



Loveland Fire Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Station #8
1461 W. Highway 34, Drake, CO. 80515

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

FRAC Present: Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Division Chief Greg Ward, Battalion Chief Bill Lundquist, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Paul Pfeiffer, Elton Bingham, Leo Wotan, David (Dave) Adams, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, William (Willy) Tillman and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Chief Mark Miller and Leroy (Andy) Anderson

1. **Minutes approval:** presented by Co-Chair Bob Boggio.
Dave Adams motioned to approve the July 8, 2015 minutes; Paul Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **City Council updates:** Presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
 - ❖ Sales Tax on Food will not be going to a vote because there were not enough signatures on the petition to get it on the ballot.
 - ❖ City Council is in the middle of the budget process right now.
 - ❖ Last night's City Council Study Session was cancelled.
3. **Chief Updates:** presented by Division Chief Ned Sparks
 - ❖ The Corn Roast Festival and Pro Bike Challenge are coming up next weekend.
 - ❖ One of the LFRA Captains and his wife were involved in a motorcycle accident outside of Sturgis. The Captain is okay but his wife had some broken bones. With the help of Chief Randy Leshner of Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services, he was able to arrange for an ambulance to be sent to Rapid City to bring the injured wife back to Medical Center of the Rockies this evening.
 - ❖ Wildfire and Multi-mission Aircrafts – Chief Ward mentioned that there are only one or two of these types of aircrafts in the state and one was used last weekend to help find a fire on Palisade Mountain.
 - ❖ Per Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, the LFRA maturation process is going very well. There will be a joint meeting on Tuesday, August 18th at

4:30 p.m. of the LFRA Board, Rural Board and the members of FRAC are welcome to attend.

4. **Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board member Bob Boggio
 - ❖ Rural Board Member Andy Anderson did not attend the monthly meeting and it was a standard agenda and nothing out of the ordinary was discussed.

5. **Pinewood Reservoir Area Discussion:** presented by Division Chiefs Ward & Sparks
 - ❖ In 2010 or 2011 Chief Mirowski, Chief Sparks and Tony Simons with Larimer County met with a group of people from the Pinewood Reservoir Area. LFRA handed the training component off to the County because that is the County's area and they would be the ones giving training. Chief Ward talked with Tony Simons a year or so ago and to a group outside of the LFRA coverage area that the County would be willing to help with mitigation.
 - ❖ A basic wildland school was offered to the homeowners in that area which is an 80-hour class and equipment would be needed for this training.
 - ❖ In a following meeting, this also came up to the Rural District Board about bringing that area into the LFRA's Rural District.
 - ❖ At Pinewood Reservoir, there is a special district that pays taxes for Loveland Rural Fire District's services.
 - ❖ Leo is going to talk with some of the homeowners in that area and get a group of 2, 3 or 4 of the homeowners together to meet with a mitigation specialist and put together an evacuation plan.
 - ❖ Greg White of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District and Gary Havener might both be good contacts to start with.

6. **2016 Budget Presentation:** presented by Administrative Director Renee Wheeler
 - ❖ The \$12.6 million budget is the total of a 5.9% increase.
 - ❖ The Base Core Budget is \$12.4 million with a 4% increase.
 - ❖ Most of the expenditures are tied up in personnel.
 - ❖ Chief Ward talked about the new Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Engineer position that will operating the aircraft rescue truck at the Loveland/Ft. Collins Airport.
 - ❖ Elite is the new air service that will be flying to and from the airport three days a week.
 - ❖ The ARFF position will have a variety of duties which will include: help build a better ARF Program, respond to significant incidents throughout the city, handle inspections around the airport and Budweiser Event Center and help the Emergency Manager with drills.
 - ❖ The Loveland City Manager is currently in negotiations with the City of Fort Collins to help fund half of this full time position.
 - ❖ The virtual tower is in the works and that will go into the fire station out at the airport.

- ❖ Some of the other items Renee mentioned was supplemental VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) replacement at stations 3, 5, & 6; Opticom maintenance and concerns about overtime reduction.
- ❖ There currently are no fees or expenditures for Fracking - it is considered a Haz Mat situation but it is something that will need to be looked at and discussed in the future.
- ❖ Inspection fees are included in the permit fees.

7. **BTCVFP Wildland Fire Presentation:** Chief Ward and Chief Lundquist talked about wildland fires and equipment. Chief Lundquist gave a presentation about the history of the BTCVFD and the FRAC Board Members were given a tour of Engine 223 which is a Type 3 Urban Interface Engine and Engine 276 which is a Type 6 Brush Engine.

8. **Public Comment (if applicable) citizens:** There was no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the LFRA Training Center.

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

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