

COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS COMBINATION SECTION MEETING

October 11, 2017
Keystone
CSFC Conference

MEETING MINUTES

1800

Chief Mygatt, Boulder Rural Fire Rescue – Welcomed the group and gave a brief overview of how the meeting would work.

Todd Holzwarth East Grand County Fire:

- Fully staff for full time/ 37 Volunteers/ 5 recruits in the pipeline
- Still providing health insurance assistance for volunteers
- Keeping up on Vehicle replacement
- Able to do a one-time mill increase of 1 this year because of a tax refund and abatement to the YMCA of the Rockies.

Ron Thompson Grand Fire Protection District

- Call volume up 15% over last year.
 - Normally 160 calls a year, right now at 156 calls on the year
- Selling fully outfitted and operational brush rig

Rob Jones Colorado River Fire Rescue:

- Call volume continues to go up
 - Expected to do 2500 this year Last year 2100
- Signed regional training agreement with neighboring departments
- Increased staff numbers

Ron Bateman Front Range Fire Authority

- Assessed value up 100 million dollars
- Hired 3 new firefighters
- Received a \$200K Safer Grant for a fire training captain
- Still trying to formally combine two districts into 1
 - Johnstown formally changed their name to Front Range Fire Protection District
- Call volume the same as last year

John Wilson Louisville Fire Protection District

- Current staff: 35 volunteer / 26 career personnel
- Running about 3600 calls a year
- Hazmat Authority formed within Boulder County

Frank Field Strasburg Fire Protection District:

- Took over as Fire Chief 2 months ago
- Try to get feel for position
- No big issues currently or major updates

Matt Hilinski Sable Altura Fire Protection District

- Current Staffing:
 - 5 Full-time and 35 Volunteers
 - Lost 2 full-time to larger departments
 - Hired 2 full time paramedic
- Will have an Academy in Jan. with 24 recruits
- Added 2 new ambulances
- Call volume is down

Russel Leadingham Lefthand Fire Protection District

- Primarily a volunteer department with 3 full-time personnel
- Run about 200 calls a year
- New attack tender and a Type III

Turned the conversation over to **Chris O'Brien** who spoke about wildland team

- Wildland crews were deployed 13 times this year
- This helped fund the purchase of the new Type III
- Run aggressive/progressive wildland program
- Will continue to work on mitigation efforts in their district and with the state

David Wolf Estes Valley Fire Protection District

- Replaced 2 engines
- Made upgrades to training
- Call volume continues to go up.
- Running their first in house volunteer academy
- Working with other departments to create a Larimer County Chiefs Association
- Hired a new training Captain

Gary Allen Central City

- Received an AFG Grant for a new tactical tender

T.J. Steck Elizabeth Fire Protection District

- Staffing:
 - 20 career
 - Volunteer roster is decreasing dramatically
- 18% increase in revenue this year
- Transitioning reserve firefighters into part-time firefighters
- Call volume is up 20%
- Looking to get help from those with Apartments and Hotel experience

Dino Ross Ireland Stapelton updated the group on current Legislation

Parker Lathrop Aspen Fire

- Challenges recruiting volunteers
- Adding more housing for personnel
- Working on keeping volunteer and paid personnel

Chief Mygatt read updates from Eaton Fire (document attached)

Chief Mygatt Boulder Rural Fire

- Current Staffing:
 - 16 Career
 - 11 Volunteer
- Over 900 calls this year
- In talks with Boulder Fire for an Operational Contract

After updating the group on Boulder Rural Fire Chief Mygatt informed the group he would be leaving Boulder Rural Fire in Jan. He then opened the floor for discussion on ideas/suggestion of where the group goes from here.

Chief Steck wrapped up the conversation with a quick update on Impact Fees.

- Key point: Know the law. Impact fees can only be charged on NEW development.

Chief Mygatt concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and sharing their departments updates for 2017

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Meeting adjourned.