

Boulder County Cooperators
Business Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2012

Meeting began at 1009 hours.

Overview of proposed organization for Division Fire Safety (Benson):

- Attended Cooperators meeting at CSFS last week.
- Discussion held in regards to the newly forming agency considering taking over the NWCG training/certification/payment programs for the Cooperators.
 - 2012 Wildfire Emergency Relief Fund (WERF) was signed by the Governor's office. This affects resources and Annual Operating Plans (AOP's).
 - V Jones – gave an overview of how the transition is going, things that this new group is considering and working on.
 - Group discussed concerns in regards to this group taking on the training piece of NWCG.
- Group agreed that Chf. Benson would continue to be the liaison to this group for the BCC.

Colorado Division of Fire Safety – Transition Update (V Jones)

- *Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control organization chart passed around (attached to minutes)
- The Position for Chief of Wildland Fire Management Section intended to be posted
- SEAT program may become an Aviation Program.
- Operations Section – Rocco Snart is the permanent for Deputy Chief of Wildland Fire Operations.
- Dpty. Chief of Wildland Fire Preparedness – Jane Lopez
- East Area FMO – Vaughn Jones – has (4) Regional FMO's.
 - V Jones will continue to manage IQS/ROSS for Cooperators
 - NE Region FMO – M Branch
 - N Central Region FMO -
- West Area FMO – Steve Ellis
- IQS/ROSS shouldn't change much in the short term; unknown for long term.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: 1st P Davidovich, 2nd D Zader. Approved as submitted.

1. Treasurers Report – E Philips

- a. Balance as of 8/3/12 = \$7,754.04
- b. Reimbursements: D Zader for \$129.66 and \$79.59 to F Koch for S130/190 class
- c. Deposits of \$10,000 from Boulder County Firefighters Assoc.
- d. Reimbursement of \$588 from Boulder County Firefighter Academy. This is half the cost of the premium of the workers comp for grant. This was to insure instructors. Volunteers are covered but contractors not with the BCC that can be covered.

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2. BCFFA update:
 - a. will be appointing to the BCC Chair positions to the committee. Members of the committee do not have to be members of BCFFA.
 - b. Position changes: E Philips is a firefighter with Louisville and no longer with Boulder County. B Haberstick is no longer Chief of Sunshine but remains on the department. The group expressed no concerns for these two to continue in their current positions.
3. Funding Opportunity – sheet passed around/attached to minutes
 - a. This opportunity is for replenishing supplies for VFD's across Colorado.
4. Training Update – F Koch
 - a. Fall offerings – Discussion regarding S131 and L280 and offering higher level classes.
 - i. Discussion regarding funding for supplies, equipment and additional classes.
 1. Funding can go to classes/activities other than wildland fire related.
 - a. Suggestion to:
 - i. buy supplies, equipment specific to S130/190 needs: ie tools, hose, fittings etc. (D Zader to follow-up)
 - ii. buy a trailer to move stored equipment for classes.
 - iii. Discussion held in regards to offering classes like L380. (Q Macleod from RMF is a good contact for this information)
 2. Funding call also be used for S131 and L280.
 - a. Group gave input on needs from individual agencies.
 - b. Contact F Koch if you have needs on your agency for these classes and if you are interested in volunteering as an instructor.
 - c. S131 – 1.5 days or 3 nights? Group agreed to offer S131 on Nov. 16/17.
 - d. L280 – 2 days or 2 nights 1 day – Group agreed to offer L280 on Nov. 29-Dec 1.
 - ii. Fund sits at where we were at the end of 2011 despite all that has been able to get done ie. Refreshers, S130/190 etc...

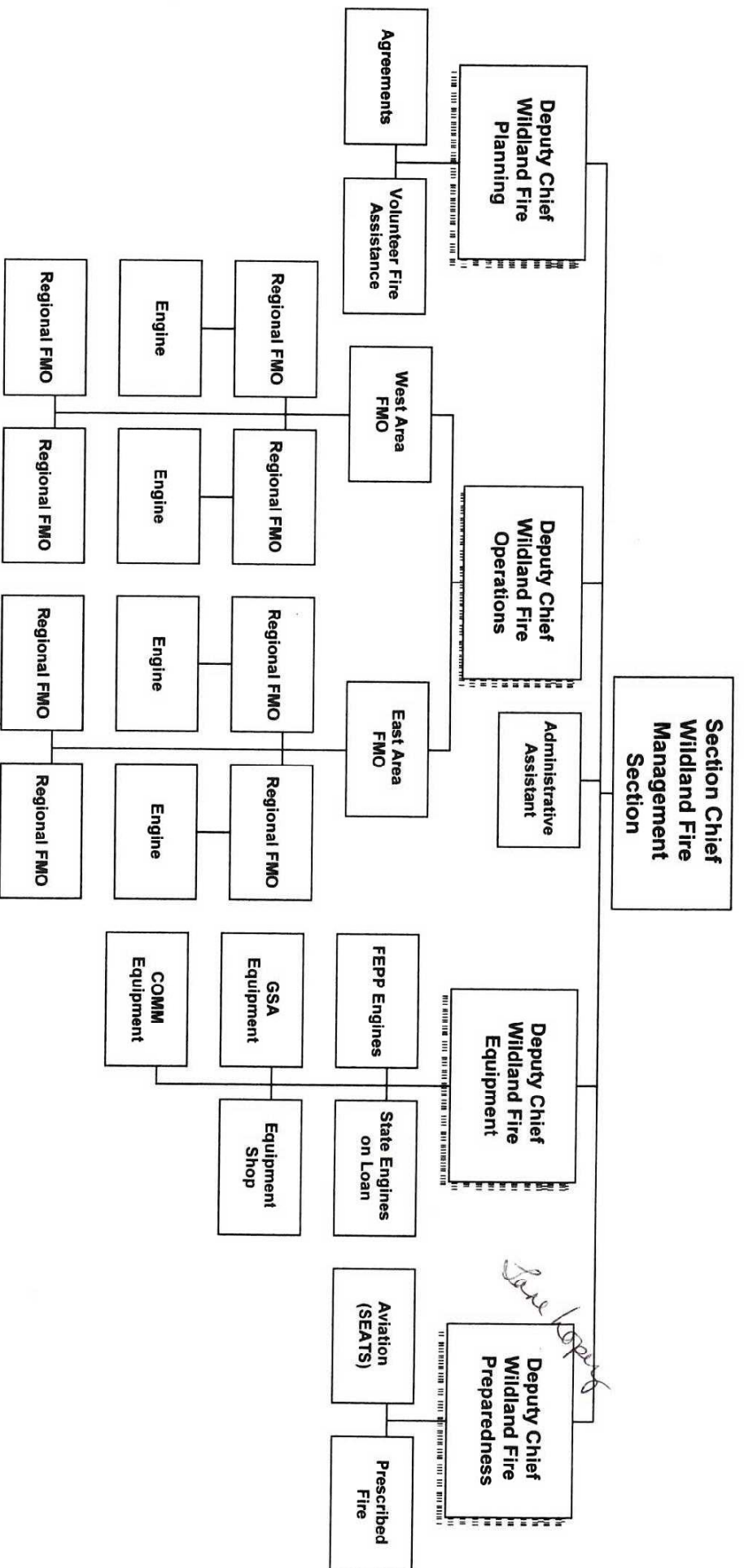
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- b. Fall structure fire academy? JPRs?
 - i. Information available on the website – schedule lands M/W/Sat
 - ii. Agencies are also putting people in for JPR check offs. There is a JPR rodeo on Nov. 5th. Proctors will be there to take people through specific JPR.s this may not include the live fire.
 - 1. Please contact F Koch to schedule your agency members during this time.
 - 2. Contact: fritz@bocofire.org
 - 3. First slots will be given to people expiring before July 2013.
 - iii. Offering academy for \$500 – this includes all materials and testing. Class size 16
 - iv. Have received a grant for HazMat Ops. This is a free course. Pat Conroy will be teaching this course again. The written test has now changed and includes a HazMat Awareness component. (class size 20)
- 5. Other
 - a. None
- 6. Announcements – Agency input
 - a. None
- 7. Next Meeting – Friday September 7, 2012

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Laura McConnell, August 2012.

Members present (the following list is based on the sign in sheet passed around):

F Koch – Lefthand Fire	S Lynn – Boulder Mountain Fire
E Philips – Louisville Fire	T Farrell – Boulder Mountain Fire
V Jones – Colorado Div. Fire/Public Safety	R Leadingham – Lefthand Fire
Q Macleod – Rocky Mountain Fire	P Davidovich – Lyons Fire
D Zader – City of Boulder Wildland	B Beresford – Hygiene Fire
M Smith – City of Boulder Wildland	B Kerwin – BES/Fourmile Fire
J Benson – Boulder Mountain Fire	J Faber – Sugarloaf Fire



Funding Opportunity: Replenishing Supplies for Volunteer Fire Departments across Colorado

August 1, 2012

Dear Fire Chief:

As you well know, 2012 has been the worst year in history for wildfires in Colorado. In response, Coloradans have generously made donations to the Colorado Fire Relief 2012 Fund at The Denver Foundation to help support the recovery from these devastating fires. The Allocation Board of the Colorado Fire Relief 2012 Fund has made its first priority **helping volunteer fire departments across Colorado replenish depleted supplies and small equipment** to help ensure that departments are prepared to fight future fires should they occur.

Funding up to \$15,000 is available for any volunteer fire department that meets the following criteria:

- Your department was directly involved in fighting a Colorado wildfire during 2012 that resulted in depleted supplies.
- Your department has a shortfall in funding that prevents replenishing the depleted supplies.
- Your department will not receive any other funding or reimbursements, public or private, that will help replenish these supplies or your department will receive funding but a shortfall still exists.

To receive an allocation through the Colorado Fire Relief Fund, please submit a brief letter from your fire chief via email to firefund@denverfoundation.org with the following information:

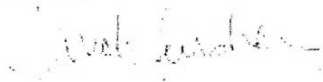
- Name and address of your fire department
- Very briefly describe your department's involvement in fighting a 2012 wildfire
- Include the amount of requested funding, up to \$15,000
- Briefly summarize your department's needs for replenished supplies and small equipment, including items to be purchased and dollar amounts
- To ensure that our funding is meeting an unmet need, please include the following sentence: "I certify that [your name department] will not receive any reimbursement or funding from any private or public sources to cover the needed supplies and equipment described in this funding request."

To receive an allocation under this fund, please submit your information no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, August 20, 2012. Please note that applications will be considered on a rolling basis and will be processed as they are received. **Funding is limited and may be fully expended prior to the deadline.** Additionally, if your department receives an allocation for replenishing supplies, your department will be expected to submit by September 30, 2012 a line-item accounting plus documentation (including receipts) of how the funding was spent.

Additionally, funding for **reimbursement of lost wages for volunteer fire fighters** is available under a separate pool of competitive funding through the Colorado Fire Relief 2012 Fund. You can learn more about this funding and application process at <http://www.denverfoundation.org/community/page/fire-relief-fund>, with applications due on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-243-4783 or firefund@denverfoundation.org.

Sincerely,



Sarah Marino-Fischler
Project Manager, Colorado Fire Relief Fund

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Colorado Department of Public Safety

