

**METRO DENVER FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**September 28, 2007**

Dixon's Downtown Grill, 1610 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO

The following 36 persons signed the attendance roster:

Doug McBee	West Metro Fire Rescue
Bruce Kral	West Metro Fire Rescue
Don Lombardi	West Metro Fire Rescue
Mike Pattarozzi	Englewood Fire
Donnie Hoke	Buckley Fire
Jeffrey Cunningham	VFIS
Mickie Leonard	VFIS
Mitch Siegel	ICA
Matt Coyle	Interstate
Jerry Rhodes	Cunningham FPD
Tim Parker	Louisville Fire
George Ditolla	South West Adams FPD
Bruce Mygatt	Boulder Rural Fire
Dan Qualman	Parker FPD
Robert Tade	Denver Fire
John Bales	Golden Fire
Eric Tade	Denver Fire
David Cain	Boulder Fire
John Mullin	Littleton Fire Rescue
Ted Sealock	COCAT
D. J. Himstedt	Indian Hills Fire Rescue
Bert Ferguson	Action Care
Dan Mulrone	South Metro Fire Rescue
Bill Lucatuorto	Inter-Canyon Fire
Jim Sestrich	Denver Fire
Steve Pischke	Mountain View Fire
Randy Templeton	Mountain View Fire
Joe Bruce	North Metro Fire
Lance Brink	Disaster Restoration, Inc.
Norris Croom	Castle Rock Fire
Wayne Schwartz	Castle Rock Fire
Al Powers	Action Care
Paul Cooke	CSFCA
Robert Norris	Black Hawk Fire
Zane	Gilpin Ambulance
Andrew Marsh	Federal Heights Fire

**1. Call to Order** - President John Bales called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2. Introductions** - All assembled introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the May 2007 minutes as distributed was seconded and passed.

**4. Financial Report** - Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Marsh sent a report with the agenda indicating that the checking account balance as of 9/27/07 was \$1,607.33, and the savings account balance as of 8/23/07 was \$6,340.86. Motion to approve the Financial Report was seconded and passed.

## **5. Presentations**

- Colorado Fallen Firefighters' Memorial – The presentation by Bob Brown was postponed.
- 9 News Health Fair – A presentation was provided on the upcoming 9 News Health Fair. Volunteers are needed. 80,000-100,000 persons attend. The organizers are asking for ideas and will get maps to the fire stations to show the location of the events.
- Lift Assists – Bruce Kral provided information and a hand-out regarding lift assists. He is seeking support from the chiefs to address this issue. It is important not to emphasize that lift assists are a burden on the fire department. What is important is the lack of assisted living staff training. A survey will be sent by e-mail. Please complete and return it.
- IAFC Conference, Denver, August 2008 – Eric Tade provided an update on the Fire Rescue International conference that will be held in Denver next August. There will be a focus on company level officers and firefighters. 250 persons participated in the company officer program at this year's conference in Atlanta. It is requested that every fire department send at least one company officer. Denver is hosting FRI along with the Metro Chiefs. Transportation is a critical role. He will put out a contact list to the Metro Chiefs. Another task is VIP bags. There is a need to increase foot traffic at the conference.

## **6. Old Business**

- EMS – Jerry Rhodes was elected president of the Missouri Valley Division of the IAFC.
- Legislation – Paul Cooke reported that the Trauma Care Coalition is becoming active again.
- Missouri Valley Division, IAFC – John Mullin reported that there was a good conference this summer in Rapid City, South Dakota. Next year's conference will be in Joplin, Missouri. There is a desire to bring the conference back to Colorado the following year.
- USAR – Doug McBee reported that USAR is quiet at this time.
- South Operations Chiefs – No report.

- Metro Mutual Aid/Buckley – President Bales proposed that an addendum be added to the Metro Mutual Aid agreement to accommodate Buckley Fire. Motion to add the Buckley amendment to the agreement was seconded and passed.
- Other Old Business – None

#### **7. New Business**

- Democratic National Convention, Denver, August 2008 – Jim Sestrich requested help from the Metro Chiefs for this event, which will be controlled by the Secret Service.
- UASI/Incident Operations Survey – Data is needed for operational staffing numbers, number of hazmat teams, and number of technical rescue teams.
- Election Committee – Elections will occur at the November meeting. President Bales appointed Doug McBee, Bruce Mygatt and Bill Lucatuorto to the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Leadership Conference – Steve Pischke reported that the Conference may be moved next year for more space.
- Special District Association (SDA) Conference – Doug McBee said that there is a need for more fire districts to attend this Conference.
- Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association (CSFCA) – Paul Cooke provided an update from the CSFCA. Legislative issues include school safety, special districts having the same authority as counties, state fire marshal white paper being drafted, and fire safe cigarettes. Please submit information about your jurisdiction for the CSFCA updates and Journal.
- Firefighter Memorial – Chief Bales said that the Association is buying a brick for the Lakewood memorial and that the Ride to Remember went well.

#### **8. Next meeting**

- November 16, 2007

**9. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.