



**Loveland Fire Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Community Room at Fire Station 2
3070 W. 29th St., Loveland, CO. 80538**

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Fire Chief Mark Miller, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Division Chief Greg Ward, Leo Wotan, Paul Pfeiffer, Elton Bingham, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, David (Dave) Adams, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, Administrative Analyst Cheryl Cabaruvias and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: None

1. **Minutes approval:** presented by Chair Smela
Bob Boggio motioned to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes; Elton Bingham and Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **City Council updates:** presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
 - ❖ The budget passed unanimously last Tuesday night. Unless someone pulls it, there will be an adopted budget for 2016. The Loveland Fire Rescue Authority maturation issues were passed on the first reading as well.
3. **Chief Updates:** presented by Fire Chief Mark Miller
 - ❖ The 2016 budget that was approved will need to go before the LFRA Board.
 - ❖ The Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (ARFF) position is looking pretty good.
 - ❖ The Fort Collins/Loveland Airport has been granted a first ever virtual control tower due to be implemented in the spring of 2016.
 - ❖ The Mayor mentioned that Aspen and Steamboat have been using this type of system which is a combination of video and radar.
 - ❖ Another airline is looking at coming back and doing additional flights out of the airport.
 - ❖ There will be a manned, portable tower for the first six months while the system is being implemented.
 - ❖ Elite Air is doing two to three flights a week and Engine 6 has been taken out of service to cover the standbys. This can be disruptive to Operations since the planes do not always arrive on time.

- ❖ The November FRAC meeting will be held at Fire Station 4 for the members to see the ARFF rigs and vehicles.
- ❖ The ARFF will be there when flights come in. The FAA mandates that an ARFF vehicle has to make it to the runway in three minutes.
- ❖ Gary Gerrard, former President of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District was asked to talk about the Scheel's Development and Thompson Crossing and development at the 2534. If the projects hold to be true, there will be a lot of assessed value out there. There might have to be a mill levy election - Renee Wheeler and Cheryl Cabaruvias will be putting numbers together of those projects and then take that to the LFRA Board to make sure we are in agreement on the mill levy and where it needs to go.
- ❖ Based on the wind load study, the existing tower on the building at Fire Station 1 will fail. The tower cannot withstand wind loads of 70 to 80 miles per hour – the anchor pulls are not secure and will not hold. They are planning on putting a 120 foot tower on the southeast side of the Fire Administration Building parking lot – this will need to go through the city planning process. The Chief mentioned that this is very pricey and was not planned for. The current location for the tower is ideal and the engineer says the best location for it is to stay where it is.
- ❖ Property was purchased in 2003 at Rossum Drive and Highway 34 with the thought that this would be the location for the next west-end fire station. For the past three years the city has been trying to sell the property and a couple wanted to purchase the property for an assisted living type of facility. The couple agreed to rezone the property and it failed at planning commission on Monday. The contract technically is in default and it may not sell. If the property does wind up selling, the money from the sale will go back to the CEFs.
- ❖ Loveland Police Department's Police Chief, Luke Hecker announced he is retiring on December 31st. Chief Miller commented that LFRA has partnered very well with the police department and is sad to see Chief Hecker leave.
- ❖ Chair Smela appreciates the training meetings that have been scheduled for FRAC. Based on a conversation with Chief Miller, Chair Smela shared with FRAC some potential, upcoming topics that FRAC will engage in with staff. The first was the Community Safety Division's Community Risk Assessment which will give FRAC an opportunity to help guide resources for staffing. Scott Pringle has been working on it and will have it done within the next month. The second item is updating the Strategic Plan which will also provide an opportunity for providing feedback from a policy standpoint and lastly, is the Rural Mill Levy.
- ❖ Chief Miller would like for the Strategic Plan to be revised by the first quarter of 2016.

4. **Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board Member Andy Anderson

- ❖ Gary Gerrard showed slides and pictures of the property at 2534. The Scheel's Store which will be going up out there is like a Bass Pro Shop. Construction of the building is set to start in December. This should increase the property values in the Rural District.
- ❖ On January 1, 2016 the retired volunteer firefighters will be getting a raise on their pension and the fire authority is getting new worker's compensation and property and liability coverage as part of the maturation process.
- ❖ The refurbishing of the tower truck by Supervac should be ready this week or next week.

- ❖ They talked about dry hydrants and developing that when Highway 34 gets rebuilt. Five locations are being considered and it was discussed with the utility engineer to see if he could apply it to the project since the hydrants did not exist before the flood.
 - ❖ Two of the locations they would like to have hydrants at is at the CDOT Building and Viestenz Park.
 - ❖ The Mayor commented that Viestenz Park is in the design process and will be more of an open space concept.

 - ❖ Leo Wotan talked with Curt Nelson about fire services at the Pinewood Lake Fire Protection District. It was suggested that Curt contact Greg White for further information.
5. **Rope Rescue Overview:** LFRA Engineer Alex Klinger went over the details for the rope rescue they would be demonstrating for FRAC.
6. **Public Comment (If applicable) citizens:** There was no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Loveland Fire Station 4 for an ARFF overview.

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

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