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**ACTION ITEMS**

Sign the Boulder County Emergency Operations Plan.

Discussion to purchase a new ambulance for the district using 108,837.15 of funds secured by the awarded EMTS Grant. Discuss the new pay scale for the Fire Marshal.

Review Audit

**FOLLOW UP**

Thanks to Ryan Keeler in securing electrical materials for the SCBA compressor project. The phase converter we were hoping to purchase locally was too expensive. We are looking for new sources to purchase one.

**OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION**

**Calls of significance:**

We wererequested by a Sheriff’s deputy to respond to the Elementary School for a out of control child to be placed on a M1 hold. Our responders were able to calm the child down for transport by AMR.

Called to one of the hotels in town for a possible code black.

Responded to Boulder Canyon on a possible vehicle fire. On arrival found a overheated vehicle, crew helped move the vehicle out of traffic and then assisted the disabled patient with their motorized scooter get on the RTD bus. The crew had to shut down traffic in the canyon due to the terrain of the bus stop.

Stabilize and assist with the emergent transport of a child with epilepsy.

Chopper Go with a possible miscarriage from one of the camping areas.

Emergent Transport to BCH of a patient having a stroke from one of the camping areas.

Fortunately, the meeting I was in was only in 4 Mile Canyon and I was able to respond back to the district for backfill.

We had to transport a BLS patient due to either a mistake made by dispatch or AMR. The AMR unit was accidentally cancelled and 2 of our volunteers transported the patient to BCH.

## Operations/ Wildland

## Vehicles:

## 5654 – flatbed. This had several issues including a broken transmission cooler, broken and rusty steps and several leaks.

## 5624 (rescue truck) has had an auto eject and an on-board charger installed.

## 5641 (main water tender) had the exhaust repaired from last year’s broken chain incident. 5632. Nick Faes donated all the steel needed to build the roof basket. He built the basket the last day he was on shift. Captain Moran installed it.

## 5653 (plow truck) Had an axle leak and a transfer case leak repaired.

## I have reviewed this years and last year’s budget in preparation for next year’s budget. While reviewing the budget, I found some areas where we have overspent and hope to see some money being returned due to overbilling or at the very least provide us with accurate information for next year’s budget.

## We are still working on updating most of our radios. Alec Biscardi has been doing most of the work with the radios.

## Sherry, with some help from Mandi Papich painted both the administrative offices.

## Fire Marshal Joslin and I have been working on the CWPP and attending several meetings related to the topic. Yesterday we hosted the Community Values and Wildfire Action Mapping exercise.

## Cameron Moran has begun entering certifications in a program called Salamander. Our intent is to track every responder’s certification and expiration dates. Our hope is to make this easier for the responders and for the agency to be notified when someone is either expired or is approaching.

## The apparatus committee has met with discussions about the new engine, ambulance, needed repairs and vehicle layouts.

## They have made requests for 2 new training props, which I am currently researching for any volunteers interested in building them.

## We finished up the first set of competencies and have distributed the next set for the membership.

## Henrikson and Abramson are both on the SRF Complex fire in Northern California. Bot extended their deployment to 21 days.

## Station 2 and 3 are in dire need of some earthwork. I am currently trying to source a company to help get these fixed.

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**EMS**

Preparing for the EMS Skills Rodeo next month.

Working on restocking narcs through our medical advisor and BCH.

Trying to recruit a recruit a captain.

Continuing work on the EMT program.

EMS budget

## Safety/ Training

## The training committee met with a new plan for trainings for through the end of the year.

## Firefighter T. Sergo started Firefighter 1 Academy and Firefighter Briscombe started

## Firefighter 2 at Boco Fire Training Center.

## Cameron and Conor are working on the CPR instructor course we are planning on hosting this October 11.

## Fire Marshal

Inspections:

Inspections have ramped up, a lot of businesses are due August – October, including several large businesses, schools, and Eldora Mountain Resort which includes over a dozen buildings. A lot of summer construction is beginning to wrap up, which includes several onsite inspections, sprinkler, and solar.

Projects:

**First Due –**

*Pre-plans* continue to be built out for the district as more and more inspections are completed. Roughly 2/3rds of all commercial properties have been completed. Working on cloning addresses for suites (20 Lakeview Dr, 80 Big Springs), and consolidating the plans. During the preplan buildout, a glitch was noticed that several businesses were possibly not going through Town for licensing, rather the state, which made them not appear in our schedule for inspections. This has been brought to the Town’s attention and corrected in First Due so they are inspected periodically as required. However, this adds to an even longer list of businesses in need of inspections.

*Inspections* forms and types have been updated to include sprinkler inspections (rough and final). Currently working on Food Trucks and Solar inspections. These will tie in with permitting should we decide to move forward with adding those modules at a later date.

**Wildland Pre-Plans –**

Still awaiting an update showing the alpha versions of the map data from Ember Alliance. Met with wildland officers to review the templates and gather input. Will soon begin the layout with new/updated template data.

Ongoing Activities:

Multiple large construction projects are still slowly moving along, Wild Bear & the Ignite! Building.

Gearing up for Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14. This year’s theme is “Cooking safety starts with you.” This is an important message as cooking is the number 1 cause of residential fires. Working with NES to schedule a visit to the school, and New Explorers for a visit to Station 1. We also ordered goodies for the kids, including helmets, and some prizes for a drawing contest to help engage and drive home the message.

Working on a special event planning form which consolidates fire code requirements into easy-to-read language and helps event organizers meet emergency planning requirements.

Working on an update to the Fee Schedule. This would include adjusted rates as well as special occupancy permitting for local businesses to allow for modifications to occupancy with a few stipulations. Also doing some research into impact fees and whether we should look to complete an impact fee study done for the district.

Looking to add invoicing and permitting modules to First Due for next year. Waiting for confirmation but our previous quote was $1000 for both.

Upcoming Events:

CWPP (Various Dates) – community outreach. Will post information on our website and social media as they come up.

Homecoming Parade – Saturday, September 30th We will be providing a couple trucks to participate in the parade, which also assists in traffic.

Trunk-or-Treat, October 27th – looking forward to attending and handing out candy!