Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Combined with Loveland Rural District Board
Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Elton Bingham, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, Captain Pat Mialy, (Board Candidate) Bob Gesumaria and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Mayor Cecil Guiterrez, William (Willy) Tillman

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.
Bob Boggio motioned to approve the April 9, 2014 minutes; Paul Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Chief Mirowski
- The Priority Based Budgeting is ongoing. Documents have been returned from the Center for PBB.
- A tentative date of July 1st has been set for the Lincoln Hotel Apartments but will more likely be set for the 15th of July.
- The Chief mentioned that Chair Smela may need to attend that meeting.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski
- Update on the training center. An offer was made on the property on Railroad Avenue. There was a Phase I Environmental study which led to a Phase II study. Nothing of substance was found and it looks like the sale of the property will go through.
- In an effort to enhance firefighting skills from the national to state level, an announcement was made about the fleet – there are four aircraft and two spotter planes.
- Four helicopters have been purchase.
- The Chief talked about Part Two of the broken arrow exercise.
Captain Mialy is going to the State Chief’s Meeting in Vail where they will do an after action review of the Broken Arrow exercise.

The Broken Arrow exercise is generated by the Colorado State Chief’s Association.

**Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board member Andy Anderson
- The Rural District has opted to go with a new bookkeeping service called Hayne and Company.
- They had an election of the board of directors and almost all of them returned.
- The fire training facility was covered in this meeting by Chief Mirowski.
- Old Fire Station 2 and Thompson Valley EMS – they have gone from a perspective of looking at a lease agreement with TVEMS to a new interpretation of the charter with a straight purchase.
- A real estate valuation of the property came in around $500,000.
- The appraisal cost about $5,000.
- A rescue crew member recently got injured by a rock.
- There was a fundraiser on April 18th at the main station.
- Larimer County has agreed to allow Fire Station 7 to be built on their land.

**2013 Flood After Action Review:** presented by Captain Pat Mialy
- An after action review is conducted after most large events to summarize what went well and what needs improvement.
- The City of Loveland was hit the hardest by the flood. Utilities, travel and rescues were the biggest challenges of the flood along with the large amounts of debris.
- The city lost its railroad system and power to the Big Thompson Canyon.
- Idlewild Dam has been completely removed.
- Power and all poles and lines have been restored.
- The EOC served as the Incident Command post.
- There was loss of livestock and wildlife.
- It gave us a sense of community back and unification.
- There was damage done to 32 residential structures, 10 outbuildings and 25 non-residences.
- The Disaster Assistance Center had 144,883 volunteer hours.
- Andy Anderson praised Chief Mirowski, Chief Sparks and Captain Mialy for all of their hard work during the flood.
- ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services team) was utilized throughout the flood.
- There was $8.5 million worth of goods and funds pledged.
- The flood damage for Loveland is estimated at $30 million and $26 million of that could get reimbursed.

**2013 Annual Report:** presented by Public Safety Admin. Director, Renee Wheeler
- It was a recap of 2013’s mission, values and strategic planning goals.
- Administrative Director Wheeler talked about the Significant Seven which are: customer satisfaction, average response times, fires confined to the room of origin, fire loss per capita, property value saved versus lost, business safety inspections and cost per capita.
The pay plan upgrade recently took place and that comparison was done by the City of Loveland’s Human Resources Department. Work Comp claims were way down in 2013 due to training and wellness programs. Several FRAC members commented that the annual report was very well done. The Four R’s were also covered – Response, Readiness, Relationships and Resources.

**2014 1st Quarter Report:** presented by Public Safety Admin. Director, Renee Wheeler
- The department is at 25% of 2014.
- Discussed other resources, capital replacement fund, aerial truck and purchase of training center.
- Recap of all the monthly reports.
- Budget recap.

**Residential Fire Sprinkler Update:** presented by Gene Culbertson and Bob Boggio
- Poudre Fire Authority shared their perspective on residential fire sprinklers.
- PFA decided to opt in on everything, excluding single family dwellings.
- Bob is concerned that the steering committee will not come up with a reasonable recommendation to take to city council.
- The Chief commented that the committee has three options – do nothing, opt in for adoption of the 2015 code change or adopt the PFA model.
- Gene gave feedback about the meeting and what it all comes down to is this is a political issue in Fort Collins and as it is here in Loveland.
- The next Steering Committee Meeting is Tuesday, May 27th at 5:30p.
- Chief Sparks suggested making the next FRAC meeting a joint meeting with the Construction Advisory Board on June 11th.
- Gene gave a synopsis of a five year period of statistics for the Loveland Community.
- Chair Smela asked everyone to continue recruiting for new board members.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the LFRA Training Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bonnie Wright, Administrative Technician, LFRA.

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