



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

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 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 5:31 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Elton Bingham, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, Captain Pat Mialy, (Board Candidate) Bob Gesumaria and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Mayor Cecil Guterrez, William (Willy) Tillman

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Bob Boggio motioned to approve the April 9, 2014 minutes; Paul Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Chief Mirowski

- ❖ The Priority Based Budgeting is ongoing. Documents have been returned from the Center for PBB.
- ❖ A tentative date of July 1st has been set for the Lincoln Hotel Apartments but will more likely be set for the 15th of July.
- ❖ The Chief mentioned that Chair Smela may need to attend that meeting.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Update on the training center. An offer was made on the property on Railroad Avenue. There was a Phase I Environmental study which led to a Phase II study. Nothing of substance was found and it looks like the sale of the property will go through.
- ❖ In an effort to enhance firefighting skills from the national to state level, an announcement was made about the fleet – there are four aircraft and two spotter planes.
- ❖ Four helicopters have been purchase.
- ❖ The Chief talked about Part Two of the broken arrow exercise.

- ❖ Captain Mialy is going to the State Chief's Meeting in Vail where they will do an after action review of the Broken Arrow exercise.
- ❖ The Broken Arrow exercise is generated by the Colorado State Chief's Association.

Rural District Board Updates: presented by Rural Board member Andy Anderson

- ❖ The Rural District has opted to go with a new bookkeeping service called Hayne and Company.
- ❖ They had an election of the board of directors and almost all of them returned.
- ❖ The fire training facility was covered in this meeting by Chief Mirowski.
- ❖ Old Fire Station 2 and Thompson Valley EMS – they have gone from a perspective of looking at a lease agreement with TVEMS to a new interpretation of the charter with a straight purchase.
- ❖ A real estate valuation of the property came in around \$500,000.
- ❖ The appraisal cost about \$5,000.
- ❖ A rescue crew member recently got injured by a rock.
- ❖ There was a fundraiser on April 18th at the main station.
- ❖ Larimer County has agreed to allow Fire Station 7 to be built on their land.

2013 Flood After Action Review: presented by Captain Pat Mialy

- ❖ An after action review is conducted after most large events to summarize what went well and what needs improvement.
- ❖ The City of Loveland was hit the hardest by the flood. Utilities, travel and rescues were the biggest challenges of the flood along with the large amounts of debris.
- ❖ The city lost its railroad system and power to the Big Thompson Canyon.
- ❖ Idlewild Dam has been completely removed.
- ❖ Power and all poles and lines have been restored.
- ❖ The EOC served as the Incident Command post.
- ❖ There was loss of livestock and wildlife.
- ❖ It gave us a sense of community back and unification.
- ❖ There was damage done to 32 residential structures, 10 outbuildings and 25 non-residences.
- ❖ The Disaster Assistance Center had 144,883 volunteer hours.
- ❖ Andy Anderson praised Chief Mirowski, Chief Sparks and Captain Mialy for all of their hard work during the flood.
- ❖ ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services team) was utilized throughout the flood.
- ❖ There was \$8.5 million worth of goods and funds pledged.
- ❖ The flood damage for Loveland is estimated at \$30 million and \$26 million of that could get reimbursed.

2013 Annual Report: presented by Public Safety Admin. Director, Renee Wheeler

- ❖ It was a recap of 2013's mission, values and strategic planning goals.
- ❖ Administrative Director Wheeler talked about the Significant Seven which are: customer satisfaction, average response times, fires confined to the room of origin, fire loss per capita, property value saved versus lost, business safety inspections and cost per capita.

- ❖ The pay plan upgrade recently took place and that comparison was done by the City of Loveland's Human Resources Department.
- ❖ Work Comp claims were way down in 2013 due to training and wellness programs.
- ❖ Several FRAC members commented that the annual report was very well done.
- ❖ The Four R's were also covered – Response, Readiness, Relationships and Resources.

2014 1st Quarter Report: presented by Public Safety Admin. Director, Renee Wheeler

- ❖ The department is at 25% of 2014.
- ❖ Discussed other resources, capital replacement fund, aerial truck and purchase of training center.
- ❖ Recap of all the monthly reports.
- ❖ Budget recap.

Residential Fire Sprinkler Update: presented by Gene Culbertson and Bob Boggio

- ❖ Poudre Fire Authority shared their perspective on residential fire sprinklers.
- ❖ PFA decided to opt in on everything, excluding single family dwellings.
- ❖ Bob is concerned that the steering committee will not come up with a reasonable recommendation to take to city council.
- ❖ The Chief commented that the committee has three options – do nothing, opt in for adoption of the 2015 code change or adopt the PFA model.
- ❖ Gene gave feedback about the meeting and what it all comes down to is this is a political issue in Fort Collins and as it is here in Loveland.
- ❖ The next Steering Committee Meeting is Tuesday, May 27th at 5:30p.
- ❖ Chief Sparks suggested making the next FRAC meeting a joint meeting with the Construction Advisory Board on June 11th.
- ❖ Gene gave a synopsis of a five year period of statistics for the Loveland Community.
- ❖ Chair Smela asked everyone to continue recruiting for new board members.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the LFRA Training Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bonnie Wright, Administrative Technician, LFRA.

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