

# COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS COMBINATION SECTION MEETING

April 21, 2017

## Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control MEETING MINUTES

**The following departments were represented:** Boulder Rural Fire Rescue, Division of Fire Prevention & Control, Elizabeth Fire Protection District, F&W Insurance, North-West Fire Protection District, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Wellington Fire Department, and Colorado Information Analysis Center.

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**Chief Mygatt**, Boulder Rural Fire Rescue – Welcomed the group and Introduced Director Mike Morgan, Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

**Director Morgan** gave a brief overview of the Division's history and current events.

Director Morgan continued the discussion by sharing key points from his conversation with the Governor regarding the 2017 Wildfire Preparedness Plan.

#### Highlighted topics:

- DFPC Wildland Fire Management Operations Budget – FY 2016-2017
- Emergency Fire Fund (EFF)
- Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (WERF)
- Disaster Emergency Fund (DEF)
- Fire Season Outlook 2017:
  - Stressed that these predictions are based on current snowpack levels and weather conditions.
  - Important to note that fire season is predicted on three primary things:
    - Weather
    - Fuel
    - Topography
- Leaders' intent on incident Priorities
  - Public and Fire Safety
  - Incident Stabilization
  - Property Conservation
  - Endangered species, environmental and economic impacts
  - Resource benefit
- Aerial Firefighting Resources

*Please note: for additional information on each topic please see attached 2017 Wildfire Preparedness Plan*

Director Morgan then turned the discussion over to members with the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC):

- Eric Dymond oversees Fire and EMS Outreach:
    - Began the conversation letting everyone know if they would like to be added to the CO Fire/EMS related Law Enforcement Sensitive Documents list or the CO Fire/EMS HSIN site (their library of homeland security info for CO Fire/EMS) to contact him.
- Please note: fill out attached Colorado Information Analysis Center nondisclosure Agreement if you would like to receive Fire/EMS LE sensitive documents.*
- CIAC is working with several of the Denver Metro Fire Chiefs to gather key intelligence questions from the Fire Service. Two of the questions have been submitted to National Level.
- Kelly Dunlap:
    - Spoke about Carfentanil what it is and recommendations by the CBI to CIAC for first responders to mitigate the potential threat of handling the drug during routine responses.

- Discussed the Carfintanil Identified in Overdose Cases on the Western Slope Situational Awareness Bulletin. (*Document attached*)
- Rachel Schumacher:
  - Spoke about the Recognizing Arson with a Nexus to Terrorism First Responder's Tool Box Document. (*Document attached*)
  - Stressed that if you see indicators of terrorism by arson to report it to the CIAC

Group took a brief break. During the break, Chief Randy Larson updated the group on VCOS Election and current events.

After the break, Director Morgan turned the discussion over to individual Sections for updates.

- Wildland Management: Chief Vaughn Jones
  - Personnel:
    - Staffing is good
    - For the first time All FMO's are in place and ready to go.
      - Everyone has at least one year under his or her belt and ready to go.
    - Heli-tech crew fully staffed
  - Pre season prep is complete
  - Gave an update on reimbursements from last fire season
  - Going to try and reach out to smaller agencies for feedback on top 5 priorities for Strategic Plan
- Fire and Life Safety Section: Chief Rob Geislinger
  - Personnel:
    - Inspectors with 1 open position
    - Went from 25% to almost full-staff
    - Update Health care code from the 2012 to the 2015 international code for construction.
  - Fireworks permit update:
    - Division of Fire Safety will no longer be issuing permits for local shows.
  - Updates to Suppression systems:
    - Significant change: Certified inspectors are required to report if they any have significant issues when inspecting suppression systems to the Division.
    - New color tags on suppression systems:
      - White Tag: Install Tag (Who, What, When)
      - Annual inspections:
        - Green tag: System has been inspected and everything is OK
        - Yellow tag: Deficiency tag
        - Red tag: System has a major issue
          - Blue tag: Once issues is repaired system will receive a blue tag
    - DFPC is developing a short training for Officers on what to look for when dealing with a suppression system.
  - Mentioned new online records managements system.
  - Computer based testing
    - Test for all certificates, with the exception of fireworks, are available to take online
  - Updated the group on what is going on with reciprocity for those coming to CO with Certs. from other states.
  - Working on a Fire Officer III Certification
  - May 17 the Division will be taking delivery of their second Mobile Fire Training Vehicle.
- Center of Excellence:
  - Update the group on projects there are currently working on. See attached Power Point Presentation.

**Chief Mygatt** concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and the Division for hosting.

**1330**

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 16, 1000-1300, Larkspur Fire Protection District "Where is Fire Based EMS Going"