

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperator
Business Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2011

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Fourmile Canyon Fire BCFFA Benefit shirts available still. Selling at Supply Cache or contact Brett Haberstick. Shirts \$20 each.

Approval of November 2010 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as submitted 1st J Benson, 2nd B Oliver. Motion passed – none opposed.

Old Business

- Extended Attack Communication Plan (Zader)
 - Draft Plan passed around
 - Explanation to the plan – and channels.
 - Bendix King radios preferred and easier when switching to new plans. VHF radios are used in wildland mostly.
 - FERN 1 is not an air to ground frequency – this is for medical emergencies only.
 - This plan has been reviewed and approved by the County Radio Techs.
 - The plan is compliant with changes coming August 2011. This is the change to narrowband radios.
 - The RED NW channel can work for Larimer County resources so long as they have it in their radios.
 - It is up to the individual agencies to adopt this plan.
 - Suggestion to recommend this plan for adoption to the Joint Chiefs on Feb. 24 1730 at at their meeting.
 - Discussion regarding grant avenues to pursue in assisting in this changeover.
 - Suggestion that not everyone needs a radio; but maybe each apparatus and fire line supervisor should have one.
 - Suggestion to look at what J Smith had in place as a starting point.
 - Reminder that this was one of the main issues in all AAR's following the Fourmile Canyon Fire.
 - Changes are already happening slowing.
 - Motion to take this plan to the Joint Chiefs for discussion. 1st R ODonnell, 2nd A Owen.
- Spring S130/190 Class (Zader/O'Donnell/Stennes)
 - May 9-22nd – M-Th for 2 weeks both day and night classes.
 - Field day is still being discussed. May 21/22 for field day.
 - Flyer will be sent with the minutes.
- Structure Protection Group (Eamon/Noakes)
 - This is currently a Joint Chiefs project.
- Staging Areas in Boulder County (O'Donnell)
 - J Stalnacker is meeting with Chief Mygatt/L Huff to consolidate information.

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- J Stalnacker also working on a county wide Fire Management Plan.
- Discussion held regarding current issues and concerns.
 - All of the ideas will be followed up on to ensure areas will work, and agreements are in place.
- Mountain Address Maps (F Koch)
 - Some of the original information included GPS information.
 - Agencies need to update this data.
 - Presentation given re current information that is available (F Koch)
 - J Hoffman (Lyons) is currently gathering and updating this information. Contact him with questions.
 - J Stalnacker has a group that can print off the maps – will need a consolidated order for this.
 - www.BCWFC.org is the website for the Cooperators and all of this information including additional links provided here.
- Air Ops/WUI Workshops Update – (J Stalnacker)
 - Hise/Ostroy/Zader have developed (2) workshops – 2 hrs in length.
 - These will be finalized and ready for the March BCWFC meeting.
 - Instructors can be made available – however the material has been designed so that a training officer can present to their agency.
 - J Stalnacker also working on a workshop regarding incident paperwork.
 - Highly recommend that you have someone to help with the courses that have some expertise. This is especially true for the aviation workshop.
 - S215 is being rewritten – Boulder will be the Beta test for it. J Stalnacker will have more information at the next meeting (March 2011).
 - The course will most likely require that you meet the qualification standards but NWCG guidelines will be followed. (re nominations/pre-reqs)

Financial update

- Current Balance: \$4034.96

New Business

- Flood/Debris Flow Risk Related to Fourmile Canyon Fire (D Barber – Boulder OEM)
 - Working with multiple agencies regarding modeling for a weather event that could/will affect the burn area of the Fourmile Canyon Fire.
 - Overview given of past history of what issues to plan for. This could be minimal to major.
 - Still working with models to see what and where the problems will occur and at what level.
 - The county is pre-planning pre-positioned placement of heavy equipment in the case an event occurs.

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- Beginning March/April 2011 – public/community meetings to discuss preparedness.
- Restoration/Rehab efforts are happening. There has been money allocated for aerial mulching, seeding roadways, etc... Discussion held.
 - RFPs are out for companies interested in this.
 - County is asking for residents to sign waivers for access in order for the aerial mulching to take place.
- Training coming up in March for agencies involved.
- Working with residents to be “spotters” for the county.
- Using EverBridge –
 - Go to county website; request alert notification.
 - An alert area is being created specific to the Fourmile Canyon Fire area.
- FTC Zone Training Committee – Chair M Dutton
 - Introduction - M Dutton works out of RMNP
 - Wanting more formal and consistent cadres across the FTC Zone.
 - Would like to cut down on redundant training.
 - Information regarding classes that can and are being offered need to be sent to the Training Rep (R O’Donnell) and then forwarded to the Chair of the FTC Zone (M Dutton) to be forwarded regionally.
 - Putting together a formal cadre that can float and be used throughout the zone will be helpful in getting courses offered/completed.
- FTC Zone Training Committee
 - Rep to Committee – R O’Donnell
 - Discussion held regarding the Course Needs Analysis
 - How can Boulder County move towards being more proactive in regards to training?
 - The county needs to be planning for 2012 and beyond right now. 2011 is already planned.
 - Group agreed that the training steering committee needs to get together. A Moschetti will coordinate.
 - This group needs to get back on track with timelines in order to ensure they are getting the Course Needs Analysis submitted.
- Emailing of Training Announcements (A Owen) –
 - Question – Is there a way to streamline emails to reduce duplicates?
 - Discussion held regarding current process of people forwarding emails regarding training, job announcements, etc... to the group.
 - Group agreed that getting duplicate emails aren’t that bad and to delete duplicates but keep process the same.
 - Group agreed to continue with the process of having L McConnell send out training announcements received.

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- R O'Donnell – FTC Training Rep from Boulder County will send announcements he receives to L McConnell to send to the group.

Training Update – R O'Donnell/A Moschetti

- Boulder County Training to the FTC Zone/JointFire
 - Discussion held regarding courses that were offered but cancelled due to lack of interest.
 - Some of the courses that were intended to be offered are already being done in the region.
 - Check the BCWFC website for a list of current and upcoming courses.
 - Discussion regarding some additional courses. Stay tuned to JointFire for updates or contact A Moschetti.
- JointFire Training Update
 - Refreshers Update
 - Information regarding the Refresher dates/times
 - Contact A Moschetti if interested in being an instructor
 - Local/National material to be included into the Refreshers.
 - Contact A Moschetti with questions/concerns/suggested material for the Refreshers.
 - Discussion held regarding additional topics.
 - Question regarding training shelters. Is there a plan to replace damaged shelters? Some are in need of repair. Discussion held.
 - If there is a need for additional courses they can be done but there will be a cost associated to them.
- March 14-18 is a team training week for the BCIMT. Please have members on your department that are also on the BCIMT to RSVP to L McConnell.
- BCIMT Members need to reconfirm intent to participate with supervisors and submit. New members need to fill out an application and submit to D Eamon.

Adjourn @ 1147 hours

Next Meeting will be held March 4th at the Boulder County Fire Training Center beginning at 1000 hours.