

## BCFFA Minutes February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Call to Order:** Bret Gibson 19:15

**Attending:** Allenspark; 4 Mile; Nederland; Sugarloaf; Sunshine; Coal Creek; Gold Hill; Lefthand; BCSO; BES; OEM; RMR; USFS, DFPC, Northern Colorado Medevac.

**Approval of Minutes:** approve December 2018 meeting minutes; unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$9619.12 in the account, \$4247.24 in the EMS account.

**Elections:** The sitting slate of officers was re-elected for the BCFFA, the EMS Committee and the Cooperators for 2019.

**EMS Committee:** No report.

**Watershed:** Staffing grant approved through the Watershed Coalition for 4mile Canyon watershed fuels reduction. Supported by the BCFFA, thanks for the support!

**DFPC:** Mike Morgan introduced himself. Touched on the State Fire Policy Commission group in terms of the Evacuation needs identified in the Wildfire Summit. The Fire Commission has raised a bunch of questions, and the desire is to open communications. The Wildland division is the biggest and most visible section, and there are also training, center of Excellence, support services, investigations. Wildfire section, it's the Chiefs responsibility until it exceeds their capacity, then the County Sheriff until it exceeds their capacity and then the State, but the State isn't taking over the fire. Restructured for better more efficient support response. EFF established in 1967 to help Counties offset cost by communal funding, \$300,000 in the beginning, now about \$1mm annually. The number of fires have grown exponentially since 1967 in the State. Trying to incorporate more stakeholders statewide, including Sheriffs. The result was the Strategic Plan for the Firefighting Community available on the website. The Fire Commission evolves from this strategic plan. The committee will be Sheriffs, CML, County Commissioners, emergency managers and fire chiefs representing the geographical regions. House Bill 24 sets the membership of the commission, is there funding? It hires an FTE and some consulting. The Sheriff maintains statutory responsibility. Reimbursement funds, why are we setting the conditions for Initial Attack? It should be structured toward identifying Initial Attack gaps as well as reimbursement. EFF has served it's purpose, and it needs to be updated. What's the Sunset? The Commission may sunset at 5 years unless it's successful, in which case it will continue. Is there a possibility to look into heavy equipment TF's? Possible, working with CDOT and others.

Tony Simons (Larimer County) will be the Boulder FMO (Battalion Chief).

**USFS:** Ed Leblanc reported temp fire hire completed, Permanent fire hire going well. Mark M is the Boulder FMO. 2 mile MA radius. Ned squad of 8, 7 T6 engines coming to the Ft Collins

region, Ed took AFMO in Sulfur/Idaho Springs, Egan taking the Ned Engine, large fuels projects, Monday they are planning to resume burning, RXB3 trainees welcome to assist.

**OEM:** Wildfire Summit was successful. We are surprisingly well prepared and have improvements that we can make. Evacuation polygons are being considered, Boulder Mountain and BCCC are working together and drawing in neighboring districts for evacuation planning. Hazard mitigation plan kickoff in March, pre/post disaster mitigation funds, there may be wildfire mitigation funds available. 2 year process. Ventura County in March post fire debris flow modeling symposium, Mike will be attending.

**Ambulance/EMS committee:** Two committees: ambulance compliance and EMS delivery, EMS delivery is a new committee to investigate the future of EMS delivery in the County from enterprise to Fire based and the range of possibilities in between.

**AMR:** Contract has been signed, 3yr w/2yr extension, County subsidized for \$390,000. New ambulance on order 4wd. New MCI Cache area, and a new EMT refresher in the fall.

**BES:** No Drone crashes, finished up Ice training.

**LEU:** No Report.

**RMR:** Allison Sheets is a new group leader/ER Dr/responder.

**BC Communications:** No Report.

**BCSO:** Seth McKinney reported that Kerry Webster is one of their senior FF's and introduced her. 350 piles near Walker, offering assistance for other agencies for burning. Shooting to hire 7 seasonal employees. Annual AOP meeting, looking to change the MA agreement to 24h among State, Fed and County resources.

**Northern Colorado Medevac:** Bringing in A-star helicopters, name change to medevac. Can do air surveillance searches no charge. Available for education in County as well. Recon flights for LZ's available by agency request.

**FTC:** No report

**Cooperators:** No report.

**City of Boulder:** No report.

**PILT:** No report.

**Allenspark:** Possibly de-Gallgherizing, looking into a possible mill levy.

**Sugarloaf:** ½ Mile Fuel break using Team Rubicon.

**Coal Creek:** Community emergency preparedness meeting upcoming, working with the OEC.

**MCI:** No report.

**Red Cross:** Rehab operations information sheet distributed to the group, need to be on scene for a minimum of 4 hours to receive Red Cross support.

**Adjournment:** 21:08

**Next Meeting:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 19:00 NVFD