

CSFCA
COMBINATION SECTION
AUGUST 21, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1010 by Chief Bruce Mygatt, Boulder Rural FPD. The following Departments were present: Black Forest Fire-Rescue, Boulder Rural FPD, Central City Fire, Colorado Division of Fire Safety, Colorado Municipal League, CSFCA, East Grand FPD, Federal Heights FD, Golden FPD, Greater Brighton FPD, Johnstown Fire, Louisville FPD, Miliken FPD, North Routt FPD, North Washington FPD, Routt County OEM, South West Adams FPD, Steamboat Springs Fire-Rescue, SDA, T. Charles Wilson Insurance, and West Routt Fire.
2. Chief Jim Notary, North Washington FPD, welcomed us to their training classroom facility. NWFD has four stations that respond to over 3,400 calls per year over a 17 square mile area. They have approximately 54 career members and 14 reserve members. They are an ALS transport agency and participate in numerous Automatic Mutual Aid Agreements with their neighboring Departments.
3. Chief Andy Marsh, Federal Heights FD, introduced Many Zuchegno, SDA Director of Research and Policy Development, and Kevin Bommer, CML Legislative and Policy Advocate, who discussed their perspectives on the current state of the economy and its impact on municipalities and special districts.
 - Both associations predict difficult economic times will continue well into 2010 with improvements starting in early 2010.
 - Significant changes in assessed property value will occur in 2011 and each odd year thereafter.
 - There is a legislative move to reduce personal property tax further impacting income revenue.
 - Both Associations are evaluating their stand on the Personal Property Tax Legislation.
 - Continued high unemployment is ahead with an unstable business improvement outlook and an uncertain holiday season ahead.
 - Re-evaluate the fees that you charge. Are they a true reflection of your action costs?
 - 36% of Government Agencies expect to experience a major economic challenge in an effort to survive close to historical levels.
 - 53% expect to experience increased expenses with a significant decrease in income.
 - The budget cutting efforts at the State level will heavily impact how local governments react to shortfalls.
 - Grants and outside incomes are freezing up.
 - The FPPA continues to do amazingly well during these difficult times.

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4. Greetings from President Chris Riley
 - He encourages each Department to engage in part or all of the Accreditation Program.
 - We currently have five accredited Fire Departments in our State with five additional Departments in the process.
 - He also encourages all Chief Officers to look into the Chief Fire Officer Designation program.
 - Information on both programs can be attained from the Center of Public Safety Excellence website at www.publicsafetyexcellence.org or call 1-866-866-2324 for additional information.

5. CSFCA Report by Director Cooke
 - Please plan to attend our next General Membership Meeting on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 0930 in Ignacio.
 - The CSFCA Wildland Fire Section will meet in Ignacio at 1900 following an all member BBQ at 1730 at the Upper Pine Fire Station.
 - Don't forget the Colorado Rockies Firefighter Appreciation Night Game on Saturday, September 5.
 - Things are starting to ramp up for this year's Leadership Challenge Conference on December 3-5 in Keystone.
 - The Company Officer Leadership Level 3 course will be offered at this year's Conference.
 - Please let Paul know in advance if you anticipate needing any legislation assistance in the coming months.

6. Many thanks to Chief Notary and his prize Chef and Fire Marshal, Abe Praznik, for hosting our meeting and providing us with an outstanding home cooked meal.

REMINDER AND UPDATE: AS OF THIS DATE, WE WILL NEED TO POSTPONE OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMBINATION SECTION MEETING FROM FRIDAY, OCT. 16 TO FRIDAY, NOV. 13, DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN GARRY BRIESE'S SCHEDULE. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

