instant Check Gun Purchase Fees – this bill was laid over.
    - iii. The budget bill is moving forward

- iv. Policies at State IT is driving the cost of the software up to \$375,000. The database would include Sprinkler Contractors, Fireworks, and School Inspections. The scope of the software can be limited to just certifications to lower costs.
- v. Discussion of possibility of funding new software through fee increases.
- vi. Also discussed the possibility of the State Chiefs helping to fund the software.
- c. Possible State level re-organization of the Department of Homeland Security**
  - i. Meetings held with State Chiefs, CML, DOLA, DPS, and the Governor's Office to discuss issues.
  - ii. No plan put forth but the state representatives listened well.
  - iii. The main players are meeting with the Governor to get direction.
  - iv. SB – 109 is still pending – there may be grants to fund the program.
- d. Offer made to Mark Wassom to fill FPE position to conduct plan reviews and inspections at schools.**
- e. E-85 training will be rolled out for fire departments**
- f. NIMS Training being pushed out – there is \$100,000 available for funding. The training will focus on IS 300 and 400.**
- g. Trauma Care Preservation Coalition**
  - i. Nothing will be done this year
  - ii. Coalition can not agree to language on the bill
  - iii. The most likely approach is to have catastrophic coverage.
  - iv. The dividing issue is if the plan should cover extended care provided by chiropractors or just immediate care.
- h. Other Bills**
  - i. HB 1031 and SB 7 Passed
  - ii. HB 1053 may not have a funding source
  - iii. HB 1117 – required helmets – uncertain
  - iv. SB 43 – Liability coverage for providing emergency care

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. 2003 and 2004 Audit Reports**
  - i. No negative management findings
  - ii. **Motion by Parmley/2<sup>nd</sup> Marsh to accept audit – APPROVED**
- b. Leadership Conference Report – Morrell**
  - i. Hotel Contract for 2008 – Rates will increase slightly – Forsman recommends approval.
  - ii. **Motion to approve signing of contract by Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Marsh APPROVED**
  - iii. The committee is still looking for a large venue to grow the conference.
  - iv. FMAC still wants to do a Fire Code Presentation – They have a guest speaker on the Station Night Club Fire. Doug Hall will work on the project.

- c. **Appoint of NE Region representative**
  - i. Warren Jones has agreed to fill the position
  - ii. **Motion by Parmley/2<sup>nd</sup> Marsh to appoint Jones APPROVED**
- d. **2007 CFSI Dinner – Marsh**
  - i. Rhodes, Marsh, Qualman, Forsman, and Klein attended.
  - ii. All Colorado Congressional offices were visited.
  - iii. Most meetings were with staffers.
  - iv. The delegation also met with Salazar, Udall and Perlmutter

**IX. Section Reports**

- a. **Volunteer Section**
  - i. There was a meeting in Alamosa with a conference call
  - ii. Discussion of the needs and perception of volunteers that the state chiefs are predominantly a career fire department organization.
  - iii. Most volunteers can only make weekend or evening meetings.
  - iv. Suggestions to have the regional representatives engage the volunteers
  - v. There will be a meeting in Glenwood Springs that will be held in conjunction with the State Chief's meeting.
  - vi. Don Chapman will take the lead on organizing the meeting. Paul is drafting section bylaws.
- b. **Wildland Section – Steve Oswald – Colorado Springs FD**
  - i. Chief Navarro is trying to get the committee up and running
  - ii. B/C Paul Chanel is charged with creating the section mission statement.
- c. **Southeast Region – They are recovering from the tornadoes. 14 fire departments responded to the incident.**
  - i. Type 3 IMT deployed
  - ii. Heavy equipment from Kansas and the local power company assisted.
  - iii. The response generally went well.
- d. **South Region – Chris Riley**
  - i. Has formed an informal group with the area chiefs.
  - ii. Pueblo, Boone, Rye, Pueblo West are participating
  - iii. There will be a disaster exercise in May at the State Fairgrounds.
- e. **Local Assistant State Teams – National Fallen Firefighters Assoc.**
  - i. Bob Brown will be our representative
  - ii. Lake Dillon FD Chaplain has also volunteered to serve.

**X. New Business**

- a. **CCNC**
  - i. wants a letter of support from the State Chiefs endorsing the development of the Statewide DTRS
  - ii. **Motion by Mygatt/2<sup>nd</sup> Riley to send letter APPROVED**
  - iii. Discussions on whether or not to have State Chiefs join the CCNC Discussion tabled until next month.
- b. **Discussion on the impact of lift assist calls on fire departments.**

- i. West Metro states that their fire department is often being called to nursing homes to provide assistance to the staff. There is an impact on the availability for emergency calls.
    - ii. Many staff members of nursing homes are unable or unwilling to do patient lifts on their own.
    - iii. Lafayette is having similar problems.
    - iv. The state department of health is seeking input on the issue
    - v. There was discussion about requiring nursing homes to provide special equipment and staff training to deal with the issue.
    - vi. State chiefs may conduct an online poll.
  - c. **READY Initiative for School Preparedness**
    - i. Wisconsin has received a grant to roll out training to other states.
    - ii. Cooke recommends participation
    - iii. State Chiefs need to appoint group to serve on team.
    - iv. **Motion to send letter of support by Parmley/2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan APPROVED**
  - d. **Individual email boxes are available on the State Chiefs web site.**
  - e. **June General Membership Meeting Proposed Agenda**
    - i. Recognition of George Mazzotti and Rep. Witwer for their service to the State Chiefs.
    - ii. **Motion to pay for Mazzotti's expenses in Glenwood by Bales/2<sup>nd</sup> Mygatt APPROVED**
    - iii. FSEC want us to sponsor a coffee break at their conference  
**Motion by Morgan/2<sup>nd</sup> Marsh to pay up to \$450 APPROVED**
  - f. Mygatt would like to approach the Chaplains about becoming their own section. Action will be taken at the Annual Meeting.
  - g. Missouri Valley conference will be July 18 – 20 in Rapid City, SD
  - h. Resource Mobilization Project Update
    - i. Use of ROSS to catalogue private resources
    - ii. NWCG specific position training can not be funded with federal grant money.
    - iii. IQS interface to credentialing
    - iv. The operational drill was the blizzard
    - v. We still need to conduct a full scale exercise.
    - vi. Directory information is out of date.
  - i. MCI exercise in Keystone in June – 300 patients
  - j. USAR – Doug McBee – Meeting at West Metro Training Center of participating departments.
- XI. Next meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup> – State Chiefs HQ