



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes Combined with Loveland Rural District Board

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537**

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, William (Willy) Tillman, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Lisa Burkland and guest (applying member) Bob Boggio.

FRAC Absent: Rural Board Member Leroy (Andy) Anderson

Appreciation of Jerry Ward's FRAC service: presented by Chief Mirowski

- ❖ Jerry Ward was given praise and a certificate of appreciation for his 3 years of service he gave to FRAC.

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela

Dave Adams moved to approve the May 8th, 2013 minutes and Gene Culbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2014 Budget Review: presented by Chief Mirowski and Renee Wheeler

- ❖ 2014 still in proposed state, not yet approved by Council, Authority or Rural District.
- ❖ Core Services portion of the budget: 10.4 million, 5.3% over 2013 (not 5.4%), total budget increase 8.6%.
- ❖ The foundation of Good to Great, mission, vision and values come together for the **4 Pillars of Success**.
 - Operations (8.1m)
 - Community Safety Division (.9m)
 - Administration (1.4m)
 - Human Resource Asset
- ❖ July/August 2014 time frame is geared for Station 2 completion.

- ❖ In reference to the info on the training firefighter's budget; a discussion on fundraising aspects came up. Inquiries on using the training center with applied fees as an example. Chief did not want to negatively affect the relationship with our mutual and auto-aid departments; outside of that, it's something we could do.
- ❖ The supplemental holiday pay for firefighters addresses the issue of trying to have adequate coverage by providing holiday pay as opposed to time off.
- ❖ There are no planned fee changes in 2014 for current fees.
- ❖ There is a postponement on the Fracking-Oil and Gas evaluations, for fees.
- ❖ Went through list of budget changes for proposed 2014, 98.6% came through as approved per City Manager review.
- ❖ Reviewed budget process indicating which items were completed and in the strategic plan to be worked on.
- ❖ A discussion on grants/awards came out as to why it's not part of the budget. Grants are done as a supplemental instead as a grant can take several months to come about, if they are even given.
- ❖ Renee Wheeler also went through the 10 Year Plan and Budget Biz for overall review. She welcomes any questions; her contact info is on the back of the Budget Biz.

City Council updates: presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez

- ❖ Oil and Gas (Fracking) issues are still in the works and are very complicated.
 - State regulations to abide by.
 - Heated emotional citizen debates about Fracking concerns.
 - A 2 year moratorium was proposed but issues of its validity with signatures, etc. came about, so on hold.
 - Fee assessments are on hold.
 - The mayor made mention that vertical drilling has been around for a while; whereas horizontal drilling is the newer issue.
- ❖ In September, City Council will start the budget reviewing process.

Chief Updates: presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ No questions from group on the report that the Chief sent out earlier this month.
- ❖ Chief shared info on the Chicago trip where he accepted the Chief of the Year award.
 - There were highly regarded chiefs from all over the nation partaking in a dinner the Wednesday night of the trip (August 14, 2013).
 - There were 12 finalists from the nation in the running for Chief of the Year.
 - Chief Randy felt honored and wanted to acknowledge the team effort between the department, committees, and community.
 - A statue accolade and ring along with a \$1,000 training conference scholarship (for LFRA) was awarded to Chief Randy.

Rural Board Update: presented by Chief Mirowski in Andy Anderson's absence

- ❖ Noted that the revenue is coming in well from the Mil Levy.
- ❖ New fire station #9 in the canyon is in the developmental phase. It's a pretty simple design. The location is up at the "T" off the access road at Palisade Mountain. Could take a while to build- up to two years.

- ❖ The board is concerned for the Volunteer Pension Fund going on, coordinating with the Fire Authority Board. Needs more detail and work.
 - Development of a strong document/agreement
 - Philosophy for moving forward.
 - Figure out the plan on this with the reservists coming in.
 - Current volunteer retirement system is older model and does not appeal to today's younger volunteers and reserves.

Fire Sprinkler Education (Residential): presented by Paul Pfeiffer

- ❖ Back in the 70' and 80's it was figured out that sprinklers helped save lives on top of salvaging items of the home. Residential sprinklers use less water than commercial ones but enough water to help prevent flash over and allow for people to escape.
- ❖ A video was shown: Flash Over, The Power Of.
 - Polyurethane foam today has a much larger effect today in fires/flames.
 - Flash over- is when everything in the room ignites, usually up to 2,000°, no survivors in this case.
 - Paul noted other issues in today's residential construction is the use of wood I beams/joists in basements.
- ❖ Second video shown: Living with Sprinklers.
 - Sprinklers are activated by high heat, not smoke. At 130° the plate comes off and at around 135°-160° the sprinkler goes off.
 - Individual sprinklers go off where the heat is, not all at one time like what has been portrayed in some movies.
- ❖ Third video shown: Fire Sprinkler Initiative, Bringing Safety Home (NFPA).
 - There is an 80% cut in loss of lives when sprinklers are used, along with less damage to property and possible breaks in insurance premiums.
- ❖ Discussion on the video presentations:
 - Cost inquiries: approximately 1.60 a square foot added to average cost of construction.
 - What type of cons:
 - Unfair practices in construction process between cities.
 - Larimer County Commissioners are not currently in support of sprinklers.
 - Who will install them? Plumbers, contractors, TBD???
 - Educational aspects are lacking in communities. Like the misconception of all heads going off at once, concerns of freezing pipes, etc.
 - Misconception from groups not is support thinking residential sprinklers in construction will stifle growth and economic development.
 - Medicaid/Medicare nursing homes/facilities are now becoming required to get sprinklers installed.
 - Incentives may have to be applied to help along the process.
 - Note: there are currently some situations that require residential fire sprinklers.
 - Residential Fire Sprinklers are code but our area and others have opted out.
 - Scottsdale, AZ for the last 20 years has required residential fire sprinklers.

Special Comments: presented by Chair Smela

- ❖ The next meeting on September 11th will be a combined meeting with CAB-Construction Advisory Board. DC Sparks and Chief Mirowski will be discussing an agenda to go over with Chair Smela on FRAC's behalf.

Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Burkland, CSD Office Support Specialist

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By: /s/ Jonathan Smela
Chair