

**Wyoming Fire Chief's Association
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2000
Graham Ranch, Wyoming**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Brad Sarff, Vice-President, at 5:00 pm at the Long Creek Cabin.

Issues discussed:

- The Title 35 Hazmat legislation sent out for review by Mr. Sarff was discussed and changes were made to the original in an attempt to be able to address concerns of the Fire Service and the Legislature. **Motion #1** Mr. Wingert made a motion to endorse the legislation with the changes as discussed. Mr. Sutton seconded. Motion Carried. Mr. Sarff has sent the proposed legislation via e-mail. If you did not get it and would like a copy send a request to rsfire00@hotmail.com or call 352-1475.
- The upcoming legislative issues that were discussed were changes in the Volunteer Pension, Hazmat, Firefighter license plates, Forestry Contingency Fund, Forestry Supplemental Budget, Forestry Emergency Fire Suppression Account, collection for negligent fires, fire closures, and exemptions to special interests. Any legislation that we hope to move forward will have to have sponsors. **Motion #2** Mr. Weidenhaft moved to support a statutory change to allow for fire suppression entities to collect suppression costs if a fire escapes. Mr. Diedtrich seconded. Motion Carried.
- The Legislative Committee Chair, Lanny Applegate, and the Secretary of the Association, Gene Diedtrich will get information out regarding the legislative issues and will have a teleconference on November 1, 2000 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion and a second to adjourn were made at 5:24 pm. Motion carried. **Motion #3**

Next Meeting Rural Meeting
Nov 30 0800

Wyoming Fire Chief's Legislative Issues 2001 Legislature

1. License Plate Bill – Rep. Del McOmie will sponsor this bill on the house side. Rep's Law, and Shiver will co-sponsor. I think Senator Coe will sponsor on the Senate side. *Yes*
2. Volunteer Firemen's Pension Funds – The Pension Board has recommended a 15% increase. They have had an actuarial study done and they see no problem. Would like to see if Rep. Jim Haggerman will sponsor this. Rep McOmie will co-sponsor. No one on the Senate side yet.
3. COLA for Volunteer Firemen's Pension – The pension board has recommended a 2% COLA which would compound yearly. No sponsors for this yet. *Haggerman*
- ? 4. Fire Districts be included in statutes along with cities, towns and counties. Ken Sutton is working on language. No sponsors yet.
5. Haz-Mat Bill – This will be an addition to the the present title 35, chapter 9 hazmat statute. This bill has to do with Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Act. Chief Brad Sarff is working on this. We have no sponsors on this bill yet.
6. Fire Suppression recuperation costs – This will enable the cities, towns, and counties to recupe(sp) the suppression and damage costs for intentional or carelessness type fires. Chief Bob Taylor and Ray Weidenhaft are working on language. No sponsors yet.
7. Wyoming State Forestry has asked for our help with their supplemental budget request. The legislative committee has agreed to do this.
8. Wyoming fire marshal has some housekeeping items on codes that will involve statute changes. Some of them have to do with investigation time frames.

These are the issues at hand now. If you have any concerns or suggestions for other Bills, please get them to the legislative committee right away.

Committee: Lanny Applegate – Lander
Ken Sutton – Jackson
Gene Diedrich – Newcastle
Bob Taylor – Worland
Russ Wenke – Cody
Brad Sarff – Rock Springs
Jim Wingert – Cheyenne Dist. #2
Mark Young – Casper (There are others I have probably forgotten)

Lanny Applegate - chairman

PS:

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL AT 10:00A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2000 IS
1-307-766-1007 PASSCODE NUMBER IS 4419.