

CSFCA
COMBINATION SECTION
MAY 8, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1015 by Chief Bruce Mygatt, Boulder Rural FPD. The following Departments were present: Boulder Rural FPD, CSFCA, Evans Fire, Federal Heights FD, Johnstown FPD, Loveland Fire and Rescue, North Washington FPD, OSHA, Southwest Adams FPD, Steamboat Springs FR, and Windsor Severance FPD.
2. Chief Warren Jones, Evans FD, welcomed us and our guests to their Station 2. He mentioned that they have approximately 26 volunteers and 16 career firefighters that operate out of two stations covering about 10 square miles within the City of Evans and respond to approximately 1200 alarms per year. Their department is growing along with Evans and creates plenty of challenges to Chief Jones.
3. Chief Jones made a presentation based on a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Survey that he recently completed.
 - 11 Metro and Weld County Combination Departments responded to the survey.
 - The average volunteer retention is about 2.5 years of service: State Pension, Shift Stipend, Pay per Call, Meal Reimbursement, Length of Service Awards, Mileage and Education Reimbursements are examples of incentives.
 - Contact Chief Jones for more details and information or review his Power Point Presentation on the CSFCA Web-Site.
4. Megan Meagher, OSHA Compliance Assistant Specialist, presented an excellent and in-depth presentation on OSHA and the Fire Service working together for a safer work environment.
 - OSHA was created in the 1970s in an effort to assure that each employer under the Federal Government jurisdiction furnished a place of employment free of hazards that can cause death and injury to their employees.
 - OSHA provisions do not apply to State and local government employees but to Federal Agencies.
 - Their inspection priorities are imminent danger, fatalities/catastrophes, employee complaints, referrals, and programmed inspections.
 - OSHA works with fire agencies through routine inspections, response to alarms, pre-planning events.
 - 2008 top 10 violations: scaffolds, fall protection failure, ladders, chemical hazards, aerial lifts, hard hats, eye/face protection, protective systems, electrical wiring, excavations.

- Industry focus areas in 2009: Logging, oil and gas activities, landscaping, construction, residential, commercial and highway.
 - You can contact Megan at 303-844-5285, ext. 1205
 - or meagher.megan@aol.gov.
 - Her PowerPoint presentation with much more detail is on the CSFCA web site.
5. Paul Cooke gave us an evaluation and wrap-up report on this year's legislative activities. This was by far the busiest year to date with Paul and Roberta, our Lobbyist, actively working very hard on 43 fire-related bills. The struggle is far from over, although the Legislative Session is over for this year.
 6. Many thanks to Chief Warren Jones and the members of the Evans Fire Department for hosting this rescheduled meeting and for providing a very good lunch and snacks.

REMINDER: OUR NEXT COMBINATION SECTION MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 AT 1500 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HOSTED BY CHIEF STEWART AND THE STEAMBOAT SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE ROUTT COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILL SPONSOR A CSFCA MEMBER EVENING BBQ ON THURSDAY EVENING BETWEEN 1800 AND 2100 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.