

# COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS COMBINATION SECTION MEETING

**June 16, 2017**  
**Where is Fire Base EMS Going?**

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1000

**Chief Mygatt**, Boulder Rural Fire Rescue – Welcomed the group and Introduced Chief Stuart Mills, Fire Chief Larkspur Fire Protection District.

**Chief Mills** gave a brief overview of Larkspur Fire Protection District's history and current events.

- In 1963 the first all-volunteer fire department formed. Before that, there was no fire protection for the district.
- In 1974, the Fire Protection District was established. The District was all-volunteer until 1993 when the first paid Fire Chief was hired. In 1997, the District began hiring full and part-time personnel.
- Currently Larkspur FPD has 14 Full-time, 4 admin/command, 9 part-time, and 20 volunteers on staff.

**Chief Mills** turned the meeting back over to Chief Mygatt who handed out an update on current programs and activities from Garry Briese, Executive Director, CSFC.

Chief Mygatt then turned the meeting over to Section Chief Vaughn Jones, who provided updates for the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

- Mobile fire training: Both units are up and running
- Wildland staffing is complete
- Director Morgan and the EFF Committee subgroup will be looking at how the State funds large fires in the future.
- Strategic Planning continues.

The group then received updates and handouts from **Chief Randy Larson**, Pagosa Fire Protection District.

- Beyond Hoses and Helmets: September 8, 2017.
- Yellow Ribbon Report on Cancer has been published
- Encouraged everyone to become a member of and participate in VOCS. Let the group know he was not re-elected and stressed the importance of having active involvement from the Missouri Valley group.

Chief Mygatt then handed the meeting over to **Chief Norris Croom**, Castle Rock Fire Rescue, who gave a presentation on "Where is Fire Based EMS Going?"

Chief Norris began his presentation giving a history of EMS in the fire service. From there his presentation focused on what is going on now, and what the future of fire-based EMS could look like.

Highlights from the presentation:

- Approx. 80% of fire departments provide some level of EMS care
- Hospitals now have a standard set of protocols so there is consistency no matter what hospital the patient chooses to go. In the past, each hospital had their own set of protocols first responders needed to follow.
- Some Challenges are staffing, funding and education.
- RLS (Red Lights and Sirens)
  - If there will be no change to the patients outcome, are we creating an unnecessary risk to first responders by requiring them to arrive in 8 m 59 sec.
- How do we start to re-educate our community members.

- Start with a survey asking what they want/expect vs. what they are willing to pay for.
- What does the future of fire-based EMS look like?
  - Mobile Clinics
  - FirstNet Option: Would allow rural fire departments to transmit patient information to hospitals.
  - Drones transferring patients from incident to hospitals based on their conditions.
  - Challenges currently faced will continue to be issues in the future.
- Other Highlights mentioned:
  - NTSB recommends training fire and police to transport in their vehicles from mass casualty incidents.
  - REPLICA: The Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLCIA) is the nation's first and only multi-state compact for the Emergency Medical Services profession. REPLICA provides qualified EMS professionals licensed in a "Home State" a legal "Privilege To Practice" in "Remote States". Home States are simply a state where an EMT or Paramedic is licensed; Remote States are other states that have adopted the REPLICA legislation.
    - For more information visit:  
<https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/replica>

**Chief Norris** concluded the presentation by stressing the need to stay involved and stay informed. He then opened the conversation up for questions and comments from the group.

**Chief Mygatt** concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and Larkspur Fire Protection District for hosting.

### **1130**

Meeting adjourned.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

August 18, 1000-1300

Pagosa Fire Protection District

Bullying and Other Interpersonal Relationships in the Fire Service