

COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
COMBINATION SECTION MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2010

CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR THE AUGUST MEETING

We had had to flip our meeting schedule at the last minute due to unexpected circumstances. We will now meet at Durango Fire Rescue Authority on Friday, October 15 instead of on Friday, August 20 as originally scheduled.

AGENDA

Our next Meeting will be on Friday, August 20 at 0930 at the North Washington FD Headquarters Station, Training Center.

1. Chief Jim Notary, NWFD, will welcome us and have a few introductory comments pertaining to their Department and their recent activities.
2. We will then have the introduction of members and guests in attendance.
3. Chief Riley, CSFCA President, will discuss Association-related topics with us.
4. Paul Cooke, CSFCA Director, will follow with his report on Association activities.
5. Chief Cris Brewer, Fairmount FD, will introduce The Colorado Division of Fire Safety who will be providing an educational overview of the State of Colorado emergency services certification process. Emphasis will be placed on specific areas that Fire Chiefs should focus on with their Training Officers to ensure that organizations remain in compliance with certification process requirements. Areas of potential misunderstanding, confusion, and myths resulting in potential noncompliance will be discussed.

Fire Chiefs should come prepared with their certification process questions and issues to engage in a dialogue with the Division of Fire Safety to clear up any confusion. The Division will also update the group on the status of planned future changes for the certification process such as online exams and administrative processes.

6. A working lunch will be provided by the renowned Chef, Fire Marshal Abe Praznik, and his NWFD team. PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO SANDY DANNE, 303-539-6816, NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, BY NOON. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE ON HOW MANY AND WHAT FIRE DEPARTMENT YOU ARE COMING FROM.
7. Chief Notary, NWFP will introduce a discussion on "What Does It Take to Win An Election?" This will be an inclusive class on being successful at winning an election, from learning about campaign finance laws, putting together a political action committee, and an overall campaign strategy that includes mailers, yard signs, advertising, staffing a phone bank and PR. Learn ways to work with the media for your benefit. Create your own communication sources, interactive newspapers/websites, newsletters, facebook

page and your own web site. Learn how to promote the things you may have already done or are currently doing, starting with ongoing customer service. This discussion will include an open forum for discussion on programs you may have done in the past or are currently doing, that if promoted properly will aid in helping you win an election.

8. Please spread the word about joining the CSFCA and our Combination Section, especially to new Chief Officers as they move into your area. Invite them to attend our next General Membership Meeting, which will be on Friday, September 10, 2010 in Loveland. For more information please see our website at: www.coloradofirechiefs.org or call Paul Cooke at 720-874-8116.
9. Reach out to a neighboring volunteer or combination department Chief Officer and invite him/her to attend our meetings. New faces and new ideas help us to grow and expand our knowledge.

DIRECTIONS TO NORTH WASHINGTON FPD HEADQUARTERS

- Take I-25 to 84th Ave., Exit 219
- Go East on 84th Ave. to Washington Street
- Go South on Washington Street to 8055, which is on the west side of the road.

REMINDER: OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2010 AT THE NORTH WASHINGTON F.D. HEADQUARTERS STATION AT 8055 WASHINGTON ST., DENVER 80229, PHONE NUMBER 303-289-4683.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING!

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