



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

Wednesday, September 11, 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, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Deputy Fire Marshal Carie Dann and guest (applying member) Bob Boggio. Note: Nine Construction Advisory Board members were also in attendance.

FRAC Absent: Lisa Burkland

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela
Minutes from August 21st, 2013 were agreed upon by the board.

City Council updates: presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez

- ❖ 2014 Budget reviewed at Council meeting.

Residential Fire Sprinklers: presented by Chief Mirowski, DC Sparks & DFM Dann

- ❖ Questions and inquiries that were noted from presentation:
 - Will this be new construction only?
 - City only?
 - Where is PFA on the issue?
 - Larimer County stance?
 - Will there be a coalition with other communities; Fort Collins, Loveland and Fire Marshal Association in our region?
 - Greeley and Longmont stance? (Not to repeat Greeley's issues)
 - Discussion on how the codes interface and precedence.
 - Why have communities amended the sprinklers out of code adoption?
 - Statement on the State of Colorado stance on installers, licensing, and certifications.

- What is the real risk of a building burning/house fire – “won’t happen to me”.
- Same argument about sprinklers now that happened in the 1970’s with smoke detectors.
- How does the sprinkler shut off itself?
- Do firefighters buy homes with sprinkler systems?
- Damage would be comparable to any other water use appliance – water sensor for flow to shut system down.
- Would an addition/remodel require sprinklers?
- Flow switch and a Fire Apparatus need to carry residential water shut-off, most in rural currently.
- Find a way to pay for life safety.

Residential Code: presented by CBO Tom Hawkinson and CAB

❖ Questions and inquiries that were noted from presentation:

- Discussion on the code and basement sprinklers / covering in basement / spray-on insulation. Band-aide to the problem.
- Could an incentive or pilot program be initiated? Capturing the current building prior to full adoption?
- Meter and line size change?
- System maintenance? Dependent on type of system? Tank and pump?
- Price is not accurate with a tank/pump?
- Public education will be necessary for both builder and buyer.
- Need for consistent message and practice to design and implement. What are the incentives? What is the benefit?
- Steering committee composition.

Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully taken by DC Ned Sparks and typed by Lisa Burkland, CSD Office Support Specialist

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By: /s/ Jonathan Smela
Chair

