

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2007 – La Junta, Colorado**

**I. Presentation on the CFIA Accreditation Program – Rick Black CFAI Technical Advisor**

- a. Standards of Coverage and Risk Analysis
- b. Strategic Planning – SWOT Analysis, Goals and Objectives
- c. Citizen/Community Based Needs Assessment
- d. Core Competencies
- e. CFOD Program Overview

**II. Panel Discussion – State Fire Marshal – Doug Hall, Kevin Klein, Paul Cooke**

- a. Background Issue
  - i. There is lack of consensus on how to resolve this problem
  - ii. Colorado is the only State without a State Fire Marshal (SFM)
  - iii. Division of Fire Safety is recognized as the de facto SFM
    - 1. Has statutory responsibility for dealing with fire issues
    - 2. There is no consistent model of how the SFM office is structured or its responsibilities are assigned.
    - 3. The State Chiefs' 5 Point Plan has been our approach to consolidate fire safety functions in State Government.
  - iv. Reorganizations in State government may offer an opportunity to act on this issue. GEM Study may help.
  - v. NFPA 1036 establishes professional standards for the Fire Marshal
  - vi. Model for the SFM should be driven by the State Chiefs
  - vii. The funding for DFS is largely cash based. The office needs a more reliable, tax-based funding source.
- b. Priorities for the State Chiefs
  - i. School Inspections
  - ii. Get bills for further fire safety consolidations introduced.
- c. Q & A
  - i. Would it be easier to just change the title of DFS and keep its functions the same? Possibly
  - ii. Will the State Chiefs have input into the process? Yes
  - iii. Will this be a career or Executive Position? Unknown
  - iv. Where will the SFM fit in government? Unknown
  - v. How are the primary interest groups?
    - 1. Building Officials
    - 2. Other fire service organizations
    - 3. Architects and Engineers
    - 4. Oil and Gas
    - 5. Resort Industry
- d. Action Item – Develop a White Paper that describes our position and move forward for legislation. Will be ready to present at December General Membership Meeting.

### **III. Business Meeting**

- a.** Minutes of previous General Membership Meeting – Approved
- b.** Treasurer’s report
  - i.** Review of Profit and Loss Statement
  - ii.** Motion to accept report – Approved
- c.** President’s Report
  - i.** Meeting with General Whitney, State Homeland Security, was cordial and stressed local response capabilities
  - ii.** Meeting with Don Mares
    - 1.** Meeting was aimed at mending fences
    - 2.** discussed school inspection issues
    - 3.** Subsequent meeting were scheduled – but no long term commitments were made.
- d.** Executive Director’s Report
  - i.** Membership – 148 paid members, 46 non-renewals, 20 new memberships, corporate memberships growing
  - ii.** Wage and Benefit Survey – out late due to delays at Denver
  - iii.** Legislative Issues – Health Care Task Force presentation on Pre-hospital care
  - iv.** FPPA has 2 new bills
  - v.** National collective bargaining bill for fire and police is moving through the legislature – will probably be vetoed.
  - vi.** National Response Plan (Framework) revisions
  - vii.** Paul is seeking material for the newsletter.
- e.** Old Business
  - i.** Volunteer Section – Don Chapman – They have held 2 organizational meetings. Their meetings will be quarterly following the State Chiefs.
  - ii.** Chaplain Association Affiliation – Vote will be held in Breckenridge at the Annual Meeting
  - iii.** School Inspection Program – HB 06-1158
    - 1.** Rules have been proposed
    - 2.** NICET requirements are being challenged.
    - 3.** Inspector certification requirements needed to enforce Fire Code
    - 4.** Emergency funding available for contract inspectors or contracts with local FDs
    - 5.** Haz Mat Certification Rules posted
    - 6.** Firefighter/First Responder Rules – fee increases included to fund improvements in the data base for certifications.
- f.** New Business
  - i.** Affinity Programs
    - 1.** Presentation by VFIS
    - 2.** Presentation by Emergency Reporting
    - 3.** Presentation by T Charles Wilson & Travelers Insurance
    - 4.** Presentation by Travel Affinity Program
  - ii.** Endorsement of Jeff Johnson as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of IAFC
    - 1.** Motion by Riley/2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Approved

**IV. Legislative Issues**

- a. Urban renewal and Tax Incremental Financing – Impacts on Fire Districts – Special District Assoc. will take lead on this
- b. Swimming Pool Safety
- c. Property Tax Credits for Survivors
- d. Presumptive Liability for Heart Attacks
- e. FPE exemption from Engineering Practices Act
- f. Trauma Care Preservation
- g. Fund to replace certification database
- h. Funding for State Fire Service Training
- i. Impact Fees – we have been advised to avoid this one
- j. Fire Safe Cigarettes

**V. Reports**

- a. Combination Section – Meets next Wednesday at North Washington, October meeting in Keystone
- b. DFS –
  - i. Staff losses are hurting.
  - ii. Hiring a new Certification Manager and Fireworks Administrator
  - iii. No funding for mobilization or NFIRS
  - iv. Budget formulation in progress
- c. West Region – Montrose County is now on 800MHz
- d. South – Pueblo County Fire Chiefs are forming a Type 3 IMT
- e. IAFC/Missouri Valley
  - i. Denver hosting FRI in 2008
  - ii. Hometown Heroes Program has political support
  - iii. Homeland Security Checklist

**VI. Next General Membership Meeting – November 29 in Breckenridge**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

- I.** Dave Parmley may not be able to continue in VP position. We may need to appoint a new VP in Breckenridge.
- II.** Affinity Programs – Motion by Riley/2<sup>nd</sup> Pistor to approve \$450 for Travel Affinity Program
- III.** Meeting Adjourned.