

Minutes – Joint Chiefs Meeting, February 23, 2012
Boulder Emergency Squad
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Meeting called to order 17:32

Introductions

November Minutes: Approved. Communications will send minutes from meeting.

IBM Fire: Chief Webb thanked everyone for helping out.

Lyons Fire: Chief Hoffman thanked everyone for helping out.

- Communications were an issue and using All Risk communication frequencies would have helped. Digital paging was useful to locate IC.
- There is a need to have a deputy IC to help out with information needs and communication requests by 1800 and EOC.
- Communications will brainstorm about how manage available unit information for dispatch to local incidents.

Related note: Excel training – Responding to Utility Emergencies, can request from Excel Energy... www.rtueonline.com

Unfinished Business:

Open Burning County Permitting System:

- State Law mandates that every County in the State of Colorado develop an Open Burning Permitting system.
- A County ordinance will be ready by March 1st and in place by March 15th.
- Exemptions: Public safety agencies and Agricultural burns.
- Permits will be annual.
- Focus is on burning slash. Broadcast burning is not part of this.
- BCSO, FMO will send quarterly report of the permits issued to fire agencies.
- Residents will still be required to notify local FD.
- Permit issued with conditions and include:
 - Online educational workbook will be required.
 - Conditions: below 6400' needs 6" of snow, above needs 4" of snow. 50' of snow around the piles will be required.
 - Smoke sensitive persons: notification will be made by an online Google map of piles being burned.

Questions:

- a. How many slash pile burns have escaped?
- b. Does this new program place an unfair burden on residents?

- c. How much legal responsibility does a FPD have under this new permitting process if the FD has a role in the permitting process?

Contact Deputy Stalnacker if interested in participating in this program by March 1, 2012.

Arrival Report Dispatch Protocols:

- Consistent arrival report is being developed for fire agencies in Boulder County.
- Expected to be composed of 5 elements.
- “Windshield” reports versus size-up reports were discussed.
- Presentation about this arrival report protocols will be posted online for comments by fire agencies with the goal of April dissemination. Want both positive and negative feedback.
- The wish is to present these protocols during the Wildland Refreshers in April in order to reach a large number of firefighters.
- Law is very interested in having a standardized protocol and will be implementing it internally.
- Uniformity across Law and Fire was requested.

MOTION: That Deputy Stalnacker develop a set of uniform protocols for arrival reports to be used by Boulder County Law and Fire agencies. 1st Gibson, 2nd Haberstick. Vote: Passed.

OEM Update:

- Flood preparations for 2012 are underway.
 - Risk level is similar to last year.
 - Aerial mulching will be conducted in April/May. Check dams will also be installed in different communities within the Fourmile Canyon Fire burn area.
 - Flood matrix decision making document will be produced and available in March.
 - Boulder has a slightly lower risk in 2012, but still faces significant risks from flooding events in Fourmile Canyon and Fourmile Canyon Creek basins
 - Similar programs developed in 2011 will be implemented in 2012.
 - Community meetings have and are being held in 4 affected communities.
 - B-Cares have trained Hamm radio operators and put in place a radio and repeater network stretching from Nederland to Lyons in the Foothills.
 - 2 Community sheds are being placed in different at-risk communities.
- Damage assessment teams are being developed.

- Intent is to be integrated in with first-responders.
 - Damage assessment process is the first step in getting help for community members.
 - Teams are intended to collect information and with the IC.
 - Be composed with subject matter experts.
 - Questions can be directed to Mike Chard.
 - Kickoff meeting will be held in March
- Large-scale planning efforts are progressing. Emphasis is on promoting coordination among agencies. Dan Barber is coordinating this group. Contact him with questions.

BCSO Communications:

- Draft of a “Mayday” Protocol was distributed. Electronic copies of this protocol will be emailed by the BCSO Communications Section
- Engine Task Force Group dispatch policy is being created for agencies involved in this group.
- Flood related communications has discussed changes to the polygon names.
- Unattended camp fires protocols are being developed and distributed in March/April
- **March 28th is the Go-Live moment for new CADD.**
- A web browser has been developed to interface with new CADD. Training will be provided after Go-Live.
- Field education directions for firefighters are being developed and will be provided by Steve Silberman in the next few weeks.
- GIS issues are still outstanding that may delay this date.
- “Call type” and equivalent “problem natures” matrix was passed out. Steve Silberman will email out to Chief’s groups.
- For agencies going AVL, contact Jeff Webb with issues, concerns, and comments.
- Any premise information that is older than 2 years has been removed from new CADD. Provide updates to Steve Silberman.
- Projects/Needs being worked on:
 - Street speed limits maps need to be given back to Communications.
 - Routable versus non-routable roads. This is critical information that is needed.
 - Polygons need to be fixed before Go-Live.
 - Station delays are being examined to aid response recommendations by new CADD. This should provide more accurate response times for apparatus dispatched agencies.
 - 2nd and 3rd alarm requests are being worked on. These can be created if an agency wants this. Contact Steve Silberman with questions.
 - Gas leak inside/Gas leak outside response plans are requested if you are differentiating between these types of responses.

IMT3 Update: None given.

Committee Reports:

EMS Committee:

- New patient care report forms are being developed. Email Claudia (claud1@fullsignal.net) how many of the old PCR forms you have.
- Protocol Handbook feedback: "Not user friendly"

Wildland Committee:

- Refreshers are scheduled

Ambulance Compliance Committee:

- Chief Hoffman reported that this committee is meeting. Are trying to work out how to have more 4x4 ambulances. Concerns should be given to the Chiefs.
- Meetings are transitioning to quarterly and are open to the public. Minutes will be posted and sent out.
- Reports will be provided at both BCFFA and BCFA meetings.

Next Meeting: May 31, 2012 at 17:30 – Boulder Emergency Squad.

Meeting Adjourned: 19:43

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brett Haberstick on Thursday 2/23/12