



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009

Present: Janet Bailey, Jim Buchanan, Bill Diershow, Kim Fain, Barry Gustafson, Cecil Gutierrez, Patrick Love, Pat Mialy, Randy Mirowski, Mary Moore, Kaitlyn Murdoff, Paul Pfeiffer, Steve Stolz

Not Present: Merlin Green, Tim Haag, Tim Hitchcock, Ev Roberts, Ned Sparks

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Citizen Award:

- ❖ Citizen Award: Sheri Clymer was awarded a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her public education effort within the Thompson School District. She was presented this award by Lt. Mialy and Chief Mirowski. Sheri is employed with the Thompson School District and is a contributing member of their Disaster Incident Response Team. She is a certified Transportation Safety Driver Trainer and has completed a degree in Emergency Management from Red Rocks Community College.

Minutes Approval:

- ❖ Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New Business:

- ❖ Janet Bailey, current FRAC President, will be running for City Council. If she is successful she will no longer be eligible to act in her current capacity with FRAC.

Old Business:

- ❖ There will be a combination meeting in September with the Police Advisory Board. This will be held on September 14th at 5:30pm, Police Courts Building at 810 E. 10th St. There will be no regularly held FRAC meeting in September.
- ❖ The November FRAC meeting would normally be held on the 11th. This is Veterans Day and a city holiday. We were scheduled to meet with members of the Transportation Board. Janet will contact the board president to see if they would still like to meet on the 11th or if the meeting should be moved to another date.
- ❖ Review Emergency Notifications Systems: Chief Green is in Virginia at a training this week. He will present information on emergency notification systems at the October meeting.

- ❖ Incident Rep Program update was given by Patrick Love. He will provide a more detailed report at the October meeting.

Updates:

- ❖ Rural Update: Barry gave a quick review of the Rural Board. The Crimson has arrived and will soon be put into service. The old truck is being donated. Big Thompson Canyon held their annual fundraiser in Drake this month. The rural contract will be discussed by Chief Mirowski.
- ❖ City Council Report: Councilman Gutierrez attended the Rural Board Meeting. This was the first time that a city councilperson has attended a rural board meeting. There was discussion at the meeting of the contract with the city; Loveland Fire becoming an authority; and the volunteer program. The rural contract is a 5 year contract which is renewable each September after review by city council.

Also a big topic for council is the 2010 Budget. Council reviewed the cuts that were submitted by Don Williams for each department. Cecil is concerned about the percentage of cuts that the fire training budget has taken. He will discuss this further with Chief Mirowski.

- ❖ Fire Chief's Update: Chief Mirowski announced that there were 2 positions cut from the fire department due to the 2010 budget cuts required by the city. The positions to be cut are the administrative position in Suppression, which has been vacant for about a year; and the current Fire Marshal position. The department will be reorganized into two divisions, Suppression and Support. More information and detail will be announced at a later date. Also, due to budget cuts, all city employees (except those in essential positions that would need back-fill) will take 4 furlough days next year. Per the city survey, though 300 of 700 responded, of those 300, 72% chose to cut positions over a 10% pay cut for all employees.

Patrick gave appreciation to both Chief Mirowski and Councilman Gutierrez for having to make such difficult decisions at a very difficult time.

The volunteer program is a viable program and was discussed at the Rural Board Meeting. There will be further discussion on the tangible and intangible sides and possible changes for the program.

Chief Mirowski also updated the commission on the mold issue at Station 5. It has been taken care of and the crews are back at the station. Warren Miller won the Emergency Vehicle Technician Award and will be presented the award at Fire Rescue International in Dallas later in August. Chief Mirowski will be attending.

- ❖ Department Updates: Chief Sparks is on vacation this week, Chief Green is in Virginia this week and Chief Haag had another commitment, so there were no department updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be held on September 14th, 5:30pm at the Police Courts Building.