

Boulder County Cooperators  
Business Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2013

Introduction

- Larry Money – Roosevelt Hotshot Superintendent  
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Approval of March 2013 minutes – **Motion** to approve March 2013 minutes as submitted - 1<sup>st</sup> R O'Donnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> C O'Brien All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

J Ray/E Claussen will be at the May 5, 2013 meeting to discuss Incident Business Mgmt. training.

- An email with multiple attachments outlining some of the changes will be sent via the BCC email.

1. Treasurers Report – E Philips

- a. Current balance: \$22,290.82 as of 4/5
- b. This includes the \$10K from the county
- c. There are several outstanding bills to be paid out of this amount.

2. Discussion regarding Course Needs Analysis and the benefit to providing information back to the training zone.

- a. It's important for agencies to submit needs and have them forwarded to the zone and possibly region for higher level courses.
- b. Current local needs for S230/S231 – this most likely will be an ongoing need.
  - i. Group agreed that a fall delivery and blended option is best.
- c. Discussion regarding S290
  - i. Historically unable to fill local class – possibly due to online version being an option.
  - ii. Suggestion to consider offering a blended online/classroom S290
  - iii. **ACTION ITEM:** F Koch will follow up on this – see below/attached for follow-up...
  - iv. Currently, only two versions are NWCG certified/interchangeable...
    1. Four day/37 hour classroom
    2. Online approx. 15 hours...  
[https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_course.php?id=14](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=14)
    3. No blended curriculum is available
    4. See attached details from Field Manager's Course Guide
- d. Request to offer information sooner in regards to when classes will be offered.

3. Upcoming offerings being considered/planned: \*\* If you are interested in instructing or assisting please contact F Koch... [Fritz@BoCoFire.org](mailto:Fritz@BoCoFire.org)

- a. L-280: Nov 9-10 (Sat/Sun 8am-5pm)
- b. S-230 (blended): Online Course AND Nov 15 (Fri 8am-5pm)
- c. S-231: Nov 16-17 (Sat/Sun 8am-5pm)
- d. S-133: Nov 23 (Sat 8am-12pm)
- e. S-131: Nov 23-24 (Sat 1-5pm & Sun 8am-5pm)

4. Fire Training Center sewer project has been moved back to the fall.

5. SEAT is now available – this is on a contract with the state.

6. Discussion regarding the Firefighter II training.

- a. This has been a self study then students go through a practical.
- b. BRFD doing a FFII practical with Coal Creek in April.

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- c. Contact R O'Donnell if you are interested or have questions. **ACTION ITEM**: R O'Donnell will send information to L McConnell to send out via the BCC email list.
  - i. Suggestion is to put on a FFII practical this fall with the FFI academy.
    1. Overview of what the practical covers.
    2. **ACTION ITEM**: R O'Donnell will follow up on this at the May 2013 meeting.
7. Discussion regarding requirements for Driver Operator/Pumper class. Lyons Fire drafting a letter....
8. Wildland refreshers/lead instructors
  - 1) FULL: Sat Apr 6 - 0800-1700 @ Sugarloaf /Lasky
  - 2) FULL: Mon Apr 8 - 0800-1700 @ Boulder Rural/Koch
  - 3) Tue Apr 9 - 0800-1700 @ Boulder Rural/O'Brien
  - 4) Fri Apr 12 - 0800-1700 @ Boulder Rural/Moraga
  - 5) FULL: Sat Apr 13 - 0800-1700 @ Lyons/Palestro
  - 6) FULL: Sat Apr 13 - 0800-1700 @ Sunshine/Bader
  - 7) Tue & Wed Apr 16 & 17 - 1800-2200 @ Boulder Rural/Bozeman
  - 8) Wed Apr 17 - 0800-1700 @ BCSO (BCPOS/BCSO)/Stalnacker
  - 9) FULL: Sat Apr 20 - 0800-1700 @ Boulder Mountain/Bozeman
  - 10) Mon & Tue Apr 22 & 23 - 1800-2200 @ Boulder Rural/O'Donnell & Allen
  - 11) Tue & Thu Apr 23 & 25 - 1800-2200 @ Coal Creek/???
  - 12) FULL: Sat Apr 27 - 0800-1700 @ Nederland/Richardson
9. Communication plan –
  - a. Not in student materials – this is at Kinko's and will be available as an additional handout for the Refresher.
  - b. Two air/ground frequencies.
    - i. (Zader) Encourage people who may be working with aircraft to have a field programmable radio in the case that frequencies needed to shift due to sharing.
    - ii. Air/Ground 9 is the initial attack frequencies – if it's an extended attack you need to update FTC Dispatch and most likely you will get moved to Air/Ground 7.
  - c. Channel 2 & 3 got switched.
10. BCFFA updates:
  - a. Comm plan – no discussion or problems.
11. GSA Advantage members you need to contact of GSA in Ft. Collins to get re-setup.
12. **ACTION ITEM**: Zader has a list of shortages of materials that he will share via the email list.
  - a. City of Boulder building might have storage room – but that is still several months away.
  - b. City of Boulder is loaning several fittings to the cache so a complete set will be available.
  - c. **ACTION ITEM**: R O'Donnell will follow up on ideas/options for storing cache items and report back at the May 2013 meeting.
13. Discussion regarding agenda items, meetings being cancelled if no agenda items are received.
14. Calwood looking forward to the S212 class coming up.
  - a. **ACTION ITEM**: Smitty is looking at options for a certification and advanced cutting program, and the possibility of offering a second S-212 class this spring.
15. CEMEX is offering possible sites for the S130/190 field day. This is being reviewed next week.
16. C O'Brien has information on a business that is offering special pricing on BK radios – contact him for more information.
17. Instructors from Roosevelt Hotshots (L Money - Superintendent) are available to assist.

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18. If your agency has questions in regards to FEMA/NWCG training – qualified Training Specialists (TNSPs) are available to help with questions. Contact: L McConnell with questions.

Meeting adjourned at 1002 hours.  
Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Laura McConnell on 4/5/13

**Next meeting will be Friday, May 3 beginning at 0830 hours  
at the Boulder Regional Fire Training Center.**

Motions:

- (pg. 1) Motion to approve March 2013 minutes as submitted - 1<sup>st</sup> R O'Donnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> C O'Brien All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Action Items:

- (pg. 1) Action Item – F Koch will follow up on a blended online/classroom version S290 option.
  - Done – see above/attached
- (pg. 1) Action Item – R O'Donnell will follow up on information for FF2 academy and have info sent out via BCC email list.
- (pg. 2) Action Item: Zader has a list of shortages of materials that he will share via the BCC email list.
- (pg. 2) Action Item: R O'Donnell will follow up on ideas/options for storing cache items and report back at the May 2013 meeting.
- (pg. 2) Action Item: M Smith will follow up on ideas for County saw certification and possibility of second S-212 class

**Members Present:**

*F Koch – Lefthand Fire  
R O'Donnell – Boulder Rural Fire  
E Philips – Louisville Fire  
D Zader – Boulder Fire  
D Laskey – Sugarloaf Fire  
E Hoyle – Timberline Fire  
C O'Brien – Lefthand Fire  
L Money – Roosevelt IHC/USFS  
G Ball – BCSO/Coal Creek  
T Farrell – Boulder Mountain Fire*

*P Davidovich – Lyons Fire  
J Hoffman – Lyons Fire  
B Emrick – Sugarloaf Fire  
Z Littlefield – Fourmile Fire  
B Kerwin – BES  
C Lathrop – MVFR  
J Wood – MVFR  
S Noakes – Longmont Fire  
R Roberts – Nederland Fire  
E Bader – Sunshine Fire*

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# **Field Manager's Course Guide**

**PMS 901-1**

**November 2012**

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Course Description

This is a classroom-based skills course designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations. It is the second course in a series that collectively serves to develop fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills. Fire environment differences are discussed as necessary; instructor should stress local conditions.

Objectives

- Identify and describe the characteristics of fuels, weather, and topography that influence wildland fire behavior.
- Describe the interaction of fuels, weather, and topography on wildland fire behavior, fireline tactics, and safety.
- Describe the causes of extreme fire behavior conditions (long range spotting, crowning, and fire whirls) that develop due to weather, fuels, and/or topography.
- Interpret, communicate, apply, and document wildland fire behavior and weather information.

Course Components and Hours to Complete

<b>Course Components</b>	<b>Hours to Complete</b>
Pre-selection assessment	2
Pre-course work	3
Online training	N/A
Instructor-led training	32
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37</b>

Target Group

Personnel desiring to be qualified as any single resource boss or fire effects monitor (FEMO).

Minimum Instructor Qualifications

The lead instructor must be qualified at the strike team leader (STL) or task force leader (TFLD), or prescribed fire burn boss type 2 (RXB2). Successful completion of S-490 Advanced Fire Behavior Calculations is recommended.

Unit instructors must be qualified as a single resource boss. A meteorologist is highly recommended to instruct the weather sections of this class.

Also see Instructor Certification at the beginning of this Guide.

Course Prerequisites

Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190).  
Satisfactory completion of pre-selection assessment.  
Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

Course Level

Local

Course Description

This course is NWCG certified and is interchangeable with the NWCG approved S-290 instructor lead training course. It can be completed in approximately fifteen hours (current average), but may vary depending on level of student knowledge.

S-290 is the second course in a five course sequence developing wildland fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills. It builds upon the basics in S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, but with more detailed information about characteristics and interactions of the wildland fire environment (fuels, weather, and topography) that affect wildland fire behavior for safety purposes.

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The course is broken into thirteen modules that consist of an introduction and twelve unit topics.

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<b>Course Components</b>	<b>Hours to Complete</b>
Pre-selection assessment	N/A
Pre-course work	N/A
Online training	15
Instructor-led training	N/A
<b>Total Hours</b>	15

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Personnel desiring to be qualified as any single resource boss or fire effects monitor (FEMO).

**Registration:** To access the modules and track student progress in completing course units, you can select the training at the NWCG Training and Qualifications website listed below. Students will be directed to register on the 'COMET MetEd Registration & Assessment' website. Wildland firefighter personnel need to enter their supervisor's or course administrator's email address when registering; also select the check box giving permission to share your scores with the NWCG affiliated agency.

### Minimum Course Administrator/Instructor Qualifications

Course administrator must be qualified at the single resource boss level.  
Also see Instructor Certification at the beginning of this Guide.

### Course Prerequisites

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### Course Level

Local

### Course Access

<http://training.nwcg.gov>