



## Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9th, 2012, 5:30 p.m.  
Fire Administration Building  
Emergency Operations Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
410 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Loveland, CO 80537

### Meeting started at 5:40 p.m.

**Present:** Chair Mary Moore, Paul Pfeiffer, Janet Bailey, Jon Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Lisa Burkland and Citizens Jason and Amy Napolitano.

**Absent:** Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Vice Chair Tim Hitchcock and Rural Board member Andy Anderson. Jerry Ward is on furlough.

### Citizen Award: presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Nominated by Captain Craig Willard, an award certificate was issued and presented to Jason and Amy Napolitano for their noble act on an incident from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 where they spotted a fire that started on a neighbor's deck. They made attempt to alert the neighbor, who turned out to not be home, while calling 911 and taking action to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Their actions prevented the fire from extending to the house.
- ❖ The Napolitano family was invited to have some food with the FRAC members before the commission meeting officially started.

### Meeting officially called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Minutes Approval:** Based on two edits: noting that **Mary's** last meeting is in **May** and **Tim's** last meeting is in **June** and to edit the wording to Boards and Commissions are **very important** to the Mayor instead of a **big deal**. Janet Bailey moved to approve the April 11th, 2012 minutes and Jon Smela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Chief Updates: presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Since the Mayor is absent, the Chief will touch on some city council information.
  - The council meeting was last Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - An action item came up (wasn't on the agenda) on the acronym FRAC and the similar sounding term Fracking- a technique used to release petroleum and natural gas for extraction. This brought up the discussion of water, air, noise pollution concerns the public has with the stigma of fracking.

- An example issue occurred in Wyoming where not a lot of emergency response was assigned to that sort of incident.
- We are now evaluating the emergency response side for recovery and restoration (trying to get the incident back to normal conditions).
- Asked by Janet Bailey, where is fracking taking place in our jurisdiction? Possibly around the Centerra area, both within and outside of city limits.
- Discussion of a moratorium on permits for fracking – to get more time to become more educated and prepared. Fire will be a part of this.
- City council also laid out the 2013 and beyond foundation for the budget. First 2 phases of Model 1 are included. Renee has done excellent work on incorporating this. The Mayor and City Manager were optimistic on this information.
- Jon Smela inquired on the new finance director. It will be getting down to 2 or 3 soon and then bring those few back in for a more involved interviewing process.
- Jon also asked about the 5 year plan. It looks good up to 2017. Rural election is a big factor. 2017 is the year for Station 10.
- ❖ Due to Andy Anderson's absence, the Chief will touch on some rural board information:
  - 600 votes are remaining to count on the Mil Levy. Averaging about 50 votes an hour due to the details of the process.
  - Could hear something tomorrow or Friday.
  - This was good education for rural citizens to know where their fire protection is coming from. Jerry Ward wrote a good article.
- ❖ Chief updates:
  - Are there any questions on the monthly report that was given out to FRAC? No questions. Group likes getting the report.
  - In the last Rural Board meeting Jeff Swanty asked on the IGA with Ambulance. No current IGA other than with Dispatch. Going to work with Chief Leshner on crafting an agreement.
  - Paul Pfeiffer asked what is to be detailed in the agreement. Levels of service, roles and responsibilities for both sides and apparatus to be used, etc.
  - A meeting will occur with Chief Leshner, Chief Mirowski, City Council, Greg White and Teresa (Tree) Ablao, Renee Wheeler, etc. to get the agreement going.

**City Council Report:** N/A, Mayor was absent, see Chief Updates.

**Rural Board Update:** N/A, Andy Anderson was absent, see Chief Updates.

**Public Comment/Presentation:**

- ❖ Janet Bailey asked about the discussion on the future path of FRAC with C.M. Bill Cahill. Since he is not attendance tonight, it's hoped that we will see him next month.
- ❖ What was the feedback from the Authority? They are interested in FRAC being a more global representation, meaning of bigger vision. There were some positive applicants, William Tillman for the rural side and Dave Adams for the city side.
- ❖ We are approved for 2 rural and 7 city members.
- ❖ Chief expressed his sincere appreciation to Mary Moore for all her time with FRAC.

**Strategic Plan Review:** presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Chief Mirowski showed everyone the Strategic Plan notebooks that are being distributed to the Authority board for review. (140 pages including appendices)
- ❖ Paul Pfeiffer asked if there will be headers/footers or tabs in the final. Yes. Also the pages will be printed on both sides to make the quantity of pages go down.
- ❖ Much appreciation to all of the FRAC members that worked on the Strategic Plan.
- ❖ Janet Bailey asked that she be able to review again after the Authority, just before going to final.

**Discussion on Future of FRAC:** presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Chief Mirowski will try for scheduling City Manager Bill Cahill to be here next month for the discussion on the roles, mission and goals for FRAC.
- ❖ Perhaps inviting Mary Moore and Tim Hitchcock in July to participate in brainstorming or send them some comments to review.

Chief Mirowski also shared with the FRAC team the Budget Biz, a quarterly financial report written by Renee Wheeler. Jon Smela commented that understanding the budget side of things is an essential part to hear about for the FRAC team.

**Elections for Chair and Vice Chair:**

- ❖ Since Chair Mary Moore and Vice Chair Tim Hitchcock are retiring, elections to replace both positions will take place.
  - A motion was made by Janet Bailey to nominate Jon Smela for Chair, motion was seconded by Paul Pfeiffer and the motion was carried.
  - A motion was made by Mary Moore to nominate Janet Bailey for Vice Chair, motion was seconded by Paul Pfeiffer and the motion was carried.
  - These newly appointed positions will take place in the next FRAC meeting in June.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Burkland, CSD Office Support Specialist

**Postscript Agenda Item:** cancellation of June / July FRAC meetings

- ❖ Based on the recent departures of two FRAC members (Mary Moore & Tim Hitchcock) and the need to conduct interviews for the 2 new positions, both June and July meetings are cancelled.

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By: /s/ Jonathan Smela  
Chair