

FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
101 S. Irene Ave., Milliken, CO 80543
In-Person & ZOOM
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:00 PM

The Board meeting will be held both virtually and in person; instructions to join the meeting can be received by emailing info@frfr.co. Individuals who wish to make comments regarding items scheduled on the agenda or wish to address the FRFR Board during public comment on items not specifically scheduled on the agenda will use the Q&A option in the Virtual Meeting and a moderator will deliver the comments to the Board, or individuals may send public comment to info@frfr.co prior to the meeting.

Director Rutt calls the FRFR BoDs Meeting to order at 18:00. Those in attendance are Darrin Rutt, Jim Young, Reid Hobler, and Greg Freehling (virtual). Blair Howe not in attendance. Also in attendance are Chief Drage, Chief Werness, Christine Champlin, Kurt Nakata (virtual), and Vanessa Thorpe (virtual). Guests: Ryan McLean and Kevin Waters from UCHealth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hobler moves to approve the agenda. Young seconds. Roll call: Rutt, yes; Young, yes; Hobler, yes; and Freehling, yes. Motion passes.

UC HEALTH PRESENTATION: Chief Drage introduces Ryan McLean and Kevin Waters. McLean presents a power point. McLean presented UCHs Mission. He explained 911 and non-911 services (interfacility transfer services). UCH uses ambulances, paramedics, and EMTs. He states they are the largest private ambulance service in CO. He showed a map of fire jurisdictions.

UCH serves a population of 423,638, is 3,000 sq. miles, service to 52,347 patients, with 258 staff. The population of northern CO is projected by the State of CO to grow by 45% to approximately 900,000 people by 2040. Larimer County is projected to grow by 29.10%, and Weld County is projected to grow by 62.54%.

The UCHealth Ambulance service will be moving to a new location in Windsor/Severance in May. McLean showed UCH Ambulance organizational chart.

McLean presents how they are different in prehospital care with:

Leadership – They understand the complex challenges faced by emergency services leadership overseeing all hazards.

Emergency Response System – They understand how public-private partnerships can strengthen the public safety system.

Relationships – They understand the importance of having healthy relationship with an engaged partner.

McLean presents how they are different in EMS:

Commitment – They are engaged in the communities they serve through education, special events, and education/prevention efforts.

Resources – They have access to medical specialties across the health care spectrum. This allows them to be innovate in clinical care.

UCHealth Ambulance Approach:

Public safety mindset

Patient first

Provider focused

Progressive approach to service

5 Pillars of clinical excellence - McLean explained each individual pillar

Equipment

Protocols

Training

QA/QI

Response time

McLean presented the outcomes of national average non-traumatic etiology survival rates in comparison to UC Health.

McLean presented UCHealth Ambulance futuristic ideals:

Impact – Patients first, Integrity, Excellence

Looking forward –

Growth – They are committed to quality service through the addition of resources to meet the increased demands of a growing system.

Purchasing additional ambulances

Continuous hiring

Efficiency – This allows UCHealth Ambulance the ability to change deployments and increase resources to better meet demand and provide a better service to our community.

Charts of Weld County 911 EMS Call Volume; FRFR 2021 911 EMS Call volume count by hour of day; and Chart of FRFR 911 EMS average calls per hour were provided/presented.

Looking forward –

Vehicles – They are building a comprehensive fleet management service.

Working on a plan to purchase FRFR ambulances, if so desired

Deployment – they will model the service demands of our jurisdiction, as well as the partnering jurisdictions to ensure they can deploy in the most effective manner.

Contract driven decisions will always be transparent.

Young asks who the funding arm is for the ambulances. McLean states it is complicated. UCHealth is broken down into regions. Funding from will come mostly from the north region. Other source of funding is reimbursement from insurance as well as the hospital the patients are transferred too.

Hobler asked about the transfer to which hospital. McLean states this is diagnostic. They will take a patient for clinical necessity based on diagnosis or patients' preference. If no clinical necessity is necessary or patient does not have a preference, then they are taken to the closest appropriate hospital.

Young states as we grow, he is envisioning two new stations. Young values UCH Ambulance in our building. Young asks along the I25/402 corridor, where does the ambulance service go. McLean states TVEMS is a third service provider and is tax funded as a special district. They have a specific service area. Anything outside of TVEMS jurisdictions, UCH can provide services into those spaces, unless TVEMS asks UCH to provide services in their jurisdictions. Young asked what the I25/402 station jurisdiction is? McLean states it is TVEMS. Drage states he highly doubts we would have a UCH ambulance in the I25/402 station, since that is within the TVEMS service area.

Rutt asked about maintenance. McLean states they will have some satellite stations as well as in their new location. They use a Dynamic Deployment Protocol. They staff down when call volume is down and they staff up on high call volume when it is high. Central location for the fleet management and training will be Windsor/Severance location. The administration will be at the main station as well.

McLean thanks the BoDs for their time. Rutt mentions to McLean that when they are operational at the new location, the BoDs would be interested in coming to visit.

McLean and Waters exit at 18:51.

Upon them leaving, Young asks/assumes that the UCH crews are happy and satisfied in our buildings. Drage states they absolutely love being here. Rutt and Drage reported that when the bids opened based on seniority, the FRFR bids filled first.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration/Financial:

Executive Financial Summary

- General Fund 2021 YTD Revenue is at 4,761,251 103% of the 2021 Revenue Budget.
 - We are still expecting the 4th quarter EMS mileage
 - As of January 11, 2022 we are at 99% of general fund expenditures for 2021
 - The 2021 Unaudited Ending Balance is, \$5,099,193

- Capital Fund 2021 YTD Revenue is at \$921,657, 98% of the 2021 Revenue Budget. O
 - The 2% deficit is projected interest that was not received
 - The 2021 Unaudited Ending Balance is, \$3,266,919

- Debt Fund 2021 YTD revenue is at \$215,486, 129%.
 - We are over because we received 2020 property tax from delinquent tax payers
 - The 2021 Unaudited Ending Balance is, \$112,357

- Construction loan balance is \$472,602

Included at the end of this report:

- General Fund YTD
- Other Fund Balances YTD
- Account Balances
- Property Tax 2021 vs 2020

Young asked about payments from wildland fires. Christine states we did receive the funds of \$28,000.

December Highlights

- Participated in an HR assessment process for Windsor Severance Fire Rescue's HR Manager, December 13th.
- Filed mill levy certifications with Larimer and Weld Counties.

DISTRICT FILINGS

As Per the State of Colorado, The Following Filings Have Been Completed:

- Current Map of our District posted on DOLA and sent to both Larimer, Weld counties clerk and recorders.
- Transparency Notice posted on SDA and DOLA and sent to and both Larimer, Weld counties; clerk and recorder, treasurer, assessor, commissioners.
- District Budget posted on DOLA.
- Current IGA List posted on DOLA.

LIFE SAFETY: We ended 2021 with a mad rush of plan submittals right before the holiday break. Otherwise, it was a relatively sane month. Several of the new development projects in Johnstown are seeking to move forward very quickly in 2022, so we should start off the new year with lots to do. Staff used the holidays as a good reason to take some much-needed vacation time.

Highlights

- The Station 1 design team has a solid working plan. We are now waiting for the architects to give us additional details that will help us develop a phasing plan.
- We worked with all our local water providers to complete hydrant flow testing for the ISO evaluation.
- We completed the final inspection process for the remodeled Black Sheep building in downtown Johnstown. This building includes Dominic's Pizza and The Black Sheep Eatery on the main floor. The 2nd floor was remodeled into four apartments. The entire building was retrofitted with complete fire alarm and fire sprinkler system coverage.

Life Safety Program: Lt Nakata met with staff from the Town of Milliken at their request regarding the possibility of improving the fire protection systems in Town Hall, Public Works and the Police Department buildings. Lt Nakata provided fire sprinkler and fire alarm training to FF Bellows to meet her taskbook requirements.

Logistics: Lt Covillo continues to participate in the FRFC Envision Leadership class, facilitated by Chief Mirowski, while also keeping up with the demanding workload of FRFR Logistics. We met last week with leadership from LFRA and Berthoud Fire to discuss opportunities to improve inter-agency collaboration in the logistics programs.

Apparatus: All apparatus are in service. Our new preventive maintenance schedule will be based on engine hours. Lt Covillo will be reaching out to Brindle Mountain regarding sale of the 1995 Becker Type 6 engine.

Facilities:

Fire Station 1: Nothing new to report.

Fire Station 2: The contractor for the landscaping, sign and concrete work is waiting for the approved permit from the Town of Milliken.

Fire Station 3: Nothing new to report.

Training Building: Replacement of the concrete driveway is included in the Station 2 corner enhancement project.

Gateway Building: Nothing new to report.

Communications: All radios will get their annual service during the first quarter of 2022.

Quartermaster: We are finalizing the process of outfitting all members with Class A uniforms. Everyone should be outfitted by early February.

The R&D process to evaluate bunker gear is nearly complete. The process results will be released in March.

Drage provided existing construction, new construction, plan reviews, 2021 Operational Responses, FRFR call volumes by zone, automatic and mutual aid, total responses by apparatus, total incidents per station, total incidents by day of week/hour/NFIRS Category, response performance analysis, and operational responses. All are in the Google Folder.

Young asked how the school projects are doing. Drage states they are moving along very, very well. Project is on track to opening next school year.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Drage presented Chief Wests' report.

West reports as stated elsewhere, our crews ran over 2500 emergency calls in 2021. We will be evaluating this increase as we head into the New Year to see if it is a trend or not.

Most recent in the "eventful" category was the fire in Boulder County. Our crews responded and worked with many others during the second operational period. The fire is an important reminder that such conflagrations can occur in all months in Colorado. The same day as the Boulder fire, we had a 40 acre fire that threatened several buildings. Our crews, along with automatic aid partners, did an outstanding job of keeping the incident relatively minor.

West mentioned last month that we were increasing our use of the disinfecting procedures. As you are aware, we had a large increase of positive COVID tests for our members in December and heading into January. This matches what other districts are seeing. The positive side is that with a high rate of vaccinated members, most are feeling minor symptoms and are able to return to work quickly.

Hobler asked what guidelines FRFR follows. Drage states CDC and UCHealth Protocols.

December had a number of meetings related to the sale of the Gateway property. In Old business we have one item to discuss. This was a request from the title company that they require when one party is a government agency. Things are moving along and West does not anticipate any issues.

We have had several meetings with UCH in the last month. West is happy to report that 2923 is back in service in Hill and Park. Evans Fire helped us on a few calls while the unit was shut down and I have expressed my thanks to their interim chief.

This weeks marks a milestone in FRFR history as we will celebrate the retirement of one of our line members. The ceremony is Friday at 4:00pm and West hopes that you all can make it.

Once again, the close out of our books and the reporting to the various State and County agencies would not be possible without the work by Christine and Cindy.

Drage stated we are getting another vehicle for the Operations Chief. Young asks what happens with the old white SUV and Ford Expedition. Drage states they will be kept as backups for now. They still get a fair amount of use for errands, etc.

Highlights

- We held a number of meetings with LFRA. On our agenda is looking at cooperating with LFRA in joint purchasing and logistics. We feel that such a collaborative relationship can lead to savings for both districts by adding purchasing power and simplifying our processes.
- BC Werness has now moved into Training as the Training Chief. BC Kronholm has moved back to the line on B-Shift until July. We're excited to see the programs that Eric will implement in this new role.
- West participated in several LODD funeral services through the month of December. All were COVID related. West also participated in the retirement ceremony for Christine's husband, Captain Tim Champlin of PFA. Tim was a 42 year veteran of the fire service serving the last 36 for PFA.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-02 Sale of Gateway Property: At the December Board Meeting the Board directed that Chief West work with our attorney to negotiate the sale of the Gateway property. That process has been moving along well, and we have an offer and signed contract. The Title Company has requested a Board resolution directing the Chief to sell the property and their behalf. This request, according to the attorney is standard for some title companies. There is an attached resolution written by Mr. Chmil.

We are scheduled to close on this property before the next Board meeting and thus far there have been no significant concerns.

Hobler moves to adopt Resolution 2022-02, confirming the Board's desire for Chief West to act on our behalf and sell the Gateway lot. Young seconds. Roll call: Rutt, yes; Young, yes; Hobler, yes; and Freehling, yes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Schedule and Posting: Annually, at the first regular Board Meeting, the Board must set the board meeting dates for the year. The Board must also set the posting place for the agendas, minutes, and any additional information.

Young moves to keep the regular board meeting date on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and the posting place to continue to be on our website. Hobler seconds. Roll call: All “aye.” Motion passes.

Resolution To Set Election And Appoint DEO: We have two board positions up this May 3, 2022. Both positions are from the East District, Blair Howe and Reid Hobler. Based on the new legislation from the State of Colorado, board members elected in 2020 and 2022 will serve for 3 years, in 2023, Board members will return to 4-year terms. This new law allows local county election officials to assist districts with their elections.

“Special districts must hold regular elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in even numbered years for the purpose of electing Directors to the Board and, as applicable, for the submission of other ballot issues or questions. §1-13.5-111(1), §32-1-103(17), C.R.S. Note: In the regular election in May 2020, and also in May 2022, those full-term seats that are on the ballot will be for three years, for the one term only, after which those seats will revert back to the normal four-year terms. As a result, beginning in 2023, regular special district elections will be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of odd-numbered years. §§1-1-104(42), 1-13.5-111(1), 32-1-103(17), and 32-1-305.5(3).”

- The Election will be May 3, 2022 for two Board Members, to serve 3-year terms, both in the East District
- The Call for Nominations will be posted Thursday, January 27, 2022, in the Johnstown Breeze
- We are requesting a motion to set the election date and designate the Admin Director as the DEO.

Young moves to adopt Resolution 2022-01, setting the election date, and appointing Christine Champlin as the designated election official, and authorizing the DEO to cancel the election, if necessary. Rutt seconds. Roll call: All “aye.” Motion passes.

BOARD REPORTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rutt moves to adjourn at 19:20. Hobler seconds. Roll call: All “aye.” Meeting adjourned at 19:20.