

METRO DENVER FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 25, 2007

Dixon's Downtown Grill, 1610 16th Street, Denver, CO

Those signing the attendance roster were as follows:

Sharon Schrage	Adams and Broomfield CASA
Jim Notary	North Washington Fire
Kevin Klein	CDFS
Dennis Hoke	Buckley Fire
Tim Ripeto	Buckley Fire
John Bales	Golden Fire
Kevin Milan	Golden Fire
Dan Qualman	Parker Fire
Robert Tade	Denver Fire
Tim Parker	Louisville Fire
Steve Pischke	Mountain View Fire
Jim Sestnick	Denver Fire
Mitch Siegel	ICA
Lorren Ballard	Denver Fire (retired)
Bruce Mygatt	Boulder Rural Fire
Robert Rinne	South Metro Fire
Don Lombardi	West Metro Fire
Gary Armstrong	West Metro Fire
Wayne Schwartz	Castle Rock Fire
Norris Croom	Castle Rock Fire
Paul Cooke	CSFCA
Jim Cloud	Westminster Fire
Larry Trujillo	Denver Fire
Jonathan Comyn	American Red Cross
Joe Bruce	North Metro Fire
Ralph Vickrey	Cunningham Fire
David Cain	Boulder Fire
Marty LaRusso	Arvada Fire
Jerry Rhodes	Cunningham Fire
Andrew Marsh	Federal Heights Fire

- Call to Order – President John Bales called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- Introductions – All assembled introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes – Motion passed, minutes approved.
- Financial Report – Expenses for the November meeting were \$572.19, and receipts were \$330. The beginning balance for the checking account was \$1,133.57 as of 11/1/06, and the ending balance was \$891.38 as of 12/31/06. The beginning balance for the Savings account was \$6,339.42 as of 10/26/06, and the ending balance was \$6,340.06 as of 12/26/06, including \$0.64 in interest.

Presentations

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - Sharon Schrage of CASA presented the work of her organization with neglected and abused children in the court system through no fault of their own. CASA trains volunteers to follow children through the court process. She requested help in getting the word out regarding the need for volunteers by placing posters in the fire stations.
- American Red Cross (ARC) - Jonathan Comyn of the ARC was present to introduce himself.

Old Business

- EMS – Ralph Vickrey reported that SEMTAC is focusing on safety for this year's State EMS grants, which are due February 15. The Colorado Stroke Advisory Board is considering changes with how we provide stroke care. The Trauma Care Coalition is starting again with the introduction of bills.
- Legislation – Paul Cooke distributed hand-outs regarding legislation. The session is in full swing. He requested special attention to SB-07-043. The State Chiefs have taken no position on HB 1008. The CML and SDA are opposed to the bill.
- CSFCA Executive Director – Dan Qualman reported that Paul Cooke was retained as the CSFCA Executive Director after a selection process.
- USAR – Don Lombardi reported that USAR assisted with the Colorado Springs fire.
- South Area Operations Chiefs – Gary Armstrong reported that the South Area Operations Chiefs intend to expand their involvement to the metro area. The last meeting was early December. The focus is on standard operating procedures for emergency radio communications, RIT operations, fireground terminology (abandon/withdrawal), scene tape and search markings, and metro channel SOPs. A notice of the next meeting was distributed.

New Business

- Buckley Mutual Aid Agreement – Bob Rinne reported that there is now a draft mutual aid agreement to get Buckley AFB involved. A separate agreement was deemed necessary because of language that is required by the federal government. He would sign the agreement for the full group. Motion by Jerry Rhodes to table the agreement was seconded by Robert Tade and passed. It was agreed that the metro jurisdictions would be given the opportunity to review the agreement.
- Colorado Certification Program – Kevin Milan of the State Fire Training Officers spoke about a feasibility study to update the State's certification system and provided a hand-out.
- New Fire Station in Stapleton – Bob Tade reported that the newest Denver fire station grand opening will be held February 1. Please RSVP.
- SCBA – Larry Trujillo reported that all of Denver's SCBA checked out OK.
- IAFC and DNC – Larry Trujillo reported that the IAFC and DNC conferences will be held in August 2008. Help will be needed for both events.
- Pro-Board Accreditation – Kevin Klein reported that the State will receive Pro-Board accreditation for certifications as of February 2. Information will be coming about how the program will work with IFSAC certification.

- Blizzards – Kevin Klein expressed thanks for the help with the recent blizzards and the Colorado Springs fire that tested the systems. ROSS and web EOC were used for the first time. A federal Type II team was used as well.
- 25th Anniversary Ceremony – David Cain reported that Boulder Fire will be conducting a ceremony at 1000 hours recognizing the 25th anniversary of their firefighter deaths.
- New Office – Paul Cooke announced that the State Chiefs’ new office is located in South Metro’s headquarters building. Stop by and visit.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 30 at Dixon’s.