



Executive Fire Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 18, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chair: 1400 EST

Roll Call of the Board Members:

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Chair	Jo-Ann Lorber	X		
Vice-Chair	William Hyde	X		
Secretary/ Treasurer	Gregory Barton	X		
Past President	Pat Kelly	X		
Director of Eastern	Chad Deardorff	X		
Director of Great Lakes	Joe Pulvermacher	X		
Director of Missouri Valley	David Daley	X		
Director of New England	Anthony Stowers	X		
Director of Southeastern	Trey Mayo	X		
Director of Southwestern	Chad Roberson		X	
Director of Western	Robert Jarvis	X		
Canadian Division	Ken Uzeloc		X	
IAFC Liaison	Jim Wamsley	X		
NFA Liaison	Trisha Wolford		X	
IAFC Staff Liaison	Kaitlin Lutz	X		

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2022 – First: Chief Deardorff /Second: Chief Pulvermacher – Approved

Presentation from James Rychard on Human Factors/Human Performance program. Believed this concept is important for the Executive Leader. Working on deliverables to be presented to the EFO section in the future. Maybe a podcast in the future.

Report of the Chair – Chief Lorber

- Chair is not going to run for reelection and will retire at end of the year.
- Need to establish an election committee at the next meeting.

Report of the Vice Chair – Chief Hyde

- Travel to Kansas City in February to look for locations for the EFO Section reception.
- Requesting funding for the deposit and travel.
- Fire/Life Safety reached out to Vice Chair to participate in strategic planning process.
- Travel cost to attend the planning process.

- Going to run for the Chair position when the current Chair retires.
- Chief Roberson is planning on running for Vice Chair.
- Chief Barton is going to run for Secretary/Treasurer.

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer – Chief Barton

- Members 1545
- Assets –as of October 31, 2022 total \$260,047.
- Staff Hours – 30 hours used. (210 Hours Available)
- Planning to run for Secretary/ Treasurer position

First: Chief Lorber / Second: Chief Pulvermacher - Approved

Report from Staff Liaison – Kaitlin Lutz

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Canadian, New England, Southeastern, Eastern positions are up for election.
- Candidate information is due by Friday, March 17.

Old Business:

Committee Reports

1. EFO/NFA Committee
 - Executive Fire Officer Leadership Symposium is on for April 14 and 15, 2023.
 - Post Symposium on EFO website and send out information on EFO email list.
2. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Report (Chief Pulvermacher)
 - Partnership between EFO and GFOA
 - Deliverables before FRI.
 - Top topics are project planning and finance planning.
3. By-Law Committee (Chief Barton, Chief Stowers, John Rukavina, Chief Uzeloc)
 - Sending out By-Laws to entire Board for one last look. Any changes are due by January 21, 2023.

Directors-at-Large Reports

- Eastern (Chief Deardorff)
 - A. New Fire Commissioner appointed.
- Western (Chief Jarvis)
 - A. AZ based conference coming up.
 - B. Chief's conference coming up in July.
- Southwestern (Chief Roberson)
 - A. No Report

- Great Lakes (Chief Pulvermacher)
 - A. February 23 Executive Officer web presentation.
 - B. Annual conference June 21-25 in Wisconsin.
 - C. Will be sworn in as President at Wisconsin conference.
- Missouri Valley (Chief Daley)
 - A. See Attachment # 1
- Southeastern (Chief Mayo)
 - A. A few conference in the areas.
- New England (Chief Stowers)
 - A. Professional conference end of next month.
- Canadian Division (Chief Uzeloc)
 - A. No Report.
- IAFC Board Liaison (Chief Wamsely)
 - A. No Report.
- NFA Liaison (Chief Wolford)
 - A. No Report

New Business:

- Chief Kelly will retire after 28 years as a member of National Society of Executive Fire Officers and Executive Fire Officer Section at the end of the year.
- Thank you to Chief Kelly for all of his leadership.
- EFO Section was established in 2014.

Adjourn: 1455 EST

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023 at 1400 EST.



Three Stars Represent:
Lead, Educate, Serve

Census/CFAI

The US census Bureau just change the definition of Urban Areas to 2,500 persons per square mile. The old definition was 1,500/mile. Everything else is rural. This could change station density and response times in some locations. I don't know if the CFAI Commissioners have this on the agenda for March meeting in Orlando.

Marshall Fire December 30 2021

1,200 to 1,600 homes destroyed in a wind driven conflagration with some snow on the ground. Only one home has been rebuilt for several reasons.

- Slow Investigation of the scene- debris removal was delayed
- Slow debris removal. Lack of licensed operators, no location for debris, slow insurance approval
- Home Owners under-insured. Many did not purchase inflation protection. Couldn't afford to rebuild
- Lack of construction/contractor crews
- Building/Fire Codes are more restrictive now, raising cost

Evacuation was also difficult due to ineffective notification

Wildfire Awareness-Colorado

On Monday, August 30 representatives of Federal, state, and local fire service leaders met with Governor Polis for more than an hour discussing the most pressing wildfire and other issues facing Colorado's fire services.

"The meeting provided us the opportunity to talk directly with the Governor about the concerns and opportunities for Colorado's fire service and what the Governor, administration and the General Assembly can do to assist," noted Chief David DelVecchio, CSFC President.

The full CSFC Executive Committee (Chief DelVecchio, Chief Kristy Olme, Chief Bob Olme & Chief Brad White) joined representatives of the CPFF, CSFFA, DFPC, DPS, US Forest Service, Colorado Forest Service, and the County Sheriffs of Colorado for the briefing.

Chief Kristy Olme, CSFC's Vice President, stated *"It's always good for the fire service when we can speak in a unified voice directly with the most senior elected leader of Colorado. In addition to meetings like this, each fire chief needs to stay connected with their state representatives and senators and keep them informed throughout the year about the needs and challenges their FDs are facing."*

Chief Mike Morgan (Director of DFPC) and Stan Hilkey (Executive Director CDPS) led the effort to organize the meeting.

Attachment #1

Critical Issues

The Colorado State Fire Chiefs, Gary Briese (Formerly IAFC Director) hosts a session addressing Fire related Critical Issues

The February Critical Issues Briefing

February 15, 2023 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Red Rocks Amphitheater Rock Room - Morrison, CO.

- Show Us the Money: What's the 2023 General Assembly Doing?
- Preparing for Year Around Wildfire: DFPC & CFC Update
- Homelessness Worsens in Colorado's Older Population: What's the Fire Service Being Asked to Do Now?
- New Resources for Colorado's Volunteer & Combination FDs
- Cybersecurity is Getting Harder + Is Tik Tok Really That Bad?
- *"I know you think you understand what you thought I said but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant"*: Getting Our Emergency Messaging Right
- Continuing to Strengthen Fire Service Labor Management Relations
- The Colorado Municipal League: Representing the Interests of 270 Cities and Towns.
- Can Professional Athletes Find a Home in the Fire Service?
- The Challenges of Recruiting Fire Chiefs
- Multiple Lithium Battery Fires Occurring from Battery Operated Tools on In-Service Fire Apparatus

Gary Briese has been highlighting the difficulty in emergency notification

- People have switched to cell phones, Counties don't have these numbers in a database
- People have cut the cord, no cable service, notification via the television may not reach them

My rant on emergency preparedness

I worked on the development of the US Target Capabilities List in the early days of ODP and DHS. These capabilities addressed the Prevent, Prepare, Respond, Recover Mantra we received from DHS/FEMA. Emergency related organizations were supposed to use these capabilities as a guideline for disaster related funding and planning. The Marshall fire illustrated the lack of preparedness in that region, Buffalo was crushed in a snow storm and California has weather related disasters. It feels like the Emergency Managers either don't have support or they haven't prepared their communities. I urge Fire Chiefs to work with others and prevent these disaster from impacting their communities.

South Metro 12 Mets research

My department, South Metro is reviewing the annual fit for duty test we administer. Back in 1987 to about 2010 the department used the Davis-Dotson test. Each line member was required to pass the test annually. Some of the criticism of the test was centered around the thought that a person could do some strength training for a few weeks in advance of the test, pass the test and continue to work. They may not be very fit, just strong enough to pass the test.

In 2010 (approximate) South Metro looked at some research around how to measure the 12 met NFPA standard. There was research from the Tucson region that indicated lean people lived longer and had a better quality of life. South Metro switched to measuring 12 mets using the Max VO2 method. Some of the criticism of this method centered on the thought that a person could be strong enough to carry a person out of a fire but didn't have good cardio-fitness.

South Metro has launched some research with Oklahoma State University to measure the exertion on the fire ground and develop methods to test personnel.