



# Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CSFCA Members  
**From:** Paul L. Cooke, Executive Director  
**Subject:** CSFCA Member Update  
**Date:** March 7, 2010

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Following is a general update on issues of interest to the members of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association.

### **Resource Page for the 2010 Ballot Initiatives Added to CSFCA Website**

Three measures on the November 2010 ballot have alternately been described as efforts to destroy Colorado or save it from an ever-growing government.

Proposition 101 is a proposed statutory change that would reduce the State income tax, various motor vehicle fees and taxes and fees on telecommunication services. When fully implemented, the provisions of this proposal would reduce State income tax revenues, State and local revenues from a range of sales taxes and vehicle fees, and State revenues from telecommunications charges and fees.

Amendment 60 would amend Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") to add a new section to establish additional limits on property taxes. This section will be in addition to all other provisions of TABOR. Some of the provisions of this proposal appear intended to override court decisions interpreting TABOR (as it pertains to property taxes) and to roll back certain prior property tax voter approvals under TABOR.

Amendment 61 would make sweeping changes in how the state and local governments can use and issue debt. It would ban the use of any kind of debt by the state of Colorado. It would also limit the amount of debt issued by local governments, require all local debt be approved by the voters in a November election, and require local governments to cut their tax rates equal to the average annual debt payments as debts are repaid.

A resource page to assist members in understanding these ballot initiatives has been added to the CSFCA website at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/10Legislature/2010initiatives.htm>. CSFCA members are encouraged to routinely check this page for updated information.

**"Serving the Chief Fire Officers of Colorado Since 1968"**

## **Status Report on Legislation of Interest to the CSFCA**

The Status Report on Legislation of Interest to the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association in the 2010 Colorado General Assembly, as of March 7, 2010 has been posted to the CSFCA Legislative Page at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/legislative.htm>. CSFCA members are encouraged to routinely check this page for updates.

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## **CSFCA Establishes LinkedIn Group to Enhance Member Interaction**

In our continuing effort to improve communications with our members, and to facilitate communications between members, the CSFCA has established a LinkedIn Group. Consider joining the CSFCA LinkedIn Group at: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/2667807/>. For more information, go to: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/news11.htm>.

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## **CSFCA Volunteer Chief Officers Section Meeting**

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010  
Times: 9:00 AM  
Location: Mancos Fire Station  
41595 Highway 160  
Mancos, CO 81328

Program: Risk Management in Volunteer Fire Departments.

Jerry Ward of VFIS of Colorado will discuss the relationship between the District and the volunteer group, volunteer selection process, minimum performance standards, driver training and vehicle safety along with accident investigation and the importance of proper documentation. The goal of the program will be to assist the volunteer fire officer to recognize some simple and straight forward actions that may reduce accidents, injuries and insurance claims.

This meeting is open to all officers of volunteer (or combination) fire departments. For more information contact: Chief Don Chapman, Section Chair at 719-580-2201 or by email at: [drchap@my.amigo.net](mailto:drchap@my.amigo.net).

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

March 13, 2010; 9:00 AM  
CSFCA Volunteer Chief Officers Section Meeting; Mancos Fire Station, Mancos  
For more information: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/sectionsdivisions-vol.htm#Meeting>

March 26, 2010 – 7:00 AM Breakfast / 7:30 AM Meeting  
Denver Metro Fire Chiefs Association Meeting; Lakewood, CO  
For more information: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/denvermetro.htm>

March 29, 2010 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
CSFCA Accreditation Consortium Meeting; Pueblo, CO  
For more information:  
[http://www.colofirechiefs.org/events/2010/CSFCA\\_Accreditation\\_Consortium.pdf](http://www.colofirechiefs.org/events/2010/CSFCA_Accreditation_Consortium.pdf)

April 16, 2010 – 0930 AM  
CSFCA Combination Chiefs Section Meeting; Larkspur FPD  
For more information: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/combo.htm>

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## **Upcoming Events**

The following upcoming events are posted on the CSFCA Training & Conference Page at:  
<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/trainingconf.htm>.

March 11, 2010  
Castle West Presentation - Colorado Springs Fire; North Metro Fire Rescue

Mar 16, 2010; 11:30 am or 6:00 pm  
Retirement Educational Symposium; Sponsored by Public Safety Financial Group; Denver, CO

Mar 17, 2010; 11:30 am  
Retirement Educational Symposium; Sponsored by Public Safety Financial Group; Denver, CO

March 19, 2010  
Castle West Presentation - Colorado Springs Fire; Pueblo, CO

IAFC Firefighter Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring Workshops  
March 23, 2010; 9:00AM - 12:00PM; Englewood Safety Services Complex  
March 23, 2010; 6:00PM - 9:00PM; Pikes Peak Community College  
March 24, 2010; 9:00AM - 12:00PM; North Metro Fire Rescue  
March 25, 2010; 9:00AM - 12:00PM; Summit Fire Authority

April 10, 2010  
Operation Lifesaver Railroad Training; Rock Creek VFD; McCoy, CO

Apr 10 - 11, 2010  
Instructional Methodology; Loveland Fire Rescue; Loveland, CO

April 21 - 23, 2010

Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies; Estes Park, CO

Apr 24, 2010

“YOU AND ISO” - What Every Fire Department Should Know and Understand About ISO in Your Community, Sponsored by VCOS & ISO; Evergreen, CO

May 4 - 5, 2010

High Rise Firefighting Tactics & Operations Course; Black Hawk, CO

May 7 - 9, 2010

PSDS - Swiftwater Rapid Response Tech 1 Course; Grand Junction, CO

May 21 - 25, 2010

PSDS - Swiftwater Rapid Response Tech. I; Burning Mountains Fire Protection District; Silt, CO

May 22, 2010; 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM

Making the Pieces Fit through Cooperative Service; Fort Lupton, CO

May 22, 2010; 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM

Deployment, Master Planning, and Standards of Cover; Fort Lupton, CO

June 7 - 13, 2010

Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy; Cañon City, CO

July 7 - 8, 2010

2010 Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs Conference; Colorado Springs, CO

See additional events on the Fire Service Event Calendar at:

<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/calendar.htm>.

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## **Job Announcements**

The following positions are currently posted on the CSFCA Classified Ads – Job Announcements page at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/classifieds.htm>.

Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue – Firefighter and EMS Provider Recruit Program

Fort Lupton Fire Protection District – Out of District Volunteer Firefighter

City of Lamar Fire Department – Fire Engineer/EMT-I

Cortez Fire Protection District – Fire Chief

Sable Altura Fire Protection District – Career Hiring Eligibility List

Elbert County Government – Communications Manager

Ute Mountain Fire/EMS – Firefighter/Paramedic

Park County, Colorado – Director of Emergency Management

Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District – Reserve Firefighter

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## **Apparatus/Equipment for Sale**

The following Apparatus/Equipment for Sale is currently posted on the CSFCA Classified Ads page at:  
<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/classifieds3.htm>.

Skid Unit – Lower Valley Fire District

1989 GMC 3500 Brush Truck – Greater Brighton Fire Protection District

1982/1992 Type III Wheeled Coach Ambulance – Bennett Fire Protection District

1984 Pierce Suburban Pumper – Boulder Rural Fire Protection District

1996 Chevy Rescue Truck – Southeast Weld Fire Protection District

2004 Ford 550 Light Rescue (Squad) – Elizabeth Fire Protection District

To post a job announcement, apparatus or equipment to be donated or sold, or upcoming events, please send the details to me at: [paul@colofirechiefs.org](mailto:paul@colofirechiefs.org).

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this memo.

Be safe!

Paul