

COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2007 – Glenwood Springs

- I. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – See roster – Vice President Dave Parmley presiding**
- II. INTRODUCTIONS – Mike Piper Glenwood Springs Fire Chief – Invitation to attend wreath laying ceremony at the Storm King Memorial that afternoon.**
- III. PRESENTATION ON STATEWIDE RADIO INTEROPERABILITY PLAN – Mike Borrego presenting**
 - a. All 9 State Regions must complete an interoperability plan
 - b. The State will develop plan based on the 9 regional plans.
 - c. The Planning Process was developed by the Federal Homeland Security Department.
 - d. The plan is Strategic – not Tactical
 - e. 10 Criteria must be included in all plans
 - i. Baseline – description of current conditions
 - ii. Strategy
 - iii. Governance
 - iv. Methodology
 - v. Technology
 - vi. SOPs
 - vii. Training of end users
 - viii. Usage
 - ix. Funding
 - x. Implementation Plan
 - f. There are \$ Billion in Grants available
 - i. Funded through the auction of TV bandwidth
 - ii. Formula Grant – Details TBD in July – 2007
 - iii. 20% Cash match from State Sources
 - iv. Plan must be approved by DHS before funds are disbursed
 - v. Plan must include
 - 1. 700MHz integration
 - 2. Plan for tribal nations
 - 3. Plan for NGOs and volunteers
 - g. Core Planning Team Recommendations
 - i. Adopt Interoperability Continuum from Safe Com
 - ii. Build a Network of Networks that utilize existing infrastructure
 - iii. Provide migration strategies
 - iv. Use existing governance and SOPs
 - v. Improve end user training.
 - h. Local jurisdictions will get grant money to buy Gateway devices if they retain their current UHF or VHF equipment.
 - i. There was discussion about who this would impact the Wildland Cooperators.
- IV. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL CRISIS MANAGEMENT**
 - a. Key Principles for successful outcomes
 - i. Leadership Buy-in
 - ii. Collaboration with emergency responders
 - iii. Proactive vs Reactive approach
 - iv. Use outside resources as needed
 - v. Develop Common vocabulary
 - vi. Meet the needs of the individual schools and the students.
 - b. Best Practices
 - i. Create a strong link between schools and responders
 - ii. Train students and staff in emergency response
 - iii. Conduct vulnerability assessments of facilities
 - iv. Trust students' and staff intuition – somebody always knows in advance
 - c. Resources and documents are available at www.janes.com – not copywritten.

- V. **PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO GEORGE MAZZOTTI – Dan Qualman presented.**
- VI. **DANIELS’ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS – Public Safety Leadership Institute**
 - a. Paul Cooke presented on how the program will operate
 - b. Brochures distributed
 - c. Discussion followed
- VII. **CORPORATE SPONSOR PRESENTATION – Public Safety Financial Group**
 - a. Financial Planning for fire service members
 - b. Brochures distributed
- VIII. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Robinette**
 - a. Summary Report of all bills that have fire safety implications
 - b. Governor’s platform for 2007 – 2008 – Health Care, renewable energy, Education, Transportation.
 - c. Homeland Security Grants will be reorganized.
 - d. Health Care will be the focus of the next legislative session.
 - e. Continued quarterly meetings with the Sheriffs and Police
 - f. FPPA reform bills
 - g. Trauma Care Coalition involvement for Fire Departments that conduct transport operations.. Date collection is valid to support their efforts.
 - h. Amendment 41 – there was an injunction issued on May 31st.
 - i. Sales Tax authorization for fire district improvements – this does not change the tax cap. Revenues will flow through the county.
- IX. **BUSINESS MEETING**
 - a. Motion to dispense with the approval of the minutes of the March meeting by Rhodes/2nd by Mullen – Motion Approved.
 - b. Financial Report – Handout distributed.
 - c. Motion to accept Financial Report by Mygatt/2nd by Rhodes – Motion approved
- X. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**
 - a. Membership renewals are lagging new corporate sponsorships for 15 additional fire departments.
 - b. Discussion of HB 1008 – Presumptive Liability for Cancers
 - i. This bill was pushed by the IAFF – State Chiefs remained neutral
 - ii. The State chiefs offered 4 amendments which were not adopted into the bill.
 - 1. Narrower list of cancers – better research on ties to firefighting
 - 2. tracking system for exposures
 - 3. Mandatory periodic physicals
 - 4. Application to volunteers – this was included I the final bill.
 - iii. Pinnacle has stated that there may be a 450% increase in insurance premiums.
 - iv. Doug McGee stated that the SDA also opposed the bill.
 - v. There was general group discussion of the matter.
 - c. Colorado Fire Journal is seeking and article
 - d. Proposed amendment to the bylaws to include the chaplains as a section of the State Chiefs
 - i. Motion by Cavalierie/2nd Qualman to proceed with the bylaws amendment – Motion approved
 - ii. Discussion on this section will effect the secular nature of the organization.
 - e. Discussion of on-going meetings with the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Group
- XI. **COLORADO FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION - McBee**
 - a. Fall-off in attendance at the last event
 - b. He would like some direction from the Chiefs on how to improve the event and the attendance.
- XII. **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Morrell**
 - a. Will be held in Beaver Run this year.
 - b. Planning for the event is progressing
- XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Creation of School Preparedness/School Violence Prevention Committee - discussion

- b. Assisted Living Standards of Care – discussion that these facilities are requesting the fire departments for lift assists rather than hire adequate staff. McBee stated that there may be a need for regulatory standards on staffing levels and staff training.
- c. Stand Down Day – State Chief web site will provide links to safety related sites.
- d. FRI will be held in Atlanta this year. Next year in Denver – we need more walk-in traffic at our convention.
- e. FD accreditation training in Littleton in June
- f. Sectional Reports
 - i. Combination Sections – Meeting on May 31 Next meeting in Vail
 - ii. Volunteer Chiefs – meeting on June 2nd
 - iii. Fire Safety Educators – Tracey Taylor – Thanked group for our support of the annual prevention conference in April
 - iv. USAR COTF -1 – sent rescue dogs to Kansas to assist with search for tornado victims
 - v. Division of Fire Safety
 - 1. A new FPE has been hired for the School Fire Safety Program
 - 2. Department of Labor is going through a re-organization.
 - 3. School Safety Program rules will require ICC Fire Inspector I certification for inspectors
 - 4. Credentialing of fire personnel will be a requirement in the next 2 -3 years.
 - 5. The state has hired a coordinator of Identity Management
 - 6. Homeland Security Issues
 - a. Lots of changes occurring at the State level
 - b. Governor’s Office is actively involved
 - c. There is an exercise for the EOP Plan

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. 08/03/2007 - CSFCA Offices
- b. 09/14/2007 – La Junta**
- c. 10/05/2007 - CSFCA Offices
- d. 11/02/2007 - CSFCA Offices
- e. 11/27/2007 – Breckenridge – Annual Meeting**