



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 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 5:36 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Mark Miller, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Mayor Cecil Guterrez, David (Dave) Adams, Paul Pfeiffer, William (Willy) Tillman, and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Elton Bingham

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela
Bob Boggio motioned to approve the November 12, 2014 minutes; Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Mayor Cecil Guterrez

- ❖ There were no questions for the Mayor

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Mark Miller

- ❖ The Chief asked if there were any questions about the monthly packet; there were none.
- ❖ He mentioned that in the future, FRAC may need to review the current methodology for Capital Expansion Fees (CEFs). If the methodology changes, it will affect LFRA hundreds of thousands of dollars difference in the capital budget over many years.
- ❖ Over the next 30 days, the Chief plans on meeting with all of the shifts.
- ❖ On November 13th, the LFRA Board approved the 2015 budget.
- ❖ Old Fire Station 2 sold for \$450,000 to Thompson Valley EMS.
- ❖ Four employees from LFRA recently received prestigious awards: Chief Greg Ward received the Larry Kettelhut Fire Instructor of the Year Award from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Chief Ned Sparks received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Pringle received the Life Safety Educator Award and Firefighter Dustin Waldorf received a Community Service Award from the Odd Fellows Lodge.

- ❖ ISO will be doing a system evaluation in January of the communities infrastructure, water supply infrastructure and fire service delivery.
- ❖ A consultant was hired to go through the process.
- ❖ The department is trying to get a lower ISO rating.
- ❖ The consultant will come back when the ISO representative gets here.
- ❖ The Chief is confident that our rating could change to a 3 or a 2; Rural a 4 or a 5.
- ❖ Commercial businesses could see a significant decrease in their rates; more so than residential.
- ❖ The Chief mentioned the possibility of restructuring the department board meeting dates and downsizing to one information packet.
- ❖ At some point in the future, FRAC could be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month instead of the 2nd Wednesday.
- ❖ Chair Smela will send out an e-mail to all of the FRAC members to get a consensus about the meeting date change.
- ❖ Chief Miller will be submitting human interest type of articles to the Loveland Reporter Herald called Behind the Badge. This is a good way to connect with the community and let the public see that LFRA is more than just red lights and sirens.
- ❖ The introduction article is in this month's LFRA Board Packet.

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

- ❖ LFRA just recently signed an updated mutual aid agreement with Berthoud Fire Department.
- ❖ The new tower truck is coming in at the end of December and will then go to Denver for a month to get things mounted on it.
- ❖ Bids are being taken for the overhauling of the old fire truck. It's being downsized and refurbished and will be used as a backup.
- ❖ Fire Station 9 has a roof.

Meet and Greet with Chief Miller

- ❖ **Other:** Chair Smela gave a brief history of his experience with FRAC over the past few years.
- ❖ Chief Miller added that over the next few months he will be working on the CEFs, residential sprinklers, public education and goals for 2015 – converting the LFRA employees from city employees to fire authority employees; the Three E's Tour which includes, mutual aid, auto aid and fees.
- ❖ He added that the new Fire Station 9 is very impressive and encouraged FRAC to take a tour of it sometime.
- ❖ Chief Sparks thanked the commission for all of the help with the residential sprinklers this year.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

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

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