

**LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Cuchara Fire Station**  
**400 Panadero Ave.**  
**Cuchara, Colorado**

**MINUTES**

June 8, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen and Heikes were in attendance.  
Staff: EMS Director Schmidt, District Secretary Pezze and WMS Manager Michael Warren.  
Guests: Asst. Chief Mower and Cheryl Johnston.

**Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Littlefield welcomed all those in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

The June 8, 2017 Agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

**MSA:** \* Minutes of the May 11, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comments**

Cheryle Johnston of the LVFPD Auxiliary presented donation checks for \$4,000 to the La Veta Fire Protection District (LVFPD) Fire Department and \$4,000 to the LVFPD EMS Department. Director Littlefield reiterated that donations from the Auxiliary will not be stipulated by the Auxiliary for any specific items. The designated purpose of the donations will be determined by the LVFPD Board of Directors. The Auxiliary will hold an Open House event at the La Veta Fire Station on June 17<sup>th</sup> with the public invited. There will be a Hawaiian Luau pig roast fundraiser in August in Cuchara. The Board thanked the LVFPD Auxiliary for their hard work and continued support.

**Correspondence, Guests and Presenters**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the June 8, 2017 meeting were presented.

**MSA:** The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Tim Dixon, CPA is continuing to work on the 2016 Audit.

**Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report**

Michael Warren, Wildfire Mitigation Service Manager, presented the WMS report. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. Huerfano County Mitigation Manager, Paul Branson supplied an additional report which is also attached. Warren advised that Collin Dolan did not stay with the crew due to the work being too physical. There will be ads run in the local papers for recruiting new crew members.

**MSA:** The Board approved the \$360.00 expenditure to purchase helmets and hearing protection as requested.

**EMS Director Report**

- 1) 16 EMS runs with 9 patients transported in May, 2017.
- 2) All 5 EMT students passed class finals. Norma Mower and Mark Worgan have passed their National Registry (NR) tests and are fully certified EMTs. The other 3 students still need to complete and pass their NR testing.
- 3) Upon all students getting their certification we can submit for the CREATE Grant reimbursement request for 50% of the class expenses. Certification needs to be completed by the end of July, 2017 to qualify for the CREATE funds.
- 4) Air conditioning repairs in Rescue 2 (1999 Ford Amb.) were completed in Pueblo. Thank you to Director Heikes for his assistance on getting the repairs completed.
- 5) Rescue 1 (2009 Dodge Amb.) needs six new tires. A bid from La Veta Oil for \$950.26 was presented and EMS Director Schmidt will check on other prices using the State of CO bid agreements.

**MSA:** The Board approved the expenditure of \$950.00 for six new tires for Rescue 1.

**\*MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated).**



- 6) The laptop computers for the USDA Grant have arrived and the grant is progressing.
- 7) Training was held for the new State of Colorado Image Trend Elite patient care reporting system. Flight for Life training was scheduled for the same evening but, due to scheduling confusion, FFL did not show up. That training is rescheduled for a later date.
- 8) Dr. Weber held a training on new protocol changes.
- 9) Presented an EMS Week program at the La Veta School to Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. EMS Director Schmidt, Eddie Ray, and LVFPD Aux. members Paula Berg, Tulie Fleener and Cheryle Johnston assisted.
- 10) Have talked to Mary Cope at SPRHC regarding ambulance coverage when the Huerfano Ambulance transports patients to Pueblo Hospitals. La Veta EMS may not be able to always cover the remainder of the County when a Huerfano Amb. is out on transfers.

### **Fire Chief Report**

The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Asst. Fire Chief Mower.

- 1) 5 Fire calls in May: 2 calls for semi with smoking brakes on Hwy. 160, 1 MVA semi rig lost brakes-lost control-rolled, 1 report of powerlines down in snowstorm and sparking, 1 railroad grass fire on Valley Road.
- 2) Fire Trainings in May: May 2<sup>nd</sup> HCFPD – Walsenburg for extrication exercise with 5 FFs attending. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wildland Refresher with 16 FFs and 1 Jr. FF attending. May 15<sup>th</sup> hose drying, reloading and rolling with 9 FFs attending. May 15<sup>th</sup> Flight for Life training with 13 FFs and 6 EMT only volunteers attending. May 20<sup>th</sup> hose drying, reloading and rolling, drafting with brush truck and portable pumps with 10 FFs attending. May 23<sup>rd</sup> pack test with 6 FFs attending.
- 3) Chief DeTray is continuing in paramedic school, doing well and should be able to take his National Registry test in August.
- 4) LVFPD will host the newly formed Huerfano County Emergency Services Multi-Agency Coordination Group (HMAG) meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 at La Veta Stn.
- 5) Asst. Chf. Mower is working on getting glow plugs for the Huerfano County Hum-Vee housed at the La Veta Stn. Also working on possibly painting the unit black.
- 6) Asst. Chief Mower and Chf. DeTray continue to stay in continuous communication on business and operations issues.
- 7) Hose and ladder testing is complete and will be working with the water districts on completion of hydrant testing for this year.
- 8) Asst. Chief Mower and Robert Ryland both attended Wildland fire classes at the CO Wildland Fire Academy in Alamosa. Mower took Incident Command, Type 3, Strike Force Leader. Ryland took Medical Unit Leader class.

Director Littlefield advised that Spradley Motor Company has donated Chief DeTray's 2005 Chev. Avalanche pickup to the LVFPD after Chief DeTray traded it in on a newer personal vehicle.

### **Old Business**

Work is continuing with the locker room and storage area construction. Drywall is nearly finished and will be ready to paint and have reinforced plastic fiberglass wall board installed. Secretary Pezze presented a recap of the financing on the remaining construction costs and how it works with the DOLA grant funding.

Pending grants status was reviewed. Director Littlefield asked Sec. Pezze to organize a report showing working grants and anticipated grants and the corresponding District funding match portion. Dist. Sec. Pezze is working with Tineel Baroz at the Alamosa USDA on a large grant for Fire and EMS gear and equipment. Director Littlefield asked that Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) grant funding be considered for electronic devices.

Director Walker and Cyndi Worgan are continuing to work with personnel at DOLA in regard to researching fire pensions and additional benefits that might be available for volunteers.

The to-do list of assignments from the strategic planning meeting was reviewed and updated. During the review Director Littlefield advised that Brett Wallace, General Manager for the San Luis & Rio Grande railroad may attend the July Board meeting. Mr. Wallace stated that he pledged to get a rail vehicle with a trailer capable of hauling 250 gallons of water staged in the La Veta area this summer along with a crew. Regarding acquiring a UTV, Director Littlefield advised that Chief DeTray has approached the LVFPD Aux. about purchasing his personal UTV for the Fire District. Director Littlefield stated that he was not in favor of the idea due to its not appearing appropriate in the public's eye. He will speak with Aux. Board President, Paula Berg, about this issue.

Asst. Chief Mower advised that he had been contacted by San Bernadino Fire Dept. about the "Ride Across America"

bicycle ride across the nation to raise funds for one of their Firefighters who has lung cancer. Chief Mower will send the information around to see if individual volunteers and the LVFPD Auxiliary can help with donations. The LFVPD cannot donate due to State law.

**MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

  
James E. Littlefield, President

# LVFPD WMS MONTHLY REPORT

May, 2017

Michael Warren

WMS/FAL Supervisor

## CREW

The crew has now completed 12 FAL jobs for this season. The crew now sits at 4 persons. Collin did not work out, Norman is currently in his second week. I would like to get the crew new helmets for the upcoming year. Both sawyers need new chainsaw chaps. I also would like approval to get 2 forestry helmets with shields and ear muffs for running the chipper. Total for these is roughly \$360.00

## Equipment

All equipment is in good operational order. There are a few things that are needed on the trucks however. 6012 needs a new serpentine belt, and B-21 needs new plugs and wires. Total price for parts is roughly \$100.00

## Current objectives for Supervisor

I am continuing and keeping up to date on invoicing for all crew work. Contracting for the grant is almost all wrapped up. The next objective is Marking properties for these contracts. RFR#1 is still in process, RFR#2 (Batch #4) should be ready to submit in the next couple weeks. Immediately after I will begin preparing RFR#3 (Batch #5).

## New Business

Our projected total Jobs Completed for the season is 34. There is a potential for more jobs to be completed depending on crew size.



## HUERFANO COUNTY

### WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM

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June 8, 2017

#### HMGP "Cuchara Area Wildfire Mitigation Project"

- 1) The HMGP project is in its final enrollment and contracting stage. Formal enrollment is closing soon. Special cases are being considered for late enrollment. The LVFPD WMS has FAL contracts assigned that are estimated to engage WMS personnel until Fall/Early winter 2017. Two private vendors are entering the project on the ground on June 19<sup>th</sup> (H&H Forestry-La Veta and Colorado TreeScapes-Littleton). The final Request for Proposal process is underway to procure vendors for the final contracted blocks.
- 2) HMGP staff is current on all regular files, as well as files required for Request for Reimbursement #2 (RFR2). Files involved include; project implementation records, WMS FAL and HC Invoicing and worksheets, H.O. contract files, staff timesheets and logs, work monitoring files, Cost-per-Acre figures, and WMS/FAL revenue reports among others. These files are compiled, reviewed and organized weekly and monthly. Once supporting records are received from LVFPD accounting, the County will submit the paperwork for RFR2. The RFR1 is entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 review stages with Homeland Security and FEMA. Thus far the feedback is very positive. Requests for additional documentation have been minimal and are in turn requested from LVFPD upon notice from DHSEM/FEMA in order to expedite the review process.
- 3) HMGP Grant staff is in high gear with normal and additional seasonal tasks added to the work load, in particular increased public interaction, project monitoring, and final audit preparation tasks.
- 4) The LVFPD FAL Supervisor continues to perform in a solid and profession manner. Training of the supervisor continues as the project unfolds into the public sphere for the regular work season.
- 5) The Grant Manager is applying for an extension of the project timeline to better accommodate local implementation capacity restrictions (both from low response in the private sector and limited FAL crew size).

#### Additional Current WMPM Priorities:

- 1) County wide emergency planning continues with Larry Sanders HC Office of Emergency Service with particular regard to existing and developing CWPPS and evacuation readiness. All wildfire data and information previously acquired is being integrated into the County OES Multiple Hazard Integration Plan currently being developed. Such data is also being added to the Federal Wildfire Decision Support System (WFDSS).
- 2) A County wide Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) map is nearing completion and will be available to all County Mutual Aid partners upon completion. In addition, collaborative Pre-Fire Attack planning is underway per WUI within the LVFPD. UHFPD is interested and expected to follow as the data acquisition process is refined and more volunteers can be enlisted. Data being acquired includes: dipsites, helispots, draft-sites, and potential staging, refuge, or safety-zone sites. This data is being incorporated into WFDSS as well as formats suitable for iphones, ipads or other devices. A 'Data Acquisition and Reconnaissance Team' (DART) has been formed to complete this process and includes local and federal partners presently. More volunteers are needed. A Multiagency training is being planned around using this data during operations. All personnel gain important knowledge of the area they serve, significantly increasing their situation awareness and operations capability. All data and maps are to be distributed to FPD operations.