

## 2/6/15 Boulder County Cooperators – RT 130 Refresher Planning

### Introductions

Approval of minutes from October 2014 as submitted 1<sup>st</sup> Bozeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Farrell. Motion passed.

### Overview of 2015

- June/Dec meeting will be main information meetings
- Feb – RT 130 Planning
- BCC is a committee under BCFFA
- \$15,162 in account –
  - \$4,200 reserved for GSA purchase
  - Year-end around \$11K
- 2015 funding to be approved – hasn't happened yet
- Additional information:
  - M Chard working on a wildland drill – targeting May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016
    - Large scale county/statewide
  - Discussion regarding a county wide MCI Drill
    - Allenspark possible location
    - Tentative planned for September 2015
  - May/June – Fire Leadership Conference
    - In development
  - Jamestown having New Fire Station Open House – Feb. 20
  - Deb Hopgood is new EMS Coordinator at Boulder Community Hospital
  - Andel Frazier is the EMS Coordinator at Longmont United
  - EMS Continuing Education discussion
    - Agencies agreed that more emphasis and planning can go into EMS Education that is offered monthly
    - Would be helpful to know specific topics not areas (trauma, medical etc) ahead of time.
    - Suggestion to have all agencies who offer EMS CES to get to the table to discuss offering EMS trainings that challenge EMS providers and offer information/skills for them to grow vs. getting the “same old thing”.
    - Current EMS training offered by AMR isn't set up to meet the needs/requests of agencies. Most agencies agreed that lecture only isn't ideal – hands on (even if a small amount of lecture IF needed) is preferred.
    - Please refresh topics.
    - Several agencies have expressed concerns that their agency has Paramedics that need to get CES from providers higher than an Paramedic – Can AMR consider offering higher level trainings from doctors and nurses?
- Wildland
  - All spring courses are listed on the BocoFire.org website – PLEASE GO ONLINE TO REGISTER

- Spring courses being offered: S130/190, S211, S212, S215, S270, Bldr Fire Outreach Training
    - Fall courses: BCFFA Fire Academy, S230, S231, L280, S131, S133, S219
  - All Boulder Rural RT130s will go live this next week for registration
  - Boulder Outreach Urban Interface dates are also available.
    - Date in April, August, September and October at [www.BOCOFIRE.org](http://www.BOCOFIRE.org)
- RT 130s – Wildland Fire Safety Training – Annual Refresher - see PowerPoint handout attached
  - WFSTAR Module Libraray – [www.nifc.gov/wfstar](http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar)
  - So far there is nothing new added to what BCC offered last year.
  - Bozeman has touched base with WFSTAR and found out that there are two people who are working on updates – he has not heard back from the two people responsible for updating the curriculum for 2015. He will continue to find out more and FYI the group as new information arises.
  - Fire Behavior/Wx is the most desired curriculum based on Boulder County firefighter feedback (107 responses as of Feb. 5); Poll will be getting updated as needed.
  - Overview of suggested modules based on feedback
    - Top voted modules:
      - Fire Season 2014 Review, 2015 Outlook
      - The First 30 Minutes – Mutual Aid Expectations (being developed)
        - What do you expect when you are requested for Mutual Aid?
        - What are you expecting when you request Mutual Aid?
        - Fritz will follow up with a survey/poll for feedback from agencies.
      - Boulder County Communication Updates
        - Silbermann/Whitehead have provided Fritz with several topics under this larger topic.
        - This would be taught by Communications personnel to ensure one consistent message.
        - Suggested topics: Everbridge, Reverse 911 – Requesting/Costs?
      - Critical Fire Wx Patterns: Western US
      - Field Exercise: Scenario, Tools, Handline, etc.
      - ANY OTHER TOPICS? Contact [Fritz@bocofire.org](mailto:Fritz@bocofire.org)
    - Webinar: Critical Fire Wx Patterns – Western US
      - Bozeman willing to help with this.
      - Suggestion to compare to research from 1966.
    - D Laskey/B Emrick will review Field Exercise: Scenario, Tools, Handline, etc
    - Fourmile will review Equipment module
  - LogoWebsite poll follow up
    - Reviewed current suggested logo on the poll and responses.
  - Website [www.bocofire.org](http://www.bocofire.org)
    - Updates
      - AMR EMS calendar added
      - Flyers page added with additional training and information
        - You can submit to Fritz for posting.

- Template of a Burn Plan
- Refresher dates have been added for 2015

Meeting adjourned at 1055



**Feb. 2014...** Based on your feedback we now know we cannot develop a "one size fits all" program. While we need a foundation of common language and best practices, every firefighter has a set of unique needs.

Therefore we are evolving from releasing batches of modules each spring to a year round "produce and post" schedule. As modules are produced, they will be posted on the website and announced to the field. A suite of modules will be available at any given time which will allow users to **customize training** based upon schedules, specific needs and learning styles.



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## 2015 RT-130 Poll Results (107 Responses as of Feb 5)

Please select which categories of WFSTAR modules interest you...

- 29 Aviation - SEATs, commo, airspace and helicopter operations
- 66 Case Studies - lessons learned
- 26 10 & 18 / LCES
- 49 Equipment - troubleshooting pump operations, engines, driving safety and PPE
- 11 Historic - back in the good ol' days
- 80 Fire behavior/weather - weather observations, warnings, briefings and fire behavior
- 43 Medical - medevac, burn protocol and effects of overexertion
- 43 Miscellaneous - transfer of command, fire operations doctrine, human factors, firefit, all-risk assignments and hazardous materials

**Any volunteers to select new/previous WFSTAR modules?**



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Fire shelter review/practice is mandatory but what other topics/activities would you like in Boulder County's 2015 refresher?

- 62 Fire Season: 2014 Review and 2015 Forecast
- 25 2015 Wildland Fire Leadership Challenge: Followership IS Leadership
- 36 Things Fire Officers Need to Know
- 67 The First 30 Minutes: Mutual Aid Expectations
- 45 Boulder County Communications Updates
- 38 Sand Table Exercise/Tactical Decision Game
- 10 Shelter Deployment Interviews: Stories & Common Insights
- 44 Critical Fire Weather Patterns: Western US
- 19 2014 Faller (aka Sawyer) Taskbooks and Transition Plan
- 39 Water Supply, Pumps and Hoselays
- 43 Field Exercise: Scenario, Tools, Handline, etc.
- 22 IRPG Review & Use
- 23 Firefighter Tech Tools

**4 Other Suggestions?**  
Wildland Pack tips and gear  
wildfire attack strategies  
really, it all looks good.  
Shelter deployments exercise

**Any other topics?**



# The First 30 Minutes: Mutual Aid Expectations

## What do YOU expect when you...

**request mutual aid?** **are requested for mutual aid?**



## Boulder County Communications Updates Steve Silbermann and Scott Whitehead

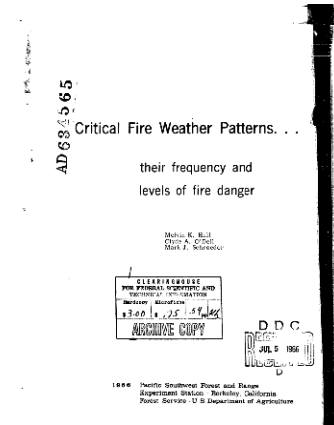
- Roles and responsibilities of communications-myths, facts, history
- Overview of how CAD works for the firefighter
- Proper staging
- Best practices for radio etiquette and use
- Radio systems in Boulder County
- Toning/paging/SMP- how they should be used, their advantages and disadvantages
- How to ask for resources, what you will receive
- Initial attack and extended attack comm plans- requests, implementation and use
- Tac channels on routine calls
- Radio coverage
- Aircraft ordering
- Facilitation of unified command
- Ambulance complexities- county AMR contract vs city vs RMF vs MVF vs Longmont
- Chopper requests
- Comm van and MCP uses



# Critical Fire Weather Patterns - Western United States

Webinar: Feb 11, 2015 @ 1p MST vs. research from 1966!

- Paul Werth, a fire weather meteorologist with Weather Research and Consulting Services, LLC, will provide a discussion of weather elements that promote extreme fire behavior, regional critical fire weather patterns, and forecast products that are useful in determining areas at risk for extreme fire behavior.
- This presentation summarizes the existing knowledge of how weather affects extreme wildland fire behavior. It defines the concept of critical fire weather patterns and identifies the significant weather elements associated with these patterns.
- Examples of critical fire weather patterns are provided through the use of national and regional wildland fire case studies. Forecast products useful in determining areas at risk for extreme fire behavior are then identified.



## [www.BoCoFire.org](http://www.BoCoFire.org) BCC Logo Poll Results (36 Responses as of Feb 3)

Which logo do you prefer?



Which website name is more memorable?



### Other thoughts?

**“The ‘Cooperators’ name conveys a strong sense of community. I've always liked that in there. Please keep it. Also, I would vote to use the fire graphic from the current logo in the new (#1) logo. It looks more ‘wild’. The other looks like a logo found in a furnace safety check pamphlet.”**