



**Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Combined with the Residential Sprinkler Steering Committee**

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

LFRA Fire Training Center

100 Fire Engine Red St., Loveland, CO. 80537

The fire sprinkler demonstration began at 5:34 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Elton Bingham, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, William (Willy) Tillman, (Board Candidate) Bob Gesumaria and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Bob Boggio motioned to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes; Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion about Fire Sprinkler Demonstration: presented by Chief Sparks

- ❖ Chief Sparks talked about the sprinkler demonstration with the group.
- ❖ The sprinkler head was set on the ceiling for 160 degree temperature.
- ❖ There is usually one sprinkler per room depending on the residential design.
- ❖ A corner strobe can be put outside of the house to notify neighbors that the sprinklers have been triggered.
- ❖ Sprinklers only go off in the rooms where the fire is burning and the fire is based on the temperature.
- ❖ The amount of water coming out the sprinkler head is about 8-gallons a minute.
- ❖ Bob Skillman, the Residential Sprinkler Steering Committee Chair does not feel that the committee feels comfortable changing the codes the way Fort Collins has.
- ❖ Builders and developers are part of the Residential Sprinkler Steering Committee and have been giving their input.
- ❖ Bob Skillman added that this will have to be a very thorough and strategic implementation that they will probably have to get together regionally to make this happen.

- ❖ Mayor Gutierrez suggested having one of more of the Larimer County Commissioners attend the next burn demonstration.
- ❖ Statistically, everyone will have or be affected by a fire in their lifetime.
- ❖ There is usually a 5 to 10% premium reduction for having residential sprinkler systems.
- ❖ Retrofitting could be more expensive percentage wise.
- ❖ Need to start focusing on life safety versus fire prevention.
- ❖ Elton Bingham commented that we will never be able to make a case on a financial or cost savings basis.
- ❖ Bob Gesumaria has concerns about water damage and a system that does not turn itself off and feels that this raises a lot of questions.
- ❖ Commercial versus residential sprinkler systems and unfinished basements. More human life is being lost not just by the people residing in the home but by the people who are going in to save the people from the fire.
- ❖ Chief Sparks does not want to see the same thing happen that happened to Greeley where they adopted it into code and then repealed it two weeks later.
- ❖ The Mayor commented that some of the questions that Bob Gesumaria has posed have also been asked by some of our city council members.
- ❖ Chief Sparks suggested having FRAC, CAB and the Residential Sprinkler Steering Committee see a fire demonstration and how the fire side handles it.
- ❖ Gene Culbertson recently spoke with Chief Building Official Dave Horras with the City of Westminster and acquired a lot of information from that conversation.
- ❖ Chair Smela suggested that Gene Culbertson take this information to the Steering Committee at their next meeting on Monday, June 23rd and ask the FRAC members to attend.
- ❖ Chair Smela and Paul Pfeiffer will get Paul's presentation and information together for Bob Gesumaria to review.
- ❖ Chief Sparks thanked everyone for attending the sprinkler demonstration and meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled FRAC meeting in July has been cancelled. The meeting in August is scheduled for Wednesday, the 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

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

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