



Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association Member Update

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New CSFCA President and Vice-President Elected



President-elect Steve Pischke and Vice President-elect Mike Morgan

At the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association held on December 2, 2010 in Keystone, the members assembled elected a new President and Vice-President.

Deputy Chief Steve Pischke of Mountain View Fire Protection District was elected President and Chief Mike Morgan of the Rifle Fire Protection District was elected Vice-President.

Deputy Chief Pischke has been in the fire service for 30 years. He began his career with the Littleton Fire Department, where he served for 7+ years and was then Fire Chief of the Silverthorne Fire Protection District for 4 years. Steve spent his next 10 years with West Adams County FPD/North Metro Fire Rescue, 9 of which as Division Chief of Fire Prevention, before moving on to Mountain View, where he has been for

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nearly the past 9 years. Steve has served the Association as the Vice-President for the past two years and the Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Chief Morgan began his fire service career in 1986 as a volunteer firefighter for the Rifle Fire Protection District. He was hired as Fire Marshal, the first employee of the District, in 1991, and served in this capacity until 1996, when he was appointed the District's first paid fire chief. The first paid responders were hired in 1999 and the District now consists of 22 full-time, 30 part-time, and 20 volunteer personnel, serving an area of about 411 square miles with a population of approximately 21,000, out of three fire stations.

The President and Vice-President are the only elected officers of the CSFCA and are elected to serve a one-year term. The appointed officers of the CSFCA are the Secretary and Treasurer, who are nominated by the President and appointed by the Board of Directors. Once appointed, the Secretary and Treasurer serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors or until the end of the President-elect's term of office.

The remaining appointed members of the CSFCA Board of Directors are the nine Regional Representatives (Directors). Regional Representatives are nominated by the President and appointed by the Board of Directors. Once appointed, the Regional Representatives serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors or until the end of the President-elect's term of office.

President-elect Pischke and Vice President-elect Morgan will be sworn in and assume their duties at the Board of Directors meeting on January 14, 2011, as will the appointed members of the Board.

USFA Releases Provisional 2010 Firefighter Fatality Statistics

2010 was record-setting -- the fewest on-duty deaths of firefighters since the USFA started compiling statistics in 1977.

EMMITSBURG, MD — The United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced today there were 85 on duty firefighter fatalities in the United States as a result of incidents that occurred in 2010, a 6 percent decrease from the 90 fatalities reported for 2009. The 85 fatalities were spread across 31 states. Illinois experienced the highest number of fatalities (9). In addition to Illinois, only New York (8), Ohio (8), Pennsylvania (7), and Kansas (5) had 5 or more firefighter fatalities.

Acting U.S. Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines noted that "When evaluating the trend in on duty firefighter fatalities over more than three decades, the past two years have seemed to reflect a possible change in the firefighting culture of the United States where 'Everyone Goes Home', including all firefighters." Gaines then added, "Working closely with our partners, USFA will continue every effort to be sure that when it comes to firefighter health and safety this downward trend in on duty firefighter deaths continues."

Heart attacks and strokes were responsible for the deaths of 51 firefighters (60%) in 2010, nearly the same proportion of firefighter deaths from heart attack or stroke (58%) in 2009.

Nine on duty firefighters died in association with wildland fires, about half the number that died in association with wildland fires in 2009 and a third of the 26 such fatalities in 2008.

Forty-eight percent of all firefighter fatalities occurred while performing emergency duties.

Eleven firefighters died in 2010 as the result of vehicle crashes, down substantially from 16 deaths in 2009, and for the first time since 1999, none of the deaths involved aircraft. Four firefighters in 2010 died in accidents involving firefighters responding in personal vehicles. Seven firefighter deaths involved fire department apparatus; one of which was a double firefighter fatality incident.

These 2010 firefighter fatality statistics are provisional and may change as the USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify the names of firefighters reported to have died on duty during 2010. The final number of firefighter fatalities will be reported in USFA's annual firefighter fatality report, expected to be available by July.

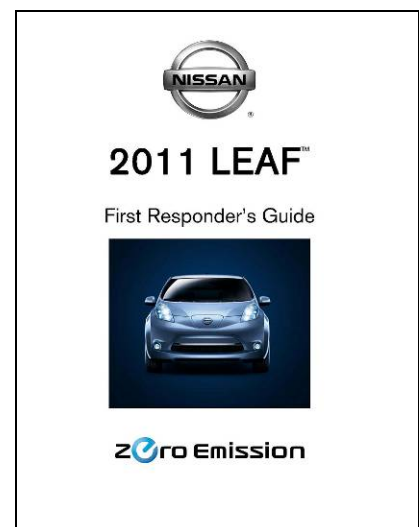
For additional information on firefighter fatalities, including the annual fatality reports from 1986 through 2009 and the Firefighter Fatality Retrospective Study 1990–2000, please visit the USFA website at: <https://www.usfa.dhs.gov/index.shtm>.

Download 2010 Firefighter Fatality Provisional Statistics:
<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/2011/USFA2010fatalitysummary.pdf>

NFPA's Electric Vehicle Safety Training Project

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Electric Vehicle Safety Training project is a nationwide program to help firefighters and first responders prepare for the growing number of electric vehicles on the road in the United States. Providing firefighters and first responders with the information they need about electric vehicles will be critical to their safety and crucial to the public's acceptance of these vehicles.

This program will provide first responders with information they need to most effectively deal with potential emergency situations involving electric and hybrid vehicles. Part of this NFPA project includes reviewing and helping to disseminate automobile manufacturer's emergency response guides (ERG) for hybrid-electric and all electric vehicles.



The Nissan LEAF, a fully electric vehicle, will soon be released to the public, and Nissan has provided a First Responders Guide for firefighters and first responders to safely respond to emergency incidents involving the LEAF. Please assist NFPA in distributing this guide to firefighters and first responders.

For more information on the NFPA Electric Vehicle Safety Training project and for the latest releases on electric vehicle emergency response guides, additional EV information, training programs and a calendar of events, please visit the website at <http://www.evsafetytraining.org>.

Download Nissan LEAF First Responders Guide here:

http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/2011/2011_LEAF_FRG.pdf

2010 Fire Leadership Challenge Wrap-Up

More than 300 chiefs and other fire officers from Colorado and other states gathered at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center in Keystone on December 2-4, 2010 for the 19th Annual Fire Leadership Challenge.

The theme, “The Leadership Challenge: Where Do We Go from Here?” examined extraordinary leadership. In these challenging economic times, fire service organizations and fire service leaders need extraordinary leadership to maintain momentum towards achieving the mission and pursuing

the vision. Extraordinary leaders find a way to keep going when facing seemingly insurmountable odds. Keynote speakers included Jack Snook, President, Emergency Services Consulting and former Fire Chief at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Oregon and Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent, National Fire Academy and Deputy Director of the United States Fire Administration.

In addition to the formal educational presentations, the conference provided opportunities for networking, sharing ideas, renewing friendships, and visiting with 70+ vendors that were showcasing the latest products, services, tools and innovations.

The CSFCA is also proud to have again partnered with the IAFC to expand our educational opportunities to include 2-1/2 days of education for company officers during the Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) – Level I which was held as a pre-conference workshop.



Chief Dave Parmley of Lake Dillon Fire Rescue welcomes attendees to the 2010 Fire Leadership Challenge, as host chief and FLC Conference Chairman. Chief Chris Riley, CSFCA President, looks on.

A total of 105 individuals participated in the COLS and learned from some of the recognized leaders in the fire service, including:

- Gary Briese, Co-Founder of The Center for New Media & Resiliency; former Executive Director of IAFC and former FEMA Region VIII Director
- David Daniels, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator, City of Renton, Washington
- Kevin Brame, Deputy Fire Chief, City of North Las Vegas, Nevada
- Kyle R. Gorman, MBA, EMT-P, Executive Officer, Clackamas County Fire District #1
- District Chief Dave McGrail, Denver Fire Department
- Mary Sovick, Fireline Training & Consulting

We are still in the process of compiling participant evaluations; however, by most accounts, the COLS scored high marks in terms of the quality of the presentations, content, presenters; and the relevance and usefulness of the information presented.

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association was held in conjunction with the conference, during which the members heard the presentation "Thinking Outside of the Alarm Box: New Thoughts on Serving Customers" by Jeff T. Dyar, Fire Commissioner of Upper Pine River FPD presents at the CSFCA Annual Meeting. During the Annual Meeting, the members also elected a new President and Vice-President (see related article).

Other conference proceedings included meetings of the CSFCA Combination Chief Officers Section, the CSFCA Volunteer Chief Officers Section, the CSFCA Wildland Fire Section, the CSFCA Accreditation Consortium, and the Colorado READY Camp Planning Team Meeting.

Planning for the 2011 CSFCA Fire Leadership is already underway and will be in full swing when the FLC Committee next meets. If you have any suggestions concerning the CSFCA Fire Leadership Challenge, including recommendations for future conference presentations or presenters, please send them to Paul Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at paul@colofirechiefs.org.



Jack Snook speaks on the importance of "resilience," in "Facing Forward Moving On" as the opening Keynote address.



Participants in the opening session of the 2010 FLC

2010 Fire Leadership Challenge



Kevin Milan, CFTOA President, is presented Special Recognition by Dr. Denis Onieal, NFA Superintendent.



Mark Schuman of North Washington FPD is presented Fire Service Instructor of the Year Award.



Jeff Dyar presents "Thinking Outside of the Alarm Box: New Thoughts on Serving Customers" at the CSFCA Annual Meeting.



Jay Ruoff of Littleton FD presents "Leadership, Accountability, Culture & Knowledge" with Kevin Milan of South Metro.



Garry Briese presents "Why is Good Enough Never Good Enough? Or...What's It Really Like to Work for You?"



BC Tom DeMint, Poudre Fire Authority presents "Preparing and Conducting Post Incident Analysis"

See more pictures of the 2010 FLC on the CSFCA Facebook page at: <http://tinyurl.com/4lyydc>

Special Assessment Approved to Balance 2011 CSFCA Budget

At the CSFCA Annual Meeting held on December 2, 2010 in Keystone, CO, the members assembled approved the 2011 Budget for the Association which had been recommended by the Board of Directors. In a related action, CSFCA membership approved a one-time special assessment, intended to balance the 2011 CSFCA Budget. According to CSFCA President-elect Steve Pischke, "this special assessment is intended to make the budget whole, with the caveat that the Association will study and come up with a plan that will provide for a sustainable organization for now and in the future.

The one-time, special assessment that was approved by CSFCA membership to go out with the 2011 dues notices is:

Volunteer Fire Departments:	\$50
Combination Fire Departments:	\$100
Career Fire Departments:	\$200

Unfortunately, for the past two years, the CSFCA has had to "dip" into its fund balance in order to operate the Association. This, coupled with a down-year in revenue last year, created the situation where the Board was looking at a 2011 budget that would be significantly in the red.

Prior to recommending the special assessment, the Board had evaluated a proposed increase in membership dues, however, it was decided that the entire dues structure needed to be examined instead of simply passing on a dues increase. It was pointed out that the special assessment would be coupled with appointment of a "Budget Work Group" that would be tasked with examining the long term financial stability of the organization. According to President-elect Pischke, "work group members will be asked to think 'outside the box' as it relates to the budget and how we do business."

The Budget Work Group appointed by President-elect Pischke is:

Chief Larry Donner, Boulder Fire Department
Chief Dan Qualman, South Metro Fire Rescue
Dep. Chief Don Lombardi, West Metro Fire Rescue
Chief Ken Watkins, Grand Junction Fire Department
Chief Marshall Cook, Lamar Fire & Ambulance Service
Chief Mike Morgan, Rifle Fire Protection District
Chief Rich Graeber, Upper Pine Fire Protection District
Paul Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director (ex-officio)

The Budget Work Group will begin meeting in this month and welcomes input from any CSFCA member.

Download 2011 Adopted Budget:

http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/2011/CSFCA_2011_Budget_Adopted.pdf

Larry Trujillo Named Director of Governor's Office of Homeland Security

January 6, 2010 — Governor-elect John Hickenlooper announced today Larry Trujillo will remain Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

Trujillo was appointed to the position by Gov. Bill Ritter in September 2010. He will stay in the job for six months as the Hickenlooper-Garcia administration evaluates the organizational structure of the agency and other emergency management operations, as recommended by the Homeland Security/Emergency Management transition committee.

"Larry Trujillo has built his career working with people and serving our public," Hickenlooper said. "He is a critical thinker who knows how to work with different agencies at the federal, state and local levels to do what is necessary to keep Colorado communities prepared to deal with unexpected emergencies."

Trujillo earlier worked as Fire Chief with the Denver Fire Department, one of the largest fire services in the nation. He has more than 28 years of emergency management experience – nearly all of which was in leadership roles providing emergency services at all levels.

"I have enjoyed overseeing the state's Homeland Security operations and am pleased to stay in this role," Trujillo said. "I look forward to working with Gov.-elect Hickenlooper and his team to build on the good relationships we have with local, state, federal and tribal agencies throughout Colorado."

Trujillo was managing partner for a private consulting firm before he became Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security last fall. He also served as Senior Advisor for Convention Safety and Transportation Planning during the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Trujillo joined the Denver Fire Department in 1982 and worked his way up through the ranks before being appointed Chief in July 2003.

In a related matter, Gov.-Elect John Hickenlooper announced the naming of Jim Davis, the special agent in charge of the Denver division of the FBI, as the next executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. For more information regarding this appointment, go to:

<http://partnersforcolorado.com/2011/01/06/james-davis-named-executive-director-of-department-of-public-safety/>



Larry Trujillo, Director of Governor's Office of Homeland Security discusses the fire service role in homeland security at the 2010 CSFCA Annual Meeting in Keystone.

All-Hazards Incident Management Teams Association Formed

DENVER, CO (Dec. 14, 2010) – The newly formed All-Hazards Incident Management Teams Association, Inc. has announced the election of its first Board of Directors at the All-Hazards Incident Management Teams Training and Education Conference (AHIMT-TEC) in Denver. The national Association was incorporated in Colorado on Dec. 1, and will provide leadership and education to Incident Management Teams throughout the country.

The Association is the first of its kind for All-Hazards Incident Management Teams and will set the national standards for training and education, said Bill Easterling, the Association's Director-at-Large and Fire Marshal for Genesee Fire & Rescue in Colorado.

"We have seen the critical difference and success that effective incident management will make in the face of major and catastrophic incidents," said Steve Grainer, the Association's President and Chief of Incident Management Programs at the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. "The formation of this Association demonstrates the broad commitment to continue to take these teams to the next level and beyond."

When communities are faced with disasters like wildland fires, blizzards and tornadoes, the All-Hazards Incident Management Teams often are the first called in to bring order to the chaos. Nationwide, there are 128 AHIMTs being tracked by the U.S. Fire Administration. More than 250 members have already joined the new Association. The Association will promote, support, improve and enhance the mission of these All-Hazard Incident Management Teams by providing educational opportunities, setting standards and promoting the cooperation of federal, state, local and tribal agencies as well as non-governmental agencies in all phases of emergency management. The end result will make the teams and our communities stronger.

The Board of Directors is made up of 11 members from 10 regions across the country, plus a director at large. In addition to Grainer and Easterling, the newly elected Board includes Tod Gates, 1st Vice President, of the Lynwood, (WA) Fire Department; Randall Collins, 2nd Vice President, of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Victoria Koenig, Secretary, of the State of Texas All-Hazards IMT; William Austin, of the West Hartford (CT) Fire Department; William Campbell, of the New York State Office of Emergency Management, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; Bobby Smith, of the Jacksonville (FL) Fire Rescue; Wayne Nelson, of the Galina (KS) Police Department; Mark Peck, of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; and Brian Fennessy, of the San Diego City Fire-Rescue Department.

For more information, contact Bill Easterling at 303-526-1230 or via email at admin@geneseefire.org.

Download All Hazard Incident Management Teams Association Membership Form for Calendar Year 2011: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/2011/2011_AHIMT_Membership.pdf.

Application Period Opens for DHS Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Fairfax, VA – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced that the application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) programs Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants opened at 8 am EST on Monday, January 3, and will close at 5 pm EST on Friday, February 4, 2011.

The DHS has set aside \$35 million to fund grant activities in two categories:



The Fire Prevention and Safety Activity: Grants funded by this activity should be designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidents of death and injuries caused by fires and fire-related hazards. Applications for this activity should only consist of projects that can be completed within the one-year grant performance period. Eligible applicants for this activity include fire departments; national, regional, state, local and tribal organizations; and community organizations recognized for their experience and expertise in fire-prevention and safety programs and activities. Both private and public nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity. Activities funded include general education and awareness programs, such as smoke alarm installations and home-safety inspections, code-enforcement and awareness activities, fire- and arson-investigation programs, and national, state and regional programs and studies.

The Firefighter Safety and Research and Development Activity: Grants funded under this activity are research and development programs aimed at improving firefighter safety. Applicants under this activity can propose projects that reflect a period of performance of up to three years. Eligible applicants for this activity include national, regional, state and local organizations, such as academic, public health, occupational health and injury prevention institutions. Fire departments are not eligible to apply for funding in this activity. All projects under this activity must address injury outcomes or their surrogates, such as firefighter fitness or health indicators. The projects may fall into the categories of behavioral, clinical and social science studies; database systems; technology and product development studies; and research regarding the dissemination and implementation of effective programs and products.

Fire departments will have to meet the same cost-sharing requirements based on population that they would have to meet under the AFG grants. The grant guidance discusses these cost-sharing requirements in detail (see pages 14 and 38).

The IAFC encourages interested members to review the FP&S grant guidance. The AFG office also has made available an applicant tutorial at:

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/fps/tutorial/2010/default.asp> and the online application can be found at: <https://portal.fema.gov/famsVuWeb/home>.

Applicants who have questions about the grants can email them to firegrants@dhs.gov or call the help desk at 1-866-274-0960.

Download grant guidance: http://www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/FY2010_FPSGuidance.pdf.

Antifreeze Solutions in Home Fire Sprinkler Systems-Phase II Final Report Issued

NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, has included guidance on the use of antifreeze solutions in fire sprinkler systems since the 1940 edition. Recent fire incidents, analysis of available literature, and preliminary testing have identified concerns with the use of certain antifreeze solutions. Under certain conditions, solutions of glycerin and propylene glycol antifreeze have been found to ignite when discharged from automatic sprinkler systems.

A literature review, preliminary testing, and a long term research plan were developed as part of Phase I of this project. This Final Report includes the results of a comprehensive test program (also outlined in the Interim Report on the project) on a range of propylene glycol and glycerin antifreeze solutions challenged in a range of fire scenarios, as well as additional analysis and recommendations for further study.

The results of this research suggest that antifreeze solutions of propylene glycol exceeding 40% and glycerin exceeding 50% by volume are not appropriate for use in home fire sprinkler systems. Consideration should be given to an appropriate safety factor for concentrations of these antifreeze solutions that are permitted by future editions of NFPA 13, as well as warnings and limitations outlined in antifreeze product literature.

The use of solutions of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol in home fire sprinkler systems should also be limited unless testing is conducted to establish that they are appropriate for use in home fire sprinkler systems. The results of this analysis are limited to residential sprinklers; the flammability of antifreeze solutions discharged through other types of sprinklers has not been investigated.

Recommendations are provided for further research in the following areas:

- Investigate the use of Antifreeze Solutions in Sprinkler Systems with Non-Residential Sprinklers
- Characterize Droplet Size Distributions from Sprinklers
- Develop a Small or Medium Scale Screening Test of Antifreeze Solutions
- Develop a Listing Standard for Solutions introduced into Sprinkler Systems

Download Phase II Final Report: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/2010/RFAntifreezePh2_final.pdf.

COLORADO FIRE CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION (CFCA)

Chaplains provide a valuable service to firefighters and those they serve.

Since the time of George Washington, chaplains have served our military and other federal, state, and local agencies.

About CFCA

As of November 1, 2010

- *Founded June 15, 2006
- *Tax Exempt Association Under IRS 501 (c) (6)
- *Chaplain members: 28
- *Non-chaplain members: 9

Mission Statement

To provide encouragement, support, and training to fire chaplains so they can offer the best of hope in the worst of times.

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You may have gotten along fine without a chaplain—like some of us did with cars before they had seatbelts....

ADDED VALUE OF CHAPLAINS

For your department

What a chaplain does is primarily secular: encouragement, stress management, weddings, funerals, death notifications, grief support for families of victims, hospital visits, invocations, confidential counseling, helping a firefighter survive career burnout, and pastoral crisis intervention when requested. Chaplains do not push religion and are sensitive to religious pluralism.

For those you serve

When notified of incidents involving things like “Not breathing,” “CPR in progress,” or a highway fatality, a chaplain’s response to provide grief support and helpful information to survivors is appreciated. This service to your community bodes well for your department.

A RESOURCE AT VERY LITTLE COST

Most fire chaplains are volunteers. Expenses might include training, a cell phone and/or radio, uniforms, and a chaplain’s badge. This is a bargain for value received. Some departments might consider sharing a chaplain.

CONSIDERATIONS AND ASSISTANCE

Fire chiefs can set good examples of support for a chaplain program. A chaplain could be a firefighter, a local pastor, or any other qualified person. At CFCA, we would be happy to answer your questions, and if requested, help you recruit and train a chaplain.

What you need to know can also be obtained by downloading *Beginning A Fire Department Chaplaincy Program* from the following website: <http://firechaplains.org/> Click on “Resources,” then click on “Beginning A Fire Department Chaplaincy Program.” Print the document to serve as a guide.

Nine Graduate from Company Officer Leadership Symposium Program

For the third consecutive year, the CSFCA partnered with the IAFC to expand the educational opportunities at the Fire Leadership Challenge to include 2-1/2 days of education for company officers. The Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) is a three-tiered approach to company officer leadership development.

A significant part of the program is to provide the company officer with access to some of the best and brightest leaders in today's global emergency services. Topics include fireground operations, organizational culture in the fire house, the company officer's role in health and safety, handling personnel issues, ethical dilemmas, leading diverse teams, effective writing.

In order to be recognized as a "graduate" of the COLS program, the individual must complete all three levels, and at least one level must be taken in conjunction with the IAFC's Fire Rescue International (FRI).

This year, the Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) – Level I was held as a pre-conference workshop in conjunction with the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone. Following this symposium, a total of nine individuals completed the requirements for graduation. These are:

- Darin Suter, Mountain View Fire Protection District
- Michael Cushman, Rangely Rural Fire Protection District
- Roger Moore, Greeley Fire Department & Eaton Fire Protection District
- David Blair, Grand Valley Fire Protection District
- Mike MacNamara, Boulder Rural Fire Protection District
- David Reinhold, Glenwood Springs Fire Department
- Jeff Williams, Greater Eagle Fire Protection District
- Robert Swier, Greater Eagle Fire Protection District
- Shane Merlihan, Eagle River Fire Protection District



Some of the 2010 Graduates of the Company Officer Leadership Symposium at the completion of their third and final level of training in Keystone, CO.

The Company Officer Leadership Symposium is on track to becoming a foundational building block for tomorrow's emergency services. There is no other event that provides in-depth leadership education like this for newly promoted company officers and those moving through the ranks.

Note: To provide a consistent high quality COLS program at the Colorado Fire Leadership Challenge, courses are tied directly to NFPA 1021 – Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, and meet the objectives of the IAFC Officer Development Handbook.

Cañon City Fire District Appoints New Fire Chief

At a Special Meeting on November 13th, of the Board of Directors for the Cañon City Area Fire Protection District, interviews were conducted of four finalist candidates for the position of Fire Chief. The Board in Open Session offered a contract to Mr. David DelVecchio of Foster, Rhode Island.

Mr. DelVecchio is a 33-year veteran of the fire service, and currently serves as the Fire Chief for the North Cumberland Fire Department in Cumberland Rhode Island where he has held the position of Fire Chief for the last two years. Mr. DelVecchio worked the majority of his career in the fire service with the Warwick Rhode Island Fire Department, starting in 1985 as a Firefighter and progressing through the ranks. Mr. DelVecchio retired from the Warwick Fire Department in January of 2009 after 24 years of distinguished service. At his retirement he held the rank of Battalion Chief.



Chief David DelVecchio

Mr. DelVecchio comes highly recommended, and the Cañon City Area Fire Protection District looks forward to a prosperous working relationship for the next several years. Mr. DelVecchio has been married to Lisa for 25 years, and has a son who resides in New Jersey and a daughter who is currently attending the University of Rhode Island.

He is expected to commence as Fire Chief on January 31, 2011.

IPMA-HR Fire Engineer Test Job Analysis & Subject Matter Expert Review

The International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) is in need of Subject Matter Experts for their Fire Engineer Test Job Analysis & Subject Matter Expert Review.

Watch the video to learn what all is involved in participating:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yw9j_LCnps4&feature=related

If, after watching the video, you decide you would like to participate, click on the following link to complete the interest form:

<http://testing.ipma-hr.org/assessment/development>

IPMA-HR is a non-profit organization devoted to human resource professionals in the public sector. They specialize in public safety tests for hiring and promotions to include police, fire, corrections, and telecommunicators.

Recent News Articles of Interest

Following are links to recent news articles of interest to CSFCA members. To read entire article, click on link or copy and paste link into web browser.

Castle Rock Fire on Task for Accreditation

The Castle Rock Fire Department took the first step toward gaining accreditation with a new look at its strategic plan. The fire department presented its proposal to town council Jan. 4, with a goal to be an accredited fire department by 2012. (Jan. 8, 2011)

www.coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2011/01/08/news_press/news/13rm_fire.txt

Firefighters Feel the Squeeze of Shrinking Budgets

In cities all across the country, the men and women in red are becoming as vulnerable to budget cuts as other municipal employees. (Governing – January 2011)

<http://www.governing.com/topics/public-workforce/firefighters-feel-squeeze-shrinking-budgets.html>

4 Ways to Rethink the Firefighting Game

There are new ways for fire and rescue services to think about the job. One leading proponent of that re-thinking is Jeff Johnson, former president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and recently retired chief of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue in Oregon. (Governing – January 2011)

<http://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/4-ways-rethink-firefighting-game.html>

Ordinance Change May Prompt Development

The Pagosa Springs Town Council passed the second reading of two ordinances Tuesday night meant to facilitate further development in the town: one amending certain aspects of the 2006 International Fire Code (IFC), the other allowing county residents to serve on the town's Planning Commission board. (January 6, 2011)

<http://www.pagosasun.com/archives/2011/01January/010611/pg1townordinancechange.html>

Aurora Fire Department Boosts Minority Hiring

AURORA — For the first time in 11 years, the Aurora Fire Department has hired an African-American. Three African-Americans graduated last month from the Aurora Fire Department Academy and are now on the job. Two were lateral moves — meaning they held similar positions in other fire departments. The third is new to the profession. Nine people graduated from the academy last month, including one Latino. (January 6, 2011)

http://www.denverpost.com/ci_17031518#ixzz1AiDDPaBn

Rye Fire District Recall Stalls Over Petitions

A recall campaign aimed at three members of the Rye Fire Protection District board of directors may have to start over after Pueblo County Clerk Gilbert "Bo" Ortiz announced Tuesday that the recall petitions no longer have enough valid voters signatures because about 60 signers changed their minds since Dec. 14. (January 5, 2011)

http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article_524c34aa-1892-11e0-b205-001cc4c03286.html

Man Dies in Midvalley House Fire

CARBONDALE — A man was killed in a fire that engulfed part of a midvalley house late Monday afternoon, Carbondale Fire Chief Ron Leach said last night. Few details were released about the incident. The cause was unknown and the incident is under investigation, with the Garfield County Sheriff's Office as the lead agency, Leach said. (January 4, 2011)

<http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20110104/NEWS/110109967/1077&ParentProfile=1058>

Obama Signs 9/11 Health Bill

Washington — President Barack Obama signed the 9/11 health bill into law in Hawaii on Sunday, White House spokesman Bill Burton said. Obama signed the bill during his Hawaiian vacation, with no signing ceremony held. In a statement issued later, the president said he was "honored" to sign the bill, which pays for health care for responders believed to have been sickened by pollution at the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York.

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/POLITICS/01/02/obama.9.11.bill/index.html>

Colorado's Vast Beetle-Kill Pine Forests Threaten Power Grid

One of the least-publicized aspect of the mountain pine bark beetle epidemic, which has decimated nearly 2 million acres of trees in Colorado, is the threat it poses to the region's power grid. Whole

mountainsides of dead and toppling trees throughout the state raise the specter of disaster on the scale of the great Northeast Blackout of 2003. (November 3, 2010)

<http://coloradoindependent.com/41305/colorados-vast-beetle-kill-pine-forests-threaten-power-grid>

Fire District Gets Financial Reporting Award

AVON, Colorado — The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Eagle River Fire Protection District by the Governmental Financial Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report. (December 29, 2010)

<http://www.vaildaily.com/article/20101229/NEWS/101229765/1078&ParentProfile=1062>

Members Helping Members – Requests for Information and Assistance

Compensation, Stipend and Benefit Programs for Volunteer/Reserve/Part-Time Firefighting and EMS Personnel

Chiefs of Combination & Volunteer Fire Departments:

The CSFCA office often receives requests for information about compensation, stipend and benefit programs for volunteer/reserve/part-time firefighting and EMS personnel. I would like to compile some samples and to make available to our members. If you have a compensation, stipend and/or benefit program for volunteer/reserve/part-time firefighting and EMS personnel and are willing to share it with CSFCA members, please send to Paul L. Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at paul@colofirechiefs.org. Currently, of particular interest are stipend/compensation rates for volunteers who perform ambulance transport duties.

Performance Appraisal for Fire Chief's Position

The LDFR Board of Directors asked me to look into a new way to review the Chief. They would prefer something different than the performance appraisal form we use for the rest of the staff. Is anyone using something different than a traditional performance appraisal form or have thoughts on a good process for reviewing the fire chief? If so, please contact me:

Matt Scheer, IPMA-CP
Human Resources Manager
Lake Dillon Fire Protection District
Tel: (970) 262-5107
Email: mscheer@ldfr.org

Upcoming Meetings

February 14, 2011; 9:30 AM

CSFCA Board of Directors Meeting; South Metro Fire Headquarters

For more information contact Paul Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at paul@colofirechiefs.org

February 18, 2011; 9:30 AM

CSFCA Combination Chiefs Meeting; Location to be announced

Topic: Fire Department Marketing and Public Relations

For more information contact Chief Bruce Mygatt at bruce.mygatt@brfd.org

Upcoming Events

Details concerning the following upcoming events are posted on the CSFCA Training & Conference Page at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/trainingconf.htm> and/or on the Fire Service Event Calendar at: www.colofirechiefs.org/calendar.htm.

January 22 - 23, 2011

Surface Ice Rescue Technician I Certification Course

Sponsored by Florissant Fire Protection District, Florissant, CO

For more information, go to: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/events/2011/Ice_Rescue_Florissant.pdf

January 28 - 29, 2011

Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy

Sponsored by Colorado Fire Chaplains Association & Federation of Fire Chaplains

Location: Castle Rock, CO

For more information, go to: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/events/2011/Chaplaincy_Jan_2011.pdf

February 5 - 6, 2011

Surface Ice Rescue Technician I Certification Course

Sponsored by Burning Mountains Fire Protection District, Silt, CO

For more information, go to: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/events/2011/Ice_Rescue_Silt.pdf

February 17-20, 2011

Ice Diving Search & Rescue/Recovery, Grand Junction, CO

For more information, call Public Safety Dive Services at (970) 261-1334

CSFCA members wishing to post upcoming events, please send the details to me at:

paul@colofirechiefs.org.

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>.

1984 Chevy Brush Truck – City of Steamboat Springs
1988 Pierce Arrow 1250 GPM Engine – East Grand Fire Protection District
1995 Pemfab Glider 1500 GPM Engine – Sable Altura Fire Protection District
1978 GMC Type VI Brush Truck – Sunshine Fire Protection District
1985 95' Aerial Platform – Lake Dillon Fire-Rescue
1989 GMC 3500 Brush Truck – Greater Brighton Fire Protection District

CSFCA members wishing to post apparatus or equipment for sale, please send the details to me at: paul@colofirechiefs.org.

Apparatus/Equipment to be Donated

The following Apparatus/Equipment to be donated is currently posted on the CSFCA Classified Ads page at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/classifieds2.htm>.

1997 Chevy Van (has been used as a rescue/transport vehicle) – Broadmoor Fire Protection District

CSFCA members wishing to post apparatus or equipment to be donated, please send the details to me at: paul@colofirechiefs.org.

Job Announcements

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

Cimarron Hills Fire Department – Deputy Fire Chief
Baca Grande Property Owners Association – Fire Chief
Ute Mountain Ute Fire & Rescue – Firefighter/Paramedic
Sable Altura Fire Protection District – Career Hiring Eligibility List
Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District – Reserve Firefighter

CSFCA members wishing to post a job announcement, please send the details to me at: paul@colofirechiefs.org.



Denver Nuggets 2nd Annual Firefighter Appreciation Night

to benefit the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Wednesday, January 19th, 7:00 PM

Denver Nuggets v. Oklahoma City Thunder

Thanks to everyone that came out and supported the Colorado Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation last season. Here are the details regarding this year's event:

- Tickets - \$40 Corner Loge (normally \$80) or \$15 Upper Center Balcony (normally \$39)
- \$5 from every ticket purchased will go directly back to the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation (CFFF)
- Denver Fire Fighters will be passing the bucket in the Pepsi Center courtyard to raise additional funds for the CFFF.

Fun for the Entire Family

- Denver Nuggets Fan Tunnel – 25 kids will be able to high five the Nuggets before the game on the court – spots will go fast, don't wait to order and sign your kids up
- Post Game Shootaround – everyone who purchases tickets will be able to come and shoot on the Nuggets court after the game
- The Denver Fire Department will be bringing fire engines down onto the Pepsi Center courtyard prior to the game

To order tickets go to: <http://www.pepsicenter.com/groups/nuggets/ffappreciation/>

For those that cannot make the 1-19 game the Denver Nuggets also have a game available on 2-7 where \$5 will still be donated to the CFFF and we will still be able to do a Nuggets High Five Fan Tunnel before the game.

For questions, contact Ben Lucas at 303-405-6184 or blucas@pepsicenter.com.

About the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation

The Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation provides support and higher education scholarship opportunities to families of Colorado firefighters who died in the line-of-duty. The Colorado Fallen

Firefighters Foundation is an IRS 501(C)(3) charitable foundation. For more information about the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation, go to: <http://www.coff.us>

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LIMITED EDITION K-9 PRINT

The above limited edition prints are for sale to support efforts to build the National Fire Dog Monument in Washington DC. The prints are an exact replica of a painting by nationally known Artist Mike Capser of Montana and are limited to **250**. 100% of the profit made from the National Fire Dog Monument Prints will go to the construction of the bronze. The signed and numbered limited edition prints are only \$125 each.

(This price includes shipping and handling)

The National Fire Dog Monument is a non-profit organization I created to build a bronze monument to honor all the Fire K-9's that assist the fire service and law enforcement with fire investigations.

Colorado's own ERIN (1998-2010) is the model K-9 in the print and the bronze monument in Washington DC will be an exact replica of her.

Please join many of Colorado's Fire Departments who have already purchased a print for your department. The prints measure 17 inches wide, and are 26 inches tall. Once framed the prints are the perfect size for every fire house or office.

Contact: Jerry Means at nationalfiredogmonument@gmail.com or call 303-941-3117

Donations can also be sent to: NFDM, 5862 W. 114th Place, Westminster CO 80020

Please visit our website

www.nationalfiredogmonument.com

