

BOULDER COUNTY COOPERATORS

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Business Meeting – 3/7/2014

1. Introductions – None
2. Motion to approve February 2014 minutes as submitted. 1st E Bader, 2nd T Farrell. Motion passed – none opposed.
3. Treasurers Report:
 - a. BCC \$11,061.50
 - i. 600 new IPGS for Refreshers and 130/190 ordered but have not paid for them.
 - ii. \$10K 2014 BoCo Grant is still outstanding.
 - iii. No other outstanding income/expenses but we will be buying refresher materials/printing, T-T-T lunch and possibly shelter repairs/replacement.
 - b. Fire Academy \$1,536.12
 - i. Expenses in February included ropes, plywood (vent prop), sand (HMP pract) and exam requests. Approx. \$885.57
 - ii. Outstanding bills include books, FFI/FFII exam fees, extinguishers, hearing protection and insurance payment to BCFFA. Approx. \$5,000
 - iii. Billing for FFI/FFII has been sent out.
 1. Down to 16 from 19 students
 2. Invoice for \$1,140.80 for book reimbursement (HMO class) sent to Div. of Fire Prevention Control.
 - iv. Academy will be paying the BCFFA for 2013 and 2014 insurance premiums.
4. FTC Zone Update – McConnell
 - a. Spring classes are being updated on “FTC Zone” training list linked on www.BoCoFire.org
 - b. Regional Training Committee meeting on 3/6.
 - c. M410 completed – Thanks to Frederick Firestone for hosting.
5. National Guard Liaison
 - a. D Zader is working on organizing training at Buckley Air Force Base with fire personnel from Boulder County. Mon-Fri, Reqs: ENGB+, S270, air experience, standard target description. Dates: March 24-28, 2014.
 - b. If you are interested in participating please email Fritz@BoCoFire.org Not an open training – selection process based on qualifications/experience to determine candidates.
 - c. Will be a recurring training; being developed currently – unknown on some specifics.
6. Refresher Updates
 - a. FINAL versions of LOCAL refresher content due Mar 21 to Fritz@BoCoFire.org
 - b. Results from survey (101 responded) sent with agenda. Lessons Learned from High Park, Waldo, Black Forest and Yarnell was most requested topic.
 - c. If interested in helping develop Lessons Learned from High Park, Waldo, Black Forest, Yarnell, email Fritz@BoCoFire.org
 - i. High Park - 5 minutes (???)
 - ii. Waldo - 5 minutes (Carpenter)
 - iii. Black Forest - 10-20 minutes (Littlefield)

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- iv. Yarnell - 30 minutes (Koch)
- v. Key points: Lessons Learned content
 1. Focus on topography, weather, fire behavior etc. Not incident personnel decision making, behavior etc.
 2. 20/20 hindsight and “on the ground” perspective are two different things – material needs to be presented with 20/20 hindsight
 3. F Koch gave an overview of the material that is already available to use with focus on fire behavior.
 4. R Bozeman creating presentation about Yarnell in regards to the 10/18.
 5. Let the group drive the discussion from the perspective of “What would you do?” vs. “What they did or did not do?”
 6. Group agreed: to incorporate Yarnell into Refresher. Presenters need to have familiarity and good understanding of the incidents.
- d. WFSTAR 2013 season summary <6min.
- e. F Koch gave an overview of additional modules including suggested time frames.
 - i. Analysis of the fire weather forecast and what it means. (6m video)
 1. Looking at a fire weather forecast and creating a briefing out of it.
 2. Bozeman will send F Koch fire weather info from the Black Forest Fire.
 3. Fire wx forecast AND field observation module may take up to an hour.
 - ii. Map Reading/Fuel Orientation (Bozeman)
 1. Bozeman gave an overview of his section and content.
 2. Approx. 30-40m instruction time.
 - iii. Field Exercise update (Bader/Lasky/Looch)
 1. Still a work in progress – would like additional help
 2. This is being developed to be delivered as site specific.
 - iv. Wildland Fire Size Up (Carpenter)
 1. Overview of content presented
 2. Looking wanting to focus on the human factors of a size up.
 - v. Boulder County Communications/Pagers (Silbermann)
 1. S Silbermann can come to all refreshers to cover Comms info w/Q&A. Instructors may need to be flexible on when Steve can be there.
 - a. Timing may be difficult due to weather conditions and being able to get students into the field.
 2. Discussion regarding if this is valuable to agencies.
 - a. Silbermann will put together of synopsis of the training and offer it as a standalone training aside from the Refreshers.
 3. Suggested Topics:
 - a. Overview, Ordering Resources, Asking for resources, initial/secondary dispatching (when getting a tone), proper

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ways to field info, radio traffic specific to channels, requesting channels, ICS items related to dispatch – going arrival on Red 1 vs Tac Channel, dispatch requests to incident personnel/IC, extended/initial attack commo plan, radio systems in the County, types of pagers and how they work, radio use when unreadable, types of notifications what/how to ask for.

b. Open to suggestions of additional/other topics.

vi. Other thoughts? Send suggestions to Fritz@BoCoFire.org

7. Agency Updates/Other

a. City of Boulder Wildland - If you need help with training please touch base with the City of Boulder – happy to help!

Meeting adjourned at 1155 hours.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 2nd at 0830 hours at the Fire Training Center.