

METRO DENVER FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 16, 2007

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

The following 36 persons signed the attendance roster:

Greg Sheehan	Thornton Fire
George Ditolla	Southwest Adams Fire
Mike Pattarozzi	Englewood Fire
Ron Carter	Sheridan Fire
Rich Anderson	COCAT
Mitch Siegal	Disaster Solutions
Bob Brown	Red Rocks Community College
Jim Notary	North Washington Fire
Dan Martinelli	Aurora Fire
Robert Tade	Denver Fire
Eric Tade	Denver Fire
John Bales	Golden Fire
Jim Payne	Wheat Ridge Fire
Bob Dowling	Wheat Ridge Fire
Jerry Rhodes	Cunningham Fire
Ralph Vickrey	Cunningham Fire
Nick Nuanes	Denver Fire
Jamie Bruce	DRI
Justin Blackburn	DRI
Tim Ruperto	Buckley Fire
D.J. Himstedt	Indian Hills Fire
Tom Kennelly	Elk Creek Fire
Bill Lucatuorto	Inter-Canyon Fire
Steve Pischke	Mountain View Fire
Lorren Ballard	Denver Fire (Ret.)
Larissa Allen	Interstate Restoration
Robert Norris	Black Hawk Fire
Idda Salock	COCAT
Don Lambardi	West Metro Fire
Doug McBee	West Metro Fire
Dan Qualman	Parker and South Metro Fire
Mike Piper	AFPD
Larry Donner	Boulder Fire
Marty LaRusso	Aurora Fire
Andrew Marsh	Federal Heights Fire
Paul Cooke	CSFCA

1. Call to Order – President John Bales called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and recognized two newly appointed fire chiefs in attendance: Nick Nuanes with the Denver Fire Department and Mike Garcia of the Aurora Fire Department.

2. Introductions – All assembled introduced themselves.

3. Presentation – Bob Brown, retired fire chief with West Metro Fire Rescue and current fire science program coordinator at Red Rocks Community College, reported that the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) is up and running and is ready to assist with line of duty deaths (LODDs) and pre-planning for LODDs.

4. Election of Officers – Bill Lucatuorto provided a report from the Nominations and Elections Committee that included proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that were sent to all members on October 30, 2007. Motion to waive, for one time only, Section 6.1 of the Constitution regarding 30 days written prior notice for changes to the Constitution was seconded and passed. Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws was seconded and passed. With the approved Constitution and By-Laws changes, Steve Pischke will move up in 2008 to President and Andrew Marsh will move up to Vice President. Don Lombardi was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Bob Tade was elected as Member at Large. Motion to approve the purchase of a plaque for Chief John Bales for his service as President the last two years was seconded and passed.

5. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the September 2007 minutes as distributed was seconded and approved.

6. Financial Report – The checking account balance as of October 31, 2007 is \$1,334.05, and the savings account balance as of October 24, 2007 is \$6,340.95. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded and passed.

7. Old Business

- South Area Operations Chiefs – Dan Martinelli and Mike Pattarozzi reported on a meeting regarding common terminology for firefighter safety. They would like to consider expanding their work to the metro area.
- EMS – Ralph Vickrey reported on a SEMTAC meeting. State EMS grant applications will be available on-line as of December 15. Regarding the new scope of practice, there may no longer be an intermediate paramedic level. It is the goal of Colorado to get out of the testing business. There will be little change to EMT. The levels will be First Responder, EMT, EMT Advanced, and Paramedic. Trauma Coalition legislation is coming. Greg Sheehan asked about RETAC and the resource management issue for mass decontamination. State Health is pushing to take care of them.
- Missouri Valley IAFC – Jerry Rhodes provided an update. Mutual aid and federalization of resources in Southern California is a success story. ROSS requests get reimbursed faster. Heart imaging provides new technology for cardiovascular predictors, and Denver is leading the way. John Bales added that

John Mullins is a candidate for second vice president of the Missouri Valley Division.

- USAR – Doug McBee reported that the team would like to use the rubble pile at DIA.
- Incident Operations Committee/UASI – Jerry Rhodes reported that the goals are done. NIMS 400 level training is due at the end of the federal fiscal year.
- Fire Rescue International - Denver – Eric Tade reported that instructors from Colorado are on the agenda and program. There will again be an officer training program, level I and II. There will also be a kick-off party at the Chop House and Rock Bottom Brewery and parking lot at Coors Field. Help is needed. The Marriott City Center will be the Missouri Valley Division headquarters. Registration opens after the first of the year. Bill Lucatuorto suggested sending out a questionnaire regarding whether to have elected officials' night. Bob Tade said that foot traffic needs to be increased on the exhibit floor. John Bales recognized Eric Tade for his election to the Thornton City Council.
- Communication from CFFF – John Bales shared a letter from Bob Brown expressing thanks for the \$300 memorial brick for the Colorado Fallen Firefighters' Foundation.
- Leadership Conference – Paul Cooke and Steve Pischke reported that total registration is 400 and that all hotel rooms are gone. The Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association (CSFCA) annual meeting will be November 29 in Breckenridge. A State Fire Marshal white paper will be presented, and there is a proposal to add the Chaplain's Association to the CSFCA.
- Legislative – Paul Cooke reported that the federal collective bargaining bill is in the U.S. Senate. There may be a State bill in Colorado. There is some clean-up on the school safety bill. A reorganization of State homeland security is anticipated. The Division of Fire Safety lost some funding. There may be a State fire marshal bill. A fire safe cigarette bill is anticipated. There may be a new heart/lung bill.

8. **New Business**

- Chief Steve Westermann will be one of the speakers at the annual CSFCA meeting in Breckenridge.
- Bill Lucatuorto reported that it has been proposed that the Jefferson County wildfire group be taken over by the County. The Office of Emergency Management in Jefferson County is under the Sheriff.
- Larry Donner commented about State-wide mobilization. Without funding for the related position, we will lose the capability. A person is needed to input the data. John Bales added that the position for NFIRS data input also needs to be filled.

9. **Adjournment** – The next meeting will be Friday, January 25, 2008.