

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station  
100 Birch St  
La Veta, Colorado  
MINUTES

February 10, 2022 @ 18:00

Present: Directors Heikes, Nielsen, Chimenti, Walker, and Mower were in attendance.  
Staff: Fire Chief Ron Jameson and EMS Director/District Administrator Eddie Ray.

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

The meeting was called to order at 18:00, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken.

**Approval of Agenda**

\* **MSA**: The February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

\* **MSA**: Minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Forum**

**Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

**Treasurer's Report**

- \* **MSA**: the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Fire Chief Report**

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- Chief Jameson thanked the volunteer firefighters for a job well done on a recent structure fire. Our volunteers did a great job and were able to save the structure.
- DFPC are in communication with us to bring their other 2 trailers (the burn trailer and pumps trailer) so we will have all 3 of their training trailers here on site for training and it is scheduled for April 8-9.
- The driving simulator trailer has been well used; Huerfano Fire will be utilizing the simulator for their crew as well.
- There was a meeting with the local fire chiefs, and all agree that cross training is needed with all department in the county.
- There was a request from the company that is responsible for the Ski Patrol at the Ski resort about utilizing the station in Cuchara (station 2) for their crew to utilize for sleeping/living quarters. In exchange for the use of the building, the individual in charge of the crew has offered to train our staff on Drone Operation free of charge. There will be 3 personnel staying at the station over the weekends during ski season. The resort is not ready to open nor is there an estimated open date, so the Board of Directors decided to table the decision until they are closer to a go live date.
- Chief Jameson reported on the information he received regarding the 9-1-1 authority board. The members of the board are the Mayors of La Veta and Walsenburg, and 1 County Commissioner. Director Mower volunteered to attend the meeting on Monday February 14, 2022, and report next month.

**EMT Director's Report:**

- We had 14 total calls, 11 were transported to the ER, 3 were refusals or cancelations.
- Maintenance: replaced the 2 outside lights at station 2 and replaced fog lights on Rescue 2

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

- Training: we utilized the Driver Simulator for ambulance driving and operations.

**Administrator's Report:**

- No updates

**Old Business**

- The La Veta School building construction is moving forward. The new school board is working with the town board to work out the remaining details to get the school into the new building. Things seem to be moving forward. The move in dated has been set.
- Generator Update: We are working on getting a title for the trailer that the generator is sitting on. I am working with Sheriff Newman to get the title issue resolved.
- Director Chimenti reported to the Board of Directors regarding the roads in Cuchara and the commitment that the County Commissioners made to repair the road. It was reported by Jerry Sporrich that will wait until the snow melt and take the company JKL around and show them the condition of the roads. The commissioners have stated that they are withholding their bond for the damage to the roads.

**New Business**

- Director Mower presented the Board of Directors a printed copy of the Colorado Statues governing the authority and management of the local fire department. The statues stated clearly who is responsible for fighting fires in our County and who is actually responsible for that operation.

**Executive Session** – Not needed.

\* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 19:15

  
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David E. Mower, Secretary