Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Combined with Loveland Rural District Board
Wednesday, October 09, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537

5:33 p.m.

Citizen Award: presented by Chief Mirowski

- Community Merit/Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Sam Quakenbush for his roll with Loveland Laser Tag offering their facility for RIC (Rapid Intervention Crew) training. This training allowed LFRA to use some new equipment in an unfamiliar environment which forced crews to rely on their training. Mr. Quakenbush and Loveland Laser Tag in general were very helpful and accommodating with this opportunity.

Meeting called to order at 5:48 p.m.


FRAC Absent: N/A

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela
Paul Pfeiffer moved to approve the September 11th, 2013 minutes and Gene Culbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez

- Budget at the next council meeting will be the 2nd reading to be adopted.
- Due to the flood event, the budget will be watched closely.
- Residential Fire Sprinklers was an extensive topic in last night’s meeting. More details will follow in the chief’s report.
- The mayor is proud of the flood response from all of the City staff, Fire Rescue Authority, Pat Mialy, the Chief, first responders and the community. Great follow of
the Emergency Plan, with thanks to Merlin Green for his work on establishing the plan. NIMS (National Incident Management System) out of Edinburgh paid off tremendously for the Emergency Management Plan. Recovery will continue for some time. Road base in the masses in being laid up the canyon roads.

**Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board Member Andy Anderson
- The board is posting for a book keeper position.
- The board viewed the new apparatus- new squad 2.
- There was a discussion on the residential fire sprinklers and pension funding.
- Station 2 almost to final approval (goes to council in three weeks). 15 contractors bidding.
- The board heard that DFM Scott Pringle was given the 2013 Lauren Project Award for Outstanding Professional and accepted on behalf of LFRA the 2013 Lauren Project Award for Outstanding Community Partner.
- Members also participated in discussion about the flood.
- The Chief also noted the subject of their concern for making sure we have access to the rural residents. Agreements and site research have been applied.

**Chief Updates:** presented by Chief Randy Mirowski
- LFRA released the new Heavy Rescue Squad Truck for Station 2, it was made by SVI. Currently at Station 2 there can only be a squad crew or engine crew sent out, not both. With the addition of the new Heavy Rescue the new station 2 will have two crews, both a squad and engine crew.
- On top of the flood response LFRA responded to a working structure fire in the rural district the Friday of the flood. National Guards assisted and the new Brush Truck 6 had this run along with a lot of others non-related to brush fires.
- Regionalization – building strong relationships was seen with the flood. Laramie, Wyoming came to assist, which was very valuable. Agreements made with them had occurred shortly before the flood broke out.
- Moving forward, as the mayor mentioned, will be a long recovery, a lot of paperwork with FEMA, reimbursements for infrastructure, recovery group working with EAP as needed, develop long term recovery plan, review after action incident logs/reports to see what was done correctly or could be better.
- Through our Emergency Management setup we discovered that the EOC is too small for an incident of this magnitude. Around 40 people working at a time in the room. But it was done successfully for the sake of the citizens.
- It was asked about any injuries/losses: The Training Center did succumb to damages; it is located in a flood plain. Some areas survived with only minor damage: main garage, the classes building and the smoke house. The Tower will need to be evaluated for salvage.
- The mayor mentioned that working with FEMA was good- a lot of representation available. Not all reps were available with authority for decisions. FEMA and other agencies had great presence at the DAC (Disaster Assistance Center) located at Agilent site in the buildings owned by Cumberland & Western. Betsy Hale, Lieutenant Pat Mialy and others made sure it got opened quickly to assist citizens affected by the flood.
Residential Fire Sprinklers next steps: presented by Chair Smela

- Didn’t seem like any of the City Council questions were new issues that weren’t already talked about in the last few month’s round-table discussions.
- Goal for this group is to take big steps on this endeavor into Community Education for both rural and city citizens.
  - Could utilize Tom Hacker (City PIO) for crafting information.
  - Develop incentives to adopt code was a suggestion by council, a job for the steering committee, which should be a diverse group to balance members.
  - The chief mentioned a goal time of 9 months to report back to City Council.
  - Note: 5 year plan – adoption of code in 2018 by 2019.
  - Alignment of neighboring communities is essential. Such as DC Sparks with the Fire Marshals organization.
  - DC Sparks participated in the Fire Marshall meeting today and the subject of sprinklers was discussed. PFA is looking at it, others as well, no one wants to be the last one. Departments and cities are looking at it…
  - Chief Randy touched on the study session at the council meeting last night was all about suggestions and questions and not decision making. There was a unanimous nine thumbs up to go forward. Costs were the most touched on subject. Consumer cost? Shared cost between consumer and builder/plumber? Who will do the work?
  - Chair Smela suggests FRAC going about this similarly to the strategic plan.
  - We need to utilize others/outsiders that already have direct experience/expertise in using residential fire sprinklers. Also get builders engaged, incentives…
  - The commission’s big task is the public education/communication aspect. How to get the info out there (social media, events, web based contact) Talk to fellow citizens on what they know, not know.
  - Paul provided some specific info: all sprinkler contractors have to register with the State. Contractors can’t be inspectors. There should be awareness of technical issues, how many stories is the house to water pressure information, etc.

“Homework” to do before the next meeting is to engage fellow citizens, neighbors, friends on their knowledge and opinions on residential fire sprinklers. Use knowledge/research we have so far obtained and other web sites with related information to use with the participants.

Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 13th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Burkland, CSD Office Support Specialist.

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