

METRO DENVER FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

March 28, 2008

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

The following 26 persons signed the attendance roster:

1. Mike Pattarozzi	Englewood Fire
2. Ron Carter	Sheridan Fire
3. Mitch Siegal	Disaster Solutions
4. Robert Tade	Denver Fire
5. Eric Tade	Denver Fire
6. John Bales	Golden Fire
7. Jim Payne	Wheat Ridge Fire
8. Jerry Rhodes	Cunningham Fire
9. Jamie Bruce	DRI
10. Tim Ruperto	Buckley Fire
11. Steve Pischke	Mountain View Fire
12. Don Lombardi	West Metro Fire
13. Doug McBee	West Metro Fire
14. Dan Qualman	Parker and South Metro Fire
15. Paul Cooke	CSFCA
16. John Mullin	Littleton Fire
17. Jim Cloud	Westminster Fire
18. Cris Brewer	Golden Fire
19. Dave Daley	South Metro Fire
20. Bill Lucatuorto	Inter-Canyon
21. Mike Shank	Rockwest
22. Joe Page	Elk Creek
23. Marty LaRusso	Aurora Fire
24. Bruce Mygott	Boulder Rural Fire'
25. Bill Wallace	Action Care Ambulance
26. Garry DeJong	Evergreen Fire Rescue

1. **Call to Order** – President Steve Pischke called the meeting to order at 7:30 am
2. **Introductions** – All assembled introduced themselves.
3. **Presentation** – Democratic National Convention – Frank Conner. Mr. Conner reported The DNC will be held August 25-28, 2008. The convention is a business meeting to nominate the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominee. They are planning on two campaigns at the event. Mr. Conner went through the historical process of the DNCC. He reported there are six working groups which include Operations. The Operations Group is responsible for housing (160 hotels), transportation (250 busses and 400 vehicles), security, and credentialing. The DNC is expecting 5,000-6,000 delegates and 15,000 media. The Pepsi Center will have a hard perimeter and a soft perimeter and will be a 24-hour operation. Mr. Conner

discussed credentialing. There will be five groups and seven layers within each group. Credentials will be issued daily.

McBee asked what is the plan and time-line outside the Pepsi Center. Mr. Conner thought that would be available around June.

Pischke asked about hotel locations. Mr. Conner said hotels are booked from Broomfield to Castle Rock and a list will be provided. Conner went on to say there will 1,000-1,500 parties will be hosted throughout the area. Locations of the parties will be provided by Mr. Conner at our next meeting.

Bob Tade stressed the importance of credentialing.

Rhodes asked about corporate events. Conner said those will be available on the master DNCC calendar.

Eric Tade wanted to know when the Convention Center will be swept. Mr. Conner reported it probably will not be swept like the Pepsi Center.

Mr. Conner said that he will be back to keep the MDFCA updated on the DNC.

4. **Report – Bob Tade** – Tade reported on DFD's efforts concerning the DNC. DFD is looking at Task Forces within Denver and from the State.

Rhodes asked about EMS Strike Teams. Tade said they are not developed as of this time.

Fire Prevention Bureau – DNC will go through the typical permitting process and Tade strongly suggested all agencies follow code enforcement as well for consistency.

5. **Approval of Minutes** – January 25, 2008 meeting. Change to minutes – Ops Chief meeting is April 2nd and not April 4th. RSVP to dmartinelli@auroragov.org. Minutes approved unanimously with noted change.

6. **Financial** – Lombardi reported \$1,788.00 in checking and \$6,314.15 in savings.

7. **Old Business**

- a. EMS – Jerry Rhodes reported Teen Suicides are on the increase and My Space looks to be a contributor in this trend. Rhodes asked the group to send any response information concerning teen suicides (no names HIPAA). He asked to everyone to include the last few months as well.
- b. Missouri Valley IAFC – John Mullin reported the Missouri Valley Conference will be held July 9-11 in Joplin, MO. Future conferences will be held in Overland Park KS (2009) and Colorado Springs (2010).
- c. USAR – Doug McBee reported COTF1 may be a State resource for the DNC.
- d. Incident Operations Committee/UASI – John Bales reported Lombardi and Bales attended a grant review meeting. The SCBA program and WMD bags were a priority.
- e. Fire Rescue International - Denver – Eric Tade reported there is \$10,000.00 in the FRI account to start. Tade said there have been several IAFC personnel changes.

Tade went over the schedule of events

- Wednesday – Locals Party at the Hard Rock or Chophouse
- Thursday – Street Party at the Chophouse.
 - ❖ Need volunteers to help setup after 4:00 p.m.
- Friday – Metro Chiefs' Party – National Western Complex

Tade stressed local Colorado items are needed for the VIP bags. 100 of each item are needed.

Bag Stuffing – Tade reported bags need to be stuffed by Sunday. **Need 120 volunteers to stuff bags. 0900 until done. Food and beverages will be provided.**

- f. Legislative – Paul Cooke handed out a report on legislative updates. Cooke said the budget looks good for the Division of Fire Safety. Cooke handed out membership information as well as an updated State of Colorado flag policy.

10. New Business

- a. Pischke stated there is a need for June and July meetings for MDFCA.
- b. Bales brought up the importance of seat belt use and checking if belts are working and in service.
- c. Cooke asked everyone to send their logo to be included in the directory.

Adjournment – The next meeting will be Friday, May 30, 2008.