



**Colorado Fire Chiefs
Combination Section
Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2018
Red Rocks Amphitheater**

These Minutes were scribed from the notes of TJ and Bruce so please read with grace and patience.

Attendance was noted by sign in sheet. Members in attendance:

- Chief Kane, Cimarron Hills FPD
- Chief Curmode, CDOT
- Chief Allen, Central City Fire
- Deputy Chief Mark Quick, DFPC
- Chief Lambert, North East Teller County FPD
- Chief Tatum, Hanover Fire
- Bob Sullivan, NFPA
- Chief Cupp, Greater Eagle FPD
- Chief Steck, Elizabeth FPD
- Chief Mygatt (Ret.), Liaison to the board
- Ann Terry, Executive Director SDA
- Chief Blair, Grand Valley FPD
- Vicki Sullivan, T Charles Wilson insurance
- Chief Kristy Olme, Northwest FPD
- Chief Larson, Pagosa Fire
- Chief Wolf, Estes Valley Fire
- Chief Holzworth, East Grand Fire
- Chief Thompson, Grand Fire
- Chief White, Grand Fire
- Chief Balentine, Aspen Fire
- Battalion Chief Klug, Platte Valley Fire
- Chief Schaefer, Platte Valley Fire
- Chief Willson, Louisville Fire
- Chief Gabrielson, Hudson Fire
- Chief Vincel, South Adams County Fire
- Division Chief Weigum, South Adams County Fire

Meeting was called to order at 1510hrs by TJ Steck.

No items were added to the agenda.

Old Business –

There was no old business to report

New Business –

Survey –

Chief Steck provided an overview of the survey results from the January 2018 survey to the Combination Chiefs Section. There were 26 respondents. Generally, the results were favorable to piggyback meetings with the critical issues briefing when we can while providing training during off months. There was also a consensus that consolidation with the Volunteer Section should be considered to increase our productivity and work closer together. Chief Steck stated they would send the complete survey analysis out to the membership asap.

Consolidation –

Chief Steck updated the membership that the Combination / Volunteer concept was well received by the Combination Chiefs. He also reported that in speaking with Chief Horn, she mentioned that the Volunteer Section had many projects slated for 2018 and they would like to finish those projects before they consider it. The membership discussed the issue and agreed to postpone any efforts until the Volunteer Section was ready to explore the concept.

2018 Training and Meeting Dates -

The Group had a lengthy discussion regarding training topics and dates. The two topics that were of highest interest were budgeting process and management of personnel for agencies our size. We agreed that the budgeting class could be offered immediately preceding or following the June Critical Issues Briefing in Vail. The Group directed Chief Steck and Chief Wolf to try and get that coordinated. We will schedule the Personnel Management Class later in the year on its own date so that we can allow for a full day of training.

Steck reported that the State Chiefs Board has announced that all Meetings during the Leadership Challenge will be held on the Tuesday of that week. There will be a kick off celebration by either the State Chiefs or the Combination Section on Tuesday Evening. Ann Terry from SDA was receptive to our request for assistance in sponsoring both the June training and the October Meeting. Thank you in advance Ann!

Gallagher Discussion –

There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of our Combination and Volunteer Agencies getting heavily involved with the Gallagher Efforts. The Group discussed the need for us to communicate well with ourselves, Legislators, our County Commissioners, and our community. We discussed the need for good communication from the Chiefs Association so that we can be informed on developing issues and communicate effectively when it counts. The Group committed to doing what we could to help the effort.

The hour was quick and we adjourned at 1610.

The next critical issues briefing date is April 24th, 2018. Save the date! More information will come.

Thanks Everyone! Have a great February!