

Metro Denver Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 17, 2023
In-Person & Zoom Meeting

0731 Meeting called to order by Chief Willson.

Introduction of Members and Guests

Presentation – Presented Gordie Olson with Metro Chief’s Retirement Plaque with our thanks for his service and unwavering leadership.

Presentation – CIAC, Mary Tyler, provided an update on the CIAC including information available to emergency responders and how to subscribe to time sensitive potential threat notifications. Mary discussed the CIAC subcommittee and how to become involved in this committee and be part of improving information sharing moving forward.

Minutes from the September 15, 2023 – Proposed meeting minutes were reviewed with no additions or correction. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Chief Willson and seconded by Chief Kelley, approved unanimously.

President's Report: (Chief Willson) – No report

Treasurer's Report: (Chief Willson) – Financial statements were electronically distributed before the meeting. \$11,329.30 total funds available. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report passed unanimously.

Vice President/Secretary's Report: - vacant

At Large Board Member Report: (Chief Ramos) – No report

Past President's Report: (Chief Martin) – No report

Committee Reports

Colorado State Fire Chiefs: Director Garry Briese provided an update on legislative activity including the failure of proposition HH and the special legislation session called by the Governor to consider reductions in property taxes following the failure of HH. Director Briese requested that all Chiefs contact their state legislators to explain the impacts of further property tax reductions to local fire departments and ask for their support in protecting fire department review, including ensuring backfill of lost revenue created by further reductions in property taxes lost due to new legislation.

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control: (Director Mike Morgan)

- Flat budget at DFPC for 2024
- Mike provided progress updates for the Division’s ongoing programs.
- Colorado State Training Chiefs (Jason Clark) provide updates including upcoming consideration to reducing times to sign up for certification tests from 30 days to 14 days. Looking at changing requirements for proctor certification renewal from 1 proctor exam each year for 3 years to 3 proctored exams in a 3-year time period. Moving meetings from the second Friday of every other month to the second Thursday of the month.

Chief Baker gave an update on the Colorado Fire Commission’s priorities for 2024 and shared his position that threats to assessment rates and other forms of revenue reduction through legislative cuts

to assessment rates and/or ballot measures that cut revenues represent the greatest threat/challenge to the Colorado fire service. The group unanimously agreed with Chief Baker position.

Colorado Professional Firefighters: (Dennis Eulberg) – No report

EMS: (Chief Martin) – No report

Metro Fire Chiefs' Response Group: (Greg Schwab) – No report

Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs: (Chief Kovacs) – No report

Urban Search & Rescue: (Chief Olme) – No report

Metro State University: (Dr. Bagwell)- Making headway on a masters level program development. Enrollment is increasing.

CIAC: Mary Tyler provided an update on the CIAC and fusion center including information available to emergency responders and how to subscribe to time sensitive, potential threat notifications.

Retired Chiefs: (Chief Pischke) – No report

NFPA: Bob Sullivan – Provided an update on NFPA's priorities identified for focus in 2024 include the effects of climate change on the fire service, mental health programs/support for firefighters, support for research on firefighter reproductive health. Also, NFPA is working to increase awareness and education for fire safety on construction sites, particularly in the light of the construction fire in a six-story building in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Metro Chief's officers' positions for 2024:
 - Chief Willson moving from President to Past President.
 - Chief Piper moving from Treasurer to President (skip due to vacant V.P. position)
 - Chief Ramos moving from At Large to Vice President (skip due to vacant positions)
 - A nomination committee was formed for the 2024 elections and nominated Chief Fulton for the Treasurer's Position. No other nominations. Motion to elect Chief Fulton to Treasurer passed unanimously.
 - Chief Scott Richardson was nominated for At-Large position. No other nominations. Motion to elect Chief Richardson for position of At Large. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2024 Proposed Budget – Chief Willson presented a proposed budget for 2024. Motion passed unanimously to approve the Proposed 2024 Budget.

Meeting adjourned by Chief Willson after unanimous consent of the members in attendance.

Next Meeting Friday, January 19, 2024