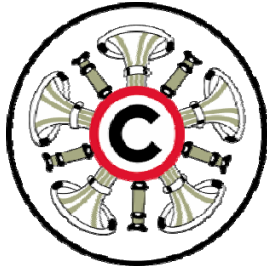


2009 Legislature

Legislation of Interest to the Colorado Fire Service



2009 Legislature

Total of 666 Bills Introduced

CSFCA actively worked a total of 43 bills

- CSFCA Supported 26 bills
- of these, 19 have become law

Of the bills supported and lost:

- 3 were PI'd by sponsor
- 3 URA/TIF bills failed

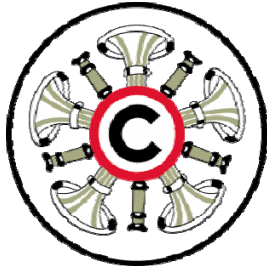




SB09-001 Community Wildfire Protection Plans

SB09-001: Adopts standards for community wildfire protection plans.

- CSFS, with partners, community, establish guidelines and criteria for CWPP.
- Addresses unincorporated portion of a county.
- BOCC prepare CWPP's to address wildfires in fire hazard areas within the unincorporated portion of a county.
- Governor signed March 19th

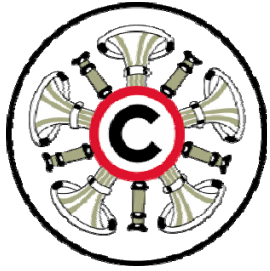


SB09-002 Increase Motor Vehicle Fee for Emergency Services

SB09-002: Increases the motor vehicle registration fee from \$1 to \$2 to fund the emergency medical services account within the highway users tax fund.

- Governor signed May 19th

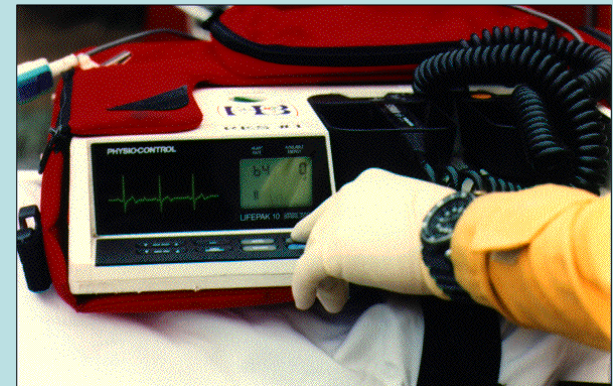


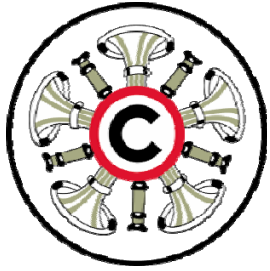


SB09-010 Encouraging the Use of Automated External Defibrillators

SB09-010: Provides to a person or entity who, in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED immunity from liability for any civil damages for acts or omissions made in good faith as a result of such care or treatment.

- Eliminates certain staffing and reporting requirements of a person or entity that acquires an AED.
- Governor signed March 25th

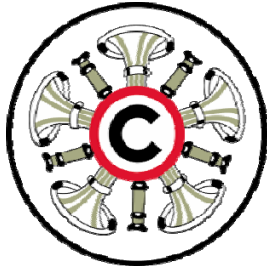




SB09-013 Civil Immunity for Emergency Response Activities

SB09-013: Enacts the "Marc Mullenix Volunteer Firefighter Protection Act"

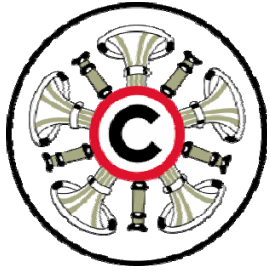
- Exempts fire departments or other entities that donate surplus firefighting equipment from civil and criminal liability resulting from the use of such equipment.
- Exempts volunteer firefighters and their volunteer organizations from civil liability resulting from any action taken or not taken during firefighting efforts or other emergency services.



SB09-013 Civil Immunity for Emergency Response Activities

SB09-013 (continued) . . .

- Provides immunity protection for incident commanders and incident management teams.
- Provides that no state, county, or municipal agency engaged in emergency or disaster planning training, or response activities is liable for the death of or injury to any person or loss of or damage to property, except in cases of willful or wanton acts or omissions.
- Governor signed June 3rd



SB09-020 Wildland Fire Chain of Command

SB09-020: Clarifies the responsibilities of fire protection districts, county sheriffs, and the state forest service in responding to wild land fires.

- The fire chief of a fire protection district is responsible for wildland fires within their boundaries.
- The sheriff of a county is responsible for response coordination and wildfire suppression in unincorporated areas of the county that are outside the boundaries of a fire protection district, or exceed the capacity of a fire protection district to control or extinguish.

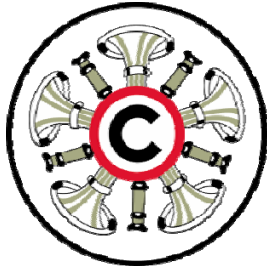


SB09-020 Wildland Fire Chain of Command

SB09-020 (continued) . . .

- If a wildfire exceeds the capacity of a sheriff to control, the sheriff shall seek assistance from the State Forest Service.
- Sheriffs may develop and update wildfire preparedness plans, and the bill specifies information to be included in such plans.
- Governor signed April 30th

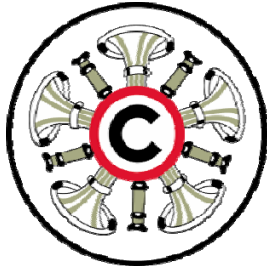




SB09-021 Incentives for Volunteer Firefighters

SB09-021: Creates a fund in the Division of Fire Safety to provide tuition vouchers to qualified volunteer firefighters who are enrolled in full-time or part-time study.

- Must agree to serve as a volunteer firefighter for four years after completion of their education.
- Fund was not provided any specific appropriation; allows Division to seek gifts, grants or donations, or use existing appropriations.
- Governor signed June 3rd



Other Senate Bills

SB09-085: Creates a legislative task force to study property tax exemption for business personal property.

SB09-087: Requires information about special district audits, budgets, and election results to be posted on the official web site of the Division of Local Government.

SB09-105: Removes the statutory limit on the amount that may be raised in a single year by a special property tax levied by a board of county commissioners for the purpose of fighting forest/prairie fires.



Other Senate Bills

SB09-109: Continues indefinitely the fire service training and certification advisory board (and programs) in the Division of Fire Safety under the provisions of the sunset law.

SB09-180: "Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Collective Bargaining Act."

- Would have required fire departments with 50 or more firefighters to recognize and bargain collectively with employee organization.
- Governor vetoed June 4th

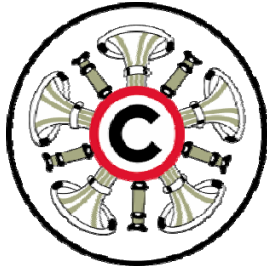


HB09-1041 Fire District Authority to fix Fees for EMS

HB09-1041: Allows the board of any fire protection district to fix and from time to time increase or decrease fees for extrication, rescue, or safety services.

- Specifies what is included in extrication, rescue, or safety services.
- Governor signed June 3rd





HB09-1199 Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Act

HB09-1199: Enacts the Colorado Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Act of 2009.

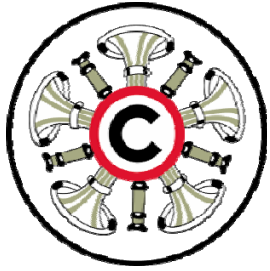
- Providing Resources to the Colorado State Forest Service to Augment Its Technical Outreach Capabilities.
- Provide Loans and Grants for Market-Based and Forest Treatment Solutions to Reduce Wildfire Risk.
- Reduce wildfire risks by supporting the implementation of risk mitigation treatments.



SB09-020 Wildland Fire Chain of Command

HB09-1199 (continued) . . .

- Appropriates moneys to the wildland-urban interface training fund to provide training for directors of fire protection districts. Governor signed March 19th
- Provides that any moneys in the wildland-urban interface training fund not needed for the training of directors of fire districts shall be used for the training of firefighters in basic wildland firefighting and firefighting in WUI areas.
- Governor signed June 6th



HB09-1275 Provisional Certification of EMTs

HB09-1275: Allows the Department of Public Health and Environment to issue a provisional 90-day certification to an applicant seeking certification as an EMT.

- Allows the department to issue a provisional certification even if the results of the fingerprint-based criminal history record check on the applicant have not been received.
- The applicant must satisfy all other statutory and regulatory requirements for certification.

Questions?

