

BCFFA Minutes April 6, 2017

Call to Order: Rick Dirr 19:15

Attending: Sugarloaf; Gold Hill; Allenspark; Indian Peaks; Sunshine; Nederland; Coal Creek; Boulder Mountain Fire; Lefthand; Boulder Rural; BES, Boulder County Communications; BCSO; OEM; AMR; DFPC; USFS.

Approval of Minutes: approve February 2017 meeting minutes; unanimous

Treasurer's Report: No report, Chris and Joe are working out a time to meet.

EMS Committee: Claudia Kutscher reported that there was a good turnout, no treasurer's report this meeting. Reminder that the County Protocol Committee meeting will be on April 20th at 14:00 at AMR headquarters. The EMS Committee decided to continue to host the meetings in Nederland prior to the BCFFA meetings as there is little/no interest for the career agencies to attend.

- **EMR:** Nederland Fire's class has started, Sugarloaf Fire's class just finished, they are holding off on final testing so that they can prep for the National registry test/receive state certification under CDPHE.

DFPC: it is renewal time for CRRF's with the State (Due end of April). This year's process is all on-line, and there is a 3% increase in rates across the board. Don't wait until the last minute! Dan has made the WRRF/Aircraft costs available, contact him if you need another. The VLAT is available, best ordering practice to ensure WRRF coverage is to order through the State, DFPC Ops Chief Vaughn Jones. All forms will be available on BOCOFire.org. The State will be testing aerial firefighting gel vs. traditional slurry in the SEATs. One drawback is that the gel will dry out, and is no longer a retardant when dry. Dan also has the CSFC 36h Basic (Exterior) FF program books available.

USFS: Installing FF water tanks at trailheads/campsites, please make suggestions to Will Briggs (FMO): wrbriggs@usfs.gov. They will be continuing pile burns in the Pingree/Red Feather lakes area second week of April. The crew has readjusted the Sugarloaf RAWWS Station.

Gallagher Amendment: Boulder County property values have increased 38%, SDA is continuing to work on legislation to reduce the amount of tax reduction by Gallagher.

OEM: Resource mobilization system-the OEM does nothing until they have a delegation from Boulder County (or City) Dispatch. Please respond to the OEM request for contact info for responsible persons on your agency, OEM is developing an Everbridge group to replace the former Fire Major group which is no longer active in CAD. The Everbridge page is how they will real-time staff the County/request additional support from participating agencies. Mike e-mail

address is: mchard@bouldercounty.org. Escalating Incidents Annex and Wildfire Annex will be available next month.

Lessons Learned from Sunshine WF: When requesting air support from the Nation Guard, response time is much faster if back-channels are not used. The correct/fastest process is request to local OEM, goes to State OEM, to Governor's Office and returns to state/local OEM. There was some confusion on the Sunshine Fire and a double load was almost dispatched, causing a 2h delay.

- Command's responsibility includes Law count for food ordering
- Make sure your billable hours documentation includes the time of your tone and the fact that due to IA there is no Resource Order.
- Homeless campfires were the cause of both incidents, BCSO will look into enforcing more closely the Canyon camping/overnight closures.
- Fire Ban discussion centered around the fact that agricultural burns (caused 80% of the March incidents) were not included in the March Ban, and areas west of the P2P were under snow and campfires were illegal. The SO will look at the possibility of scaling the bans more effectively.
- There is a P2P forest watch group forming on Facebook, they claim to have 800 members, a "citizens on patrol" initiative, they are working with BCSO for scope of activity.
- A citizen offered his personal UAS for monitoring the P2P corridor for campfires during fire bans. It was suggested that the MMA would be a better choice, covers a larger area and can communicate directly with units on the ground.

AMR: No report.

BES: will be offering a Water Rescue 1 in the June timeframe. They are looking at a Swiftwater Rescue class as well, classes are projected to cost \$75-\$80. Shore Support classes are available as an in-house training as well. The UAV program is running well. Don't forget, BES has WL firefighters available for assistance when needed.

BC Communications: They have hired and retained 5 of 7 new folks. When ordering apparatus M/A, do not use FEMA types, use Brush/Tender/Engine etc. If the request is for the closest Brush trucks, they will send the closest staffed brush truck from career agencies, if you need apparatus from neighboring agencies, be sure to name the agency and the apparatus style. Please try to have a radio person assisting command on escalating incidents, dispatchers may have relevant information that does not get delivered due to traffic volume and not monitoring BCFD.

- VFIRE21 vs VMED28 Steve will check in with Scott Whitehead to see if there's any advantage to migrating to VMED28 (the Air medical channel used by the majority of the western states).

BCSO: LMAC workshop at the Fire Training Center.

PILT: Next meeting with the County and the Subcommittee will be Friday April 14.

FTC: The burn trailers are available, order yours today! The Training Center Board would like to remind agencies that the FTC is not to be used as a co-location for a local agency operations center during large incidents.

CSFC In Search of Revenue series: ALS/EMS billing may be passed through ambulance service provider for commercial insurance or Medicaid patients, includes ALS assessment fee, 1st responder fee may be available through commercial insurance carriers. FD reimbursements currently are only available under Medicaid per State statute. Details are available on the TABOR.org website.

Cooperators: All the Spring WL courses are loaded on the BOCOFire.org website. Fritz is considering adding 10 seats to the 130/190 based on need. The Cooperators are trying out the blended 130/190 where students take the didactic portion on-line and attend the County field day. S-290 (Intermediate FF) and S-212 (Chainsaws) are full, S-211 (Pumps) is still open. Refreshers are going well, Fritz has tweaked some of the content to fit needs. The Nature Conservancy is offering S-130/190 and S-212 in early May as well, free of charge. S-271 (Initial Air Ops) and the Bucket Operations days have some space available. State FF Association conference will be in Estes Park this year in June.

Adjournment: 20:45