

**CLVFD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2023, MEETING - 1800**

**ATTENDEES:** Harold Alexander, Brad Chiodo, Mike Clark, Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer, Jon Gessert, Sue Gessert, Marian Kelly, Jim Kubichek, Craig Mawle, Rachelle Mawle, Melanie Nelson, Doug Race, Evan Rau, Susan Rau, Jody Sandquist, Jay Smith, Karen Smith

Via Zoom: Milo David, Marilyn David, Mark Weeks

**APPROVAL OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Jody

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alex moved to approve the March 2023 minutes. Jody seconded. Unanimous approval.

**REVIEW OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

**EQUIPMENT**

**Maintenance**

Alex will be taking a break from maintenance for a couple of months. If there are things that need to be done, write it on the board. If you can do it yourself, please do.

**Equipment**

Engine 1 is operational. The tank fill/recirculate valve is still manual; however, the part has arrived, and Alex will install it tomorrow.

The electronic controls on Tender and Engine get covered with mud. Alex will look at an adhesive cover for the controls.

Alex has a tank level gauge for Tender on order.

Doug brought up the possibility of not putting chains on the apparatus.

**OPERATIONS**

The plan is to move the handicapped parking spot next to the office. Per code, there must be an accessible path to the restrooms.

**Training**

Training scheduled for May is Structure 1, SCBA's and ladders, go over pump work

**EMS training**

Evan stated that the mountain chiefs are sending a letter to the PFA administrator for the UCH contract identifying the training that we need. It may be possible to find another source for training, but that would require changing medical direction, which could pose a problem. If you encounter any problems let Evan know.

Jody stated that the next SDR meeting is scheduled for 5/9/23, but there may be a time change to 16:15.

## **Community Outreach**

Jim was approached by a resident asking if we could hold a chainsaw safety class geared specifically towards women. Doug and Evan will discuss.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **Operations**

#### **CWPP update**

Anne reported that the CWPP Education Committee is planning WUI day on May 28th from 1-3 pm. Speakers are lined up, including representation from the sheriff's department. Tables will be set up for the Mitigation Committee, Evacuation Committee, CLFIRES and the fire department. Drawings will be held for prizes, Smokey Bear will be there and there will be a coloring area for kids. Everybody is welcome to attend.

The Mitigation Committee has set the following dates for mitigation:

- June 17 at Base Camp from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- July 15 for Tract I, trees felled, and slash needs to be removed
- July 29 at Hidden Park, work around road area, create turn around and demonstrate how to mitigate area

The next Mitigation Committee meeting is set for 5/24/23.

### **IEAT response mnemonic for first responders**

Doug shared a mnemonic Bobby came up with that can be used by any of our responders.

**Initiate** - Start contact with RP/patient/homeowner. Even if you are first on scene and not EMS, you can introduce yourself, break the ice, let them know the fire department is on the way.

**Engage** - Establish rapport, talk to the family and gather details that can be shared. You could also start clearing the way for apparatus.

**Assess** - Basic windshield appraisal - tell the responders what you see. Use a critical eye as to what the fire department needs, such as which way the apparatus needs to go, and communicate that.

**Treat** - Take action that you have been trained and/or certified to do. This might mean getting things ready for treatment.

A question was raised about CPR and DNRs. Evan discussed how that works. We should ask about and look around for a DNR or MOLST form, but until we have one IN HAND, we are legally required to do CPR (as emergency responders if trained in CPR). Even if we've been verbally told by family members that the family member wouldn't want this. If one is found/produced, we can stop CPR but only once we have an EMT on scene because they need to call medical control to get permission to stop.

### **Fire on the Plains – Attended by Brad, Mike, Karen, and Craig**

Brad appreciated that they brought the new people in first to the burn trailer and gave them front-row seats to setting it on fire. He is proud of Mike, Karen, and Craig, who “kicked ass.”

Craig thought all the classes in the field were good, but the EMS in the field class was not worth it.

Karen thought it was a fantastic opportunity. She had the same issue with the EMS class as Craig did, but their group kept the trainer talking extensively.

Mike found it eye-opening how easy it was to break in locked doors. They no longer recommend cutting battery cables because the computer retains a charge and can still set off the airbags (so cutting the cables just creates a false sense of security). It's better to make sure the car is off so the computer is shut down and it will shut down the air bags. With electric cars, just let it burn.

Steve reported that at the Commissioner's meeting today they talked about shutting down the Arapaho, Roosevelt and Boulder Forest completely. This would include no camping, hiking or hunting. Most fires last year were human caused between campfires and people not abiding posted signs. A decision will be made at a meeting to be held in the next two weeks.

Also, Larimer County is looking into buying a Fire Hawk helicopter. They would rent it out to neighboring counties to help recoup the \$500K per year maintenance costs. This helicopter will be dedicated to Colorado only.

Larimer County All-Hazards Summit Report – Jim and Steve reported on the meeting they attended:

- LETA
  - Prepared Live – During/after a 911 call, a link can be sent to the caller on their cell phone that will allow them to send live video to 911 that can be relayed to local firefighters. Among the uses that may assist us is having the RP from a smoke call send video so we can see what they're seeing.
  - Baby Calf – A very compact, portable communications device that allows for cell service (ATT & Verizon) and internet/WIFI at any incident. Part of ATT First Net.
  - LETA is working on a more efficient way to communicate with residents during / after evacuations.
  - NOCO Alerts now available for non-English speakers and deaf residents through their personal settings.
  - More remote 911 emergency boxes will be installed around the county in areas with no cell service which will be using satellite phones. They are interested if we feel one should be available in our district. They are looking at installing 19 phones. Phones in Creedmore and Lost Lakes are in the works.
- Remote assistance

- The Sheriff's department now has several drones. Some small and portable (backpack), medium-size ones that can be carried on a mountain bike and some large drones with communications, ten-pound payload, and infrared capability, etc. One use that may help us is flying an infrared drone after a wildfire to assist in hot spot checks (must be done in morning before the site heats up). Many deputies now carry small drones.
  - An underwater tethered drone has been acquired that can be useful for drowning recovery operations and recovering evidence. Use is limited to still bodies of water.
- Fire Hawk Helicopters – The Fire Hawk helicopter ordered by the state right after Cameron Peak will be delivered in June and will be located at JeffCo airport. It will be able to carry 1,000 gallons of water for drops or 12 fully outfitted wildland firefighters. A second one has been ordered.
- Sheriff's Dispatch (900)
  - Would welcome tours for those interested. Jim will coordinate a visit for interested members. Please send Jim and email if you would like to take a tour.
  - Three requests from the dispatchers:
    - A) When communicating with 900 about Lifeline, do not say "Lifeline is down." Instead say "Lifeline has landed."
    - B) When making contact with 900, say: 900...CL#, then wait to be recognized before communicating desired info. Once recognized, give information.
    - C) When giving patient update, please slow down.
- Upcoming events
  - Glenn Haven will hold flood anniversary celebration/event on Sept 9th.
  - Community Evacuation practice – GV will be conducting a mock evacuation in 2024.
- Early Fire Season Outlook:
  - El Nina cycle ending and El Niño cycle beginning
  - April-June: drier
  - Aug-Sept: cooler and wetter
- SWAT teams are also used for wildland fire, LCES and communications. They have red cards, are trained to be Sawyers and for wildland insertion.
- Goals for 2023 – updates
  - Actionable safety goals and improvements – Jim - **Jim is working on these.**
  - Website rebuild – Marian and Mike – Our existing services are provided at a very low rate we're unlikely to get elsewhere. Marian and Mike need to meet to go over what we want to do with the website; then Marian will get with our webmaster to determine if what we want falls within our current contract and/or what the cost would be to increase services. **Doug and Anne have been in contact with a company called Streamline who does webpages for SDA's. They will set up another meeting so that Evan, Marian and Mike can see a demonstration of what they have to offer.**
  - Open house – Mark - **Mark had suggested June 17th for the open house, but the mitigation committee has scheduled a workday on that day, so we may move the open house to Sunday, June 18th.**
  - Rules and Regulations revision – Marian - **Doug has located some documents and will forward these to Marian.**
  - SOG revision – Jim - **Jim is working on this.**

- 5-Year Plan revision – Doug - **Doug has emailed a revision to the officers and they will review it at their next meeting.**
- Recruitment – Fire Board – The board has compiled a list of subjects for a newsletter and solicited ideas for additional potential topics from the officers. **Anne reported that the Fire Board is having a work session on Sunday, May 7th at Jody Randol's house. The Fire Board is working on a recruitment trifold document that can be handed out at events. Department members are welcome to attend. Anne will get the information out to Marian. Jim is trying to locate a recruitment video from the NVFC (National Volunteer Fire Council) website that is designed to be shown as part of community events. Brad is planning to attend one of the potlucks and set up a table. There was also discussion of getting one or more members to call bingo.**

### **Safety**

- Jim distributed the Guardian Angel lights and gave a demo on how to use them. He recommended going to their webpage for detailed instructions.
- Chainless winter driving – Doug has had a discussion with a firefighter in Alaska who has developed a way to drive safely in the winter without chains on the apparatus and he felt that this idea was worth pursuing. Doug and Alex will have a Zoom call with him to learn more and will present the idea to the department if it is applicable.

### **SDRs**

Jody Sandquist reported that she delivered two big bags of treats and thank you cards to the day/night shift dispatchers as a thank you from the department.

Milo is sending the SDR recruitment photo banner to the printing company and Jody is meeting with the company on Tuesday to get the rest of the design laid out.

### **CLFIRES**

As of 3/31/23, the fire department has a balance of \$49,584.54 and CLFIRES has a balance of \$16,101.47

The Safety Day event with Wildlife Aware will be held on July 22nd. There will be mitigation classes, plans for speakers, and topics such as how to protect yourself from moose and mountain lions. They are looking for two volunteers to cook hot dogs. This event will be reviewed at the next Officers meeting.

### **As the Membership Desires**

- The lanyard on the flagpole was broken but is now fixed with new hardware. Discussion was held regarding putting the flag up now or waiting until Memorial Day. It was decided to put it up now.
- A wildland refresher field day will be held in Glacier View on May 13th. Evan will send forward the information to Brad so we can plan on attending.
- Anne asked that we clarify our response protocols for Red Feather fire calls for our new members. Evan stated that we have an automatic mutual aid agreement with Red Feather and when they get a fire call, we respond to the station and take out Tender first and Engine second. Then we listen for specific needs. If it is a Red Feather smoke call you do not need to respond to the station but listen to the radio. Evan will share our response guide with department members.

- Family Fun Day is approaching. Saturday, July 1st is the Red Feather parade, fireworks and fishing derby. Sunday, July 2nd is Crystal Lakes Family Fun Day, with the duck race held on Monday, July 3rd.
- A potential new member, Jay Smith, was introduced. Jay's career was in aerospace, and he most recently worked for Coca-Cola. He can turn a wrench, drive vehicles, is interested in mitigation and would like to be a firefighter. Jay was excused from the meeting and a voice vote was held among the members; Jay was voted in unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alex made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 20:40.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Dirmeyer, Secretary**