

Wyoming Fire Chiefs/Wyoming Rural Fire Association
&
Wyoming fire Advisory Board Combined Meeting
Meeting
11/29-12/1 2018

Call to order Wyoming Fire Chiefs/Wyoming Rural Fire Associations & Wyoming Fire Advisory Board Meeting called to order at 0800 by Rural Fire Association President Willy Watsabaugh

Invocation by Craig Haslam

Pledge of Allegiance

Sweetwater County Greeting & Welcome – Mike Bournazian

Wildland Firefighter Foundation has a booth and they are selling items. Rural Fire Hats Rural fire shirts are for sale Raffle Chairs Tickets are \$20.00

Commissioner Randy “Doc” Windley – In early 80’s worked as a volunteer in Cody. Thank you for braving the weather and being here. Working first hand with the County Warden and the staff at Sweetwater County to work together with all the Agencies with meeting the needs to accomplish the firefighting mission we all are working towards. Thanks to Mike for working towards improving the collaboration with MOU’s to be able to all work together and meet needs and resources as needed.

Approval of last Fire Chiefs Assoc. Minutes from June –

Motion made by Chief Wamsley to approve minutes.

Seconded by Chief Haslam. Motion Approved.

Fire Chiefs Treasurers report – Gene Diedtrich

Period June 1 – October 31, 2018.

Beginning cash balance of \$42,731.00. Deposits of \$64,498.00, Expended \$74,231. Remaining cash balance of \$32,998.00 of that \$16,272.00 is restricted in the LAST Fund also included in that is \$2,250.00 of the Pre 81 Wall of Honor funds that were donated for the Wall back in Emmetsburg. Unrestricted balance as of the end of October was \$16,725.00.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report as presented

by Brent Godfrey. Seconded by Chief Wamsley

Motion Carried

Fire Chiefs Assoc. Old Business

Amendment for the Fire Chiefs grant is in process should be accomplished by the end of December. Ian has language to add wildland component into it.

Pre 81 Wall of Honor Funds sent \$3,000 for 30 members deceased prior to 81. Need to finish the wall with what the Wyoming Fire Service wants on it. Needs to be considered if want all three Associations represented on the plaque or not. Scott Hannum is working on something to be presented at the January meeting.

Craig Haslam would like all three associations on it.

Bricks that are larger than what has the individual names on it, can do 4 or 8 bricks so would have room to put all Associations.

Director Reed of the State Fire Marshall Office would like to offer that this agency be the coordinator to move this forward. Director Reed’s office will work with Scott Hannum and to work together and report

on at January meeting. If you have any conceptual ideas, please contact Director Reed or Scott. Director Reed email is: mike.reed@wyo.gov

New Business –

National Volunteer Fire Council - have appointed Eric Quinney as the representative.

Chief Wamsley – 20-21 Missouri Valley Division Conference

The Conference will come up for bid this coming March at the winter meeting. The Missouri Valley Division encompasses the eight states of North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa and Missouri.

Cheyenne would like to put in bid to host the conference.

It would bring all those people into the state.

Chief Wamsley made a motion that the Fire Chiefs Association writes a letter to the President of the Missouri Valley Division Association stating that they support Cheyenne hosting this conference at the 20-21 conference Seconded by Chief Haslam. Discussion: Willy would like to add that the Rural Fire Association would add a second letter in support of Cheyenne hosting meeting. Need 2 letters one from each association Motion passed.

Craig Haslam would like to make a motion that the Chiefs Association match the donation to the LAST program that the Rural Association makes. Seconded by Chief Wamsley.

Amend motion by Craig: Not to exceed \$5,000.00 amendment seconded by Chief Wamsley.

Discussion Point: Need to look at increasing the dues at the January meeting. Gene thinks they have not been raised since 1994.

This concludes the Chiefs portion of the meeting.

Rural Firefighter Meeting

Register voting delegates from each county:

Albany – Chad Dinges

Big Horn – Brent Godfrey

Campbell – Dale Izlatt

Carbon – John Rotherford

Converse – Tom Reed

Crook –

Fremont – Craig Haslam

Goshen – Bill Law

Hot Springs –

Johnson – Steve Haines

(Saturday - changed to Scott Duncan)

Laramie – Matt Butler

Lincoln – Kelly Hoffman

Natrona – Mike Haigler

Niobrara -

Park – Sam Wilde

Platte – Jake Chaffin

Sheridan – Fritz Bates

Sublette – John Ball

Sweetwater – Mike Bournazian

Teton – Mike Moyer

Uinta – Eric Quinney

Washakie – Chris Kocher

Weston – Daniel Tysdale

Elections and voting – Ray Bergquist and Russ Wenke are both up for reelection and they are not running again.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Eric Quinney, Chair Committee, Daniel Tysdale and Chad Dinges. Vote will be Saturday morning. If you would like to be considered or if you would like to nominate someone, please get with someone from this committee.

Approve minutes from December 2017 meeting: Minutes were passed out and later in the meeting we will approve them, after everyone has had a chance to look at them.

FAB Treasurers report

Passed out Treasurer Report and attached a copy of the check register for last 12 months. Also attached an account summary from Wells Fargo.

Current balance in checking account is \$12,841.32

2 CD's are at \$16,486.80 and \$25,135.63.

20 counties have paid dues to date

Total lobby expenses last year were: \$8,424.50

Chiefs Association and Firemans association each donate \$4,500.00 and since lobbying expenses will be a little more this year, would ask that they contribute the same. Chiefs Association donate the difference between what they have paid towards lobbying efforts and the \$4,500.00.

Tri-State Training Grant was expended and this body agreed that we would carry on with these expenses and have expended another \$3,912.78. Russ is not running again, Jamie Reitz will

***Brent Godfrey moved to approve Treasurers report.
Seconded by Kelly Hoffman Motion carried.***

Agency Reports

State EMS Office (Andy Gienapp)

Reclassified position: Andrea Moore will be working on the Trauma System and registry
Colleen King retired hired 2 independent contractors to work on the EMT classes and ambulance inspections also hired Ian Jones and Brad McKee were both offered contracts to help with this work.

In August finalized rules for Emergency Licensing to get EMT licenses done for wildland fire.

Issued 26 licenses in the 2017 fire year, primarily for the Roosevelt and Martin fires.

Can turn around in 24 hours or less. If they make the request at night, it will take longer.

EMS compact to make it smoother to cross state boundaries.

Next meeting is in May.

Heavy work to try to get this done with all the rule changes and mechanisms in place.

Currently there are 16 states with many more looking at starting the process.

Latest state to join is New Hampshire.

Only South Dakota and Montana, of the state bordering us, have not joined the compact, South Dakota is working on it.

EMS leadership academy started in Laramie this morning.

Community EMS pilot projects going on in Hulett and Newcastle.

This is an effort to try to use paramedics and EMTs to get them involved more in the medical field rather than their normal 911 calls.

Chance to brag on Wyoming; had three people from Hulett and three from Newcastle that did the training and all 6 passed National certification exam on first try.

Completed volunteer workforce survey electronically

Don't know how many people are working or where they are working or if they are earning any kind of salary or stipend. Had about 400 people respond to survey which is about a 10% return

This was an effort to get a little more data to see what people are doing. Would like to have more information to get a more clear picture of what is actually happening in the State as far as EMT's and Paramedics

EMS Leader Summit – in April 25-27 in Sheridan.

EMS bosses talk about all the things don't normally want to talk about such as budgets and scheduling.

If involved in EMS in community please come and encourage the medical directors to attend. Need them to make this work

49th Annual conference is in Cheyenne August 14 – 17, 2019

Question from Paul Hohn from BLM: REPLICA meeting is on the 15th will there be some of the reciprocity be recognized?

This is an aggravation to the EMS office as well as everyone else.

Right now have the authority to build the thing, 2 pieces that need to be built.

1) Need to build all the rules for all the states to comply with

Rules sub-committee will meet in May, going to have 1st round of rules coming out of the Commission.

2) Have to have the electronic data base which is essential to have the ability to exchange information to show you are who you say you are

80-90% of the code has been written and has ability to exchange license information with National Register in place.

May be able to see by end of year, but that may be an overestimation.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (Guy Cameron) –

Planning initiative going to talk about tomorrow – it refers to long term power outages – can be a result of many kinds of threats. This is a State Initiative.

First want to recognize the fire service across the state this year. Thank you for your efforts. Big fires and no loss of life that is great.

Working some recovery of Roosevelt fire with Sublette County commissioners, Fire Service and Emergency Management looking immediately ahead and the canopy is different than what is was; and because of this there is an erosion impact that has big effect on many areas including road areas. Governor Mead instructed several agencies to work together to start meeting with people from Hoback Ranches and Sublette County officials to start working some mitigation to work on getting ahead of issues

State Homeland Security Grant – favorable to fire service this past year.

Regional response teams approximately \$470,000 grants awarded.

In addition 10 volunteer fire department received an estimated \$366,000 in grants.

Types of equipment – radio equipment, some hazmat vehicles for First Response, couple of departments were able to improve their SCBA equipment.

2019 application grants will open in February and close the end of March.

No local match

Must be able to meet Terrorism Nexis

Staff is there to help

Types of equipment eligible: mobile and portable radios, SCBA's, firefighting equipment, simulators for planning and training, generators and mobile systems and equipment for transportation and distribution of water.

Planning for enhancing your plans and protocols

Training, if you are looking at attending workshops or conferences. Travel and Supplies.

Exercise component of being able to conduct training exercise for your department.

Rachel Nuss is programming manager very helpful Rachel.nuss2@wyo.gov 777-5768 please get hold of her for assistance with grant applications.

Seasonal outlook – normal season for this year. Work with National Weather Service's early and it is projected to be an El Nino season. It is projected to be drier and windier winter but a wetter spring season. Last time had this El Nino outlook we had a presidential disaster with floods.

WDFPES (Mike Reed)

The internet system to the academy is to the Academy but not in the Academy. Fiber optics are 12 feet from the academy, waiting for one signature, but do not know whose signature we are waiting on. Still working on it for 1 gb service inside Academy.

Web based programs are coming across the state will be completed before mid-winter.

Legislative issue – bill proposed in front of Joint Education Committee would have allowed for the installation of secondary devices that would lock classroom doors. There would have been no control over what type of additional locking device would be placed on the door. No codes written for what would trigger the doors. Director Reed has been fighting against this, but it has some pretty strong support. The Education committee did not present the bill so it will not be going forward. So now one of the Senators has introduced another bill that requires the State Fire Marshall Office, Department of Homeland Security and several others to put together a School Safety Program. This is a better option, but is going to take longer to put together.

Fire Inspection modules – now totally electronic on fire inspections can do inspections quicker and they like the program which is based on the ER reporting which Anthony and other people were key in getting started.

Electrical inspectors are right behind this, they are going to be doing everything electronically soon.

Plan reviews moving into electronic version as well

Life Safety Plan Reviews are right behind that.

Within the next few months will be able to accept the requests electronically

Due to the ER program, we have actually started producing data of fire reporting/ inspections and can see patterns of where the problems are or could be. Thanks to everyone's work of putting in the fire scene activities and other information into ER we are seeing usable data and will eventually be able to access that information on the website. Thanks to Bill and Anthony of WSFD for getting the ER program up and running.

For the first time in the history of the Department, we now, through a program called Image Trend that we contracted with a while back are issuing electrician licenses on line.

Have about 500 Journeyman licenses that have been issued online.

Next group will be masters and contractors

Next group will be apprentices

What you can do with this is if you, your inspectors or investigators have a problem, you will be able to get into an online version to look at their training records, what their history, and/or if they actually have a license. is

You will be able to have access to all this by end of 2019. Already can get into some to of the Journeyman information.

This will be a huge step for the safety of everyone in the fire service and the Department is very proud of the work that has been done with all this.

At the Academy the interior walls are being sheet rocked, doing some guttering and sidewalks, expansion/ modernization of the training facility where we can have more streets and more of a city block layout to make it more lifelike.

Have new hall of fame plaque – program in place for Hall of Fame

Will be displayed in the main hallway of the Academy.

There is a committee that has been put together to receive nominations and approve them. Recognize firefighters who have given a substantial contribution to the firefighting service in Wyoming.

WSFD (Bill Crapsler)

Fire Season – interesting fire season started with a bang, rained and then ended with a bang.

Emergency Reporting (ER) – because of the work and input that you have all done we have reported 867 fires for almost 400,000 acres which on paper is the most active fire season Wyoming has ever had. Probably not really the case, but due to the better reporting, that is how it shakes out.

Second most expensive fire season the Counties and State have had

8 EFSA fires

2 FEMA fires

Approximately \$14.6 million dollars expended

Saw a real change in how resources were utilized, heavily utilized inter agency compact orders for all kinds of resources. When orders were coming back UTF, either overhead or engines, we could call the other states and get something on the way quicker through the Interstate Compact. Federal partners expressed a desire to learn more and figure out how to utilize in the future.

Reporting for ER has gone really well, Departments have done a great job getting information entered. Fire Marshall Office, especially Ian, has done a great job getting training done around the state.

Received about \$100,000 increase in VFA, up to around \$250,000 this year, all because of the formula and reporting.

Went from 15% of Departments reporting to 50% of departments reporting.

EFSA started with a balance of about \$17 million and had some outstanding uncommitted funds for fires from FY 15, 16, and 17 and then what we have committed for 2018 fires now are at \$1.2 uncommitted funds.

Governor's budget comes out next week and he is asking for supplemental budget to refill the account.

Have seen two bills come out of the Joint Ag Committee

- 1) Would appropriate \$20 million to the Suppression Account, which would more than fill it up. Then it would also make a \$1 million a year Appropriation out of General Fund to the Suppression Account in an on-going appropriation, with a cap of \$25 million
- 2) Right now, if there is any General Fund surplus in either fire or operations budget at end of biennium it would revert to General Fund, and we could not use it. What this

bill would do is if we had any surplus at the end of the biennium, instead of the funds reverting to the General Fund they would be transferred to the Suppression Account. These are both very positive bills that the Joint Ag Committee is doing in support of wildland fires across the State.

Fund 537 Account – allows WSFD to pay all in and out of state fires directly through WSFD rather than through the Federal Agencies. The use by the Counties, whether it was because of the fire season or something else, has far exceeded what Forestry had anticipated. Calculated from past history of the County responses to out of state fires figured it would be running \$1.2 to \$1.3 million dollars a year through the account, as of now we are about double that.

In 2018 fire season had 922 dispatches, which includes 144 engine requests, through ROSS. This does not include IA or local dispatches.

Have had a few glitches with this being the first year.

In middle of season the State Auditor's office changed the accounting system so no checks processed for a period of time through the State government.

Then we exceeded the budget authority and had to go to the Governor's Office to get that increased.

Anthony and his shop are working on a new business software that will streamline the process. It is called GOLD and will allow Counties to submit bills and Exhibit B's electronically. NVFC and ICHIEFS incredibly important to get the funding of VFA increased. Becoming great partners with the National Association of State Foresters working on SFA, VFA and overall fire funding with our Congressional members on Capitol Hill.

Rules for Fire restrictions – need to open the rules as they are very out dated and archaic, but it did not make any sense to open them in July since there are land board changes and a new governor. Once the new Land Board is in place we will get them working with the fire service to open up, look at and update the rules.

Collecting suppression costs on private or State Land is considered a free public service which makes it problematic to go after suppression costs. Don't see this getting changed any time soon.

Forester Crapser would like to have the Rural Fire and Chiefs Association work with state agencies to develop a long term strategy that would try to get this changed so there is some room to go after some of those suppression costs.

New shop, made the move and the old shop is gone, but the contractor is still working and we still have no access to the nice new bays or the paint booth.

Brook Lee, our District Forester, wife took a job in Laramie and he followed her, Barry Tye has been promoted to DF and hope to get the ADF position filled in the next couple of weeks, this job will be located in Pinedale.

Other than that in a rare moment in time WSFD is fully staffed.

Wyoming Last Team report (Mark Young) report read by Russ Wenke

Randy Vickers has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He left this week to check into Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland. Please put him in your prayers.

Year to date mission report –

Zero Level 1 Line of Duty death funerals

Two Level 2 (Active duty non line of duty) funerals

Cost of helping with these funerals \$216.86

Two Level 3 (Retired firefighter in good standing) Funeral

Cost of helping with these funerals \$579.80

LAST Team is available for you:

If you have had a line of duty death they help you with the funeral.

They assist with trying to get those Public Safety Officer benefits for the survivors.

If you have an active duty firefighter who dies for some reason other than line of duty death they can assist with the funeral arrangements.

If you have a retired firefighter in good standing they can also assist with those funeral arrangements.

They assisted with the Wyoming Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at the Fire Academy at a cost of \$1,949.79

Hosted an Honor Guard Symposium in Cheyenne. First two day and half symposium, well attended with nearly 50 participants. LAST Team offered reimbursement for participants and they are planning a similar event in 2019. Cost of symposium was \$6,336.13

Currently we have 2 active Public Service Officer Benefits appeals in process. These are ones that have been filed and have been denied and now are in the appeals process.

Have one potential Public Safety Officer Disability claim we are considering based on how some other things go. No cost yet.

One Basic and Advanced Planning team training session for a cost of \$397.46

There is not a 2019 Team training scheduled at this point

Thank you to the Wyoming Fire Chiefs and Rural Firefighters Associations for their gracious contributions to Wyoming LAST

It is our intent to pursue a Game & Fish Commissioner Big Tag to auction off in 2019, past hunting auctions from the Governor and Commissioners have been a been successful in raising funds for the LAST team

Wyoming LAST team annual budget is \$12,000.

Motion made by Russ Wenke to donate the same as last year to the LAST fund which was \$2,500. Seconded by Craig Haslam. Discussion: Minutes from last year say we donated \$3,000, so let's make it \$3,000, re-seconded by Craig Haslam. Motion Approved.

Wyoming Firefighter Certification Committee (Aaron Zent)

Report that as of yesterday Fire Officer 2 has been adopted as Pro-Board certified

January 10 is next meeting at 1300 in Riverton on Thursday before the Friday meeting.

New tests should be coming out for 2019-2020

Rural Fire Training Committee (Robert Hoover, Sam Wilde and Ryan DeFord)

Robert reassumed chair as Mark Haines was not able to continue due to his health.

At January meeting had a discussion with the Fire Advisory Board to start making some kind of recognition for the service on the Training Committee.

Mark was part of the original committee starting, we think, in 2002.

The committee will present Mark with a plaque that has been made up and we will present to him at the Buffalo Fire School banquet.

Task with auditing 200 level classes did not find any issues, evals looking good

Committee has had a lot of discussion regarding the WYOFIRE training and what to do with it. We are proposing that it be changed from a state run training and move to County run training. Ryan Deford has a new idea to get more firefighters involved

Would like to have a photo contest for the year and the winning photo will be the cover of the mini mob guide.

Need to have photos submitted through a Goggle Account

This year the Training committee will pick the photo and it will be picked at Buffalo Fire School.

In following years, would like to have the photo a month before this meeting and the Training Committee will narrow the photos down to 3 top pictures and have the body decide the winner at this meeting.

Whoever took the photo will be credited at the bottom of the photo on the front of the Mini Mob guide.

Committee is looking at trying to simplify the evaluation process for the classes, more to come.

Forestry Training Report (Ryan DeFord)

In 2018 had 3,001 students and 280 classes

100 and 200 classes are trending down

300 and 400 trend about the same

In 2014 or 2015 Homeland Security started doing the I300 and I400 classes, so those numbers went down for us and we don't show those numbers.

Number of classes vs number of students 250 – 280 classes the students vary depending on how severe the fire season the year before was.

Red cards there was a drop in Red Card numbers from 2017 to 2018 is due to more Counties taking on Red Card printing and there is no good way to capture what the counties are doing.

Red cards that are being issued from WSFD level –

292 cards possible actually red carded 230

Local single resource and below levels – could red card 3,081 and 831 cards issued.

This number is skewed due to counties doing their own.

Is there a way to get the Counties that do their own IQS to report what they are issuing to get a more accurate count?

6-8 counties are doing their own red cards at this time.

Another statistic looking for is how many people do we have qualified in what positions

They are: FFT2 - 11,666 FFT1 - 416 ENGB – 250 Strike Team Leader – 49

TFLD – 55 DIVS – 21 ICT5 – 58 ICT4 – 77 ICT3 – 17

Trainee Positions that are open are: FFT1(t) – 61 ENGB (t) – 65 Strike Team Leader (t) - 23 TFLD(t) – 18 DIVS – 14 ICT5 – 41 ICT4 – 28 ICT3 - 6

This is the first year to capture this information so in the future we will be able to better identify the trends. This is only Operations qualifications. Data is available for the other Sections, but would make the charts long and harder to decipher.

What's new?

Is there interest in webinar style classes looking at feasibility of a webinar style?

Breaking classes into several night classes rather than people having to take time off work to attend a training session.

Need a good internet connection and the instructors would have to learn the internet process.

Is there a disadvantage to put it out on a website and have them take the class at their own pace then test with instructor at the end?

Keeping live instructors so as to not lose the one on one interaction.

Looking to see if there are other platforms that would work better than having instructors coming to your Department, or having students come to the Academy. Working with departments for class advertising as well as collecting rosters and doing on-line registration.

All classes can be found on the WSFD website and making this easier to use. New needs analysis form coming out. In years past it has been on the Wardens or Chiefs to submit to the Rural Trainer the Needs analysis of what is needed for their people.

Developed new needs analysis form that individual firefighters can go on the WSFD website and fill in what they need.

Depending on what is asked, Ryan is gathering information to verify with the firefighter supervisor to make sure the request is legitimate.

The needs analysis is turned into the Region to assist in helping to set the class schedules for the upcoming year.

Please use the needs analysis to help drive the training needs.

New Roster format cleaned up and have a new roster on the website, took off some information and added some things that were missing.

Rocky Mountain area nomination forms switched from a paper form to a google form. Link is on WSFD and the Regional training web sites.

To enter your photos to the Photo Contest go to the WSFD web page; go into fire management, scroll down to Fire Training, IQS page this is where all forms will be found. Anything added or started working on is there.

Rocky Mountain area new nomination form is there

New needs analysis can fill out there. You can also save the link to your favorites bar and fill out whenever you want.

New class roster is on this page

Link to photo contest is there.

Find links for 310-1 and other things on side bar, ATV/UTV or other Special Skills requests

Training calendar - Buffalo Fire School, Cheyenne fire school all on the calendar, Click on hyper link and it will take you to the class registration

You can link this Google calendar to your Google calendar.

Everything Ryan knows is happening is on this calendar.

Shoot Ryan an email for anything you would like added.

Reminders – Scholarship Program – We do a lot of basic S classes, 100, 200 classes and a few 300 and the only 400 level class that we do on a consistent basis is M410.

Last 330 class put on, out of 20 people only 5 were Wyoming fire fighters, class being filled with people from everywhere else.

Cannot put on the other 300/400 level class so we have this Scholarship program that helps you to go to those classes.

If you apply to go to one of these classes, you are qualified to go to the class and your Supervisor approves you to go,

We reimburse up to \$500 for tuition costs on a first come, first serve basis.

Priority Trainee program – Region has a Priority Trainee program that helps mobilize the people in the region that need to work on finishing up their task book. List comes out in February or March and Ryan will put a link to it on the WSFD web site.

Staff rides

South Canyon is done by the Region and it is encouraged that all firefighters go. The 20 somethings that were on the fire back when it happened are now looking at retiring in the near future, so it will be harder to get that firsthand knowledge. Registration is already out. Next ride is scheduled in May. It is a great staff ride.

Did the Little Venus staff ride last year and it went well
Scheduled in June and 1/3 of class went to a fire instead of the ride.

Ryan was given approval to issue a Challenge Coin for the staff rides.
Honoring the fallen and remembering them with the coin.

In 2019 will do Little Venus no date set also going to do Little Bighorn in May. Still trying to get cadre put together.

Staff rides are good look at decisions and the cultures of leadership

Contract instructors – last year had 5 contractor instructors. Had plenty of people volunteer to teach the classes, so have not had to tap into the other instructors. Makes the training dollars go further so able to put on more classes.

Federal Instructors are less expensive than the contract instructors.

Mike Bournazian says that County people are not getting the requests to come teach the classes the same as the Federal people are. Ryan will include the

County and Contract instructors in e-mail that goes to the Federal partners.

Kirk Strom would like to acknowledge Ryan for assistance in getting the permanent AV equipment installed in the training room at Casper Dispatch Center. Also remind everyone that that the facility is available to everyone to use for wildland and structure classes.

WDFPES Training Report (Ian Kraft)

2018 year to date training report for Fire Academy

Total class hours for Fire Marshall Office and Fire Academy is 2,936

Total students contacted through program 3,004

Total classes conducted 241

As a function of some of the new reporting and tracking we now are doing at Fire Academy have some other statistics to share

Top 5 classes attended so far in 2018 by your Departments are

- 1 Firefighter 1
- 2 Fire Officer
- 3 Hazmat Operations
- 4 Hazmat Awareness
- 5 Forestry classes

Total certifications issued 818

Out of those 520 are just State of Wyoming certifications

298 are Pro Board accredited certificates.

Notable increase in the participation with Fire Investigator, Fire Instructor and ADO pumper within 2018, an encouraging trend for all.

Investigations and assistance up to November 1st

43 total investigation

Investigation hours 1,205.5 includes travel, scene and the report follow-up

There are other investigations still in process

Because Fire Marshall Office has been using ER in house, we have some data to share.

Only 3 causes are listed and they are

21% are listed as incendiary

74% as accidental

Only 5% as undetermined, this number is always a battle to get down.

Total dollar loss for what FMO has investigated is \$2,031,199

Project update: Got a major maintenance project going that is almost complete

Part of project includes water drainage issues where water was coming off the building and actually coming into the building

Changed store front side all of the building where there was river rock and bushes, that has been removed

Added new gutters and drainage boxes that goes to the ditch on Smith Street.

All windows and doors are getting resealed,

More parking added,

More decorations are going up.

Old fire carts have been moved to front and big potted plants.

Burn building was put up in 2008 and has now been renovated.

Lots of blocks have been replaced in the building

New Fiber network – it is close to be finished. 1gb will boost Wi-Fi and internet connection.

In process of obtaining cameras and other equipment to be able to live stream from all classrooms over YouTube.

It is tied into the state google system and will be stored on the State system to be viewed at the participant's convenience.

Would be able to video any meeting or class and then it stores it on the State System to be able to be viewed anytime.

Hope to be able to showcase some of these capabilities at Mid-Winter.

Wall of Fame –

Will hang the plaque

Sheet rocking all the way up and making it look more finished.

Ken Metzler was in charge of getting this project done.

Ken got Job Corp kids involved and they have done a really good job of completing the job.

This will all be completed by Mid-Winter

Mid-winter Jan 11-13

Trying to coordinate the New Fire Chief series

4 classes 1st one done at Cody Fire School last September

Will do the 2nd class in the 4 class series at Mid-Winter.

Richard Embery is teaching these classes.

ER – good job as fire service to jump onto this reporting system. If you are having problems or haven't gotten involved please contact Ian, or Joyce at Fire Marshall Office or Anthony at State Forestry.

NVFC (Eric Quinney and Rusty Dunham) –

Eric and Rusty are your representatives to the National Volunteer Fire Council

Eric -

Lavender Ribbon Report – document that outlines best practices in cancer prevention. If you would like to see this report, you can contact either Eric or Rusty and it is also available on-line.

Lot of work going on with PTSD mental health, suicides by firefighters and first responders have surpassed line of duty deaths

Nationally working to add PTSD and Mental Health issues to workers comp

Resources on website at NVFC.org for recruitment and retention

Couple of years ago Wyoming had 30 members and now have 800 members, blowing all other states out of water when it comes to our membership growth. Have access to all the NFPA committees through Eric and Rusty. So do have a voice to get ideas out there.

Membership is \$15.00 per year for members. That automatically gets you \$10,000 AD&D and that doubles to \$20,000 if it is a line of duty situation

Dues are rising next year to \$18.00 per member. Would love to see Wyoming hit the 1,000 membership mark.

Rusty –

Wildland Fire Assessment Program - joint effort between NVFC and USFS help train firefighters to do local fire assessments. Mike Bournazian and Rusty are trained to be Train the Trainers for this program.

NVFC Foundation, they assist with firefighters that have lost homes or suffered a catastrophic event. Sublette County had a couple applications this year. There is a small stipend that is available to assist the firefighters.

Chief Jim Minchow of Lovell needs prayers as he has a severe health issue.

Federal Agency Reports –

BLM Headquarters Paul Hohn – Acting State Fire Manager for BLM State Office

Above average fire season this past year –

Sage Grouse has shifted some with change of administration – Wyoming has good habitat with over half of the nation's birds here.

2 fires that met criteria for Large Fire Wildland Assessment –

Large Fire Assessments are fires that are over 10,000 acres of BLM acres involved and what happened and what can be learned.

The 2 fires were Leaning Rim and Terek Fires were both Large Fire Assessment fires

Reports say that on red flag days fires when it is really windy and there is a drawdown of resources, fires are going to get big.

Talking with Coordination Center in Denver about what really is an indicator for BLM to help them get severity and to get resources here, before we get the big fires.

Showing a trend in Wyoming that fires are getting bigger so trying to use that as leverage in fuels program to say that a lot of the sage grouse habitat in Great Basin is lost, but in Wyoming we still have good habitat. Help us to keep our fires down and we can keep our habitats in good shape.

Wyoming had to compete to get resources due to Colorado's activity and being in a PL5 nationally. BLM worked hard to get resources prepositioned here in Wyoming. Worked with all the other partners to make this happen.

BLM believes that seats and air attacks buy us a lot as well as engines get us ahead of the game

Key Vacancies:

Kyle Cowan went to Alaska and Paul has been acting in position since February. Position was just announced this week.

Kevin Cahill, AFMO in Rock Springs position is vacant. Advertising right now. Miles Ellis, AFMO in Casper retired in September.

Cathy Hutton is retiring end of December. Key leader in Dispatch, she will be greatly missed.

Local Cooperator Assistance – BLM in WY has received more funding to help with providing training.

New program coming it is called Rural Fire Readiness and it is for some equipment transfer, much like the program 10 years ago. Bear with us as we work through this new program.

Government shutdown – could be a possibility on December 10th if it happens, may not have any fire folks available.

Incident Management Teams – Solicitations are out for participation.

Need folks - maybe look at job share if you cannot commit full time to a team. Looking for all functions.

Application deadlines are 7th of December.

Changing way SEAT contracts are working – not going to have the trucks in contract this year.

So if your folks want to have an opportunity to mix and help with Seat Base, get them involved.

High Desert

Frank Keeler –

Wins – do not have enough equipment to keep up with what we need for firefighting thanks to all Counties and fire departments to help us be successful

T3 teams another good win they were utilized a lot this year.

Casper fire dispatch – it worked well. Nice good center. If you have someone that might be interested in helping in dispatch, get hold of Rob. Above average fire season.

High Plains District –

Kirk Strom –

Job well done this year. Had a less than average season this year in this District.

Did a run on fire workload number of fires number of acres divided by number of engines at stations and found that the Buffalo station put up 34 fires a year on a 10 year average.

Casper station was only doing 11 so based on that study we are moving one T6 engine from Casper to Buffalo. So most of effort lately has been to get housing for that engine that is moving.

Miles Ellis retired in September, Craig Short is in a detail position to help fill in with Miles' position. Will fly this position in February.

Rob Neibauer, Kirk Strom and Eric Chapman all set to retire soon.

Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

Rich Zimmerlee –

Moving forward on a unit aviation manager position in Cody to be shared with Bighorn and Shoshone forests
Keeping 2 seat bases
Safe fire season thanks to cooperators for assistance

Bighorn forest –

Jon Warder –

Had not very many fires in forests this year.
Sent a lot of people out to assist on other fires.
Curtis Heaton is retiring at GACC level
Scott Suggs former position is vacant and he has moved to another position.
Standardized funding – should be the same as last year
Regionally the MedBow Forest is going to host an incident fire business person. There is a billing backlog and having this person will help cut down backlog.
With Cathy retiring could be asking for assistance at the Dispatch Center instead of, as in the past, going out to help.

Med Bow NF

Jay Miller

Had a busy year down south
Could not have done it without all the assistance from all the cooperators.
Will talk tomorrow about the large fires.
Had 3 large fires on the Wyoming side of the Forest.
IMT 's – need to look for people to participate.
There has been a shake up this year and the T3 teams are a bonus. Need those standalone teams that can start or finish the fires.
Scott Sugg new Coop Fire took Kelly Kane's position
AOP's have to go through Grants and Agreements this year, found out yesterday.

Regional 2 Office

Scott Sugg

Will help withing all the grants and agreements including the AOP's, helps with the SFA and VFA grants and does the Excess Property stuff as well.
Has been in the Region on the Operations side for 10 years, so does have knowledge of Wyoming and how we do business.
Busy year this year. Competing with resources all rely on each other.
T3 tems are heavily relied on and will be more so in the future.
At one point had ¾ of the heavy airtanker fleet in GACC at one time.
Most retardant ever dropped in one fire season.
New Cooperative Agreement has a new national template being mandated to use.
May lead to extension of our existing agreement.
Agreement is what we do and the AOP is the how we do it.

As we walk through the verbiage on the Agreement have a couple of people work with Scott and Anthony together as partners to get it done.

Region 4 Office

Mike Johnson – Deputy FMO on Bridger Teton –

Fire season was average to below average until Roosevelt and Martin fires took off

Had 34 fires, average is closer to 50 or 60.

17 were human caused

17 were lightning caused

Then September happened and weather changed had 13 out of 17 days of red flag warnings.

Human caused fires went up during the restriction period. Rifle season started in September.

Chasing fires in late September instead of fuel projects. Lost first homes ever lost in Bridger Teton, 55 at last count. 2 people significantly burned they were hunters.

Did some early spring burning about 600 acres;

Bridger Teton is lumped into Idaho pod. Way to get funding for projects will change, need big projects to get any of the funding with heavy partnership involvement.

Restrictions – as a state and locally need to get more teeth

Vacancies –

West Zone FMO as well as the AFMO are open will fly FMO this winter. Afton/Kemmerer duty stations.

Working on establishing a prescribed fire council in Wyoming.

One of the only states to not have a council. It will inform and educate the public and leverage network across state. State Forestry is heavily involved as is Commissioner Wendling as is the Game and Fish Meeting in Lander December 11th and 12th to stand up this Council.

In R4 Standing up a team that was disbanded a couple of years ago due to lack of participation. So need people to apply for the teams.

Chip Collins – Grand Teton NP FMO

Have funded fire staff in Yellowstone and Park

Below average fire season this year.

Number of smaller NP units across Wyoming

Chip has some responsibilities to these units, so greatly rely on the local fire service to assist with them.

Ft. Laramie had the 150 year anniversary of the Treaty of Ft.

Laramie they hosted a celebration in April and there was an All hazards team managed the event.

Park Service also address assisting with the Dispatch Centers Interior Rural fire Readiness - used to offset the disposal costs of moving an engine to Torrington.

Just replaced a T6 engine so will have that engine to move to a county around Bighorn basin area
New Regional Fire Management Officer with Jay Lusher moving into Agency Rep Position on the Rocky Mountain Coordination Group.

Dispatch Center –

Rob Neibauer –

Combined Rawlins and Casper Dispatch Centers and it worked well

Thanks to all who donated funds to help with operations.

If you have any suggestions or ideas to help with making the center better, please get with Rob.

Rob will retire end of September 2019

Heather McDonald

Grand Teton Dispatch an all hazard center, so do law enforcement, search and rescue and includes the Park.

24-7 in the summer

This year got hit hard with Roosevelt and Martin Creek fires.

Supported two Type 2 teams, One Type 1 and 3 variations of the Type 3 teams. Expanded dispatch for over 2 weeks, brought in an aircraft dispatcher, had an IA Dispatcher, extended 24/7 into October to support the fire activity.

Hosted an apprentice, had an injured firefighter come in to help as well as a detailer to fill in with one of the vacancies.

We have 8 permanent staff and up to 6 seasonals with only 4 available this year prior to the two fires.

Was a very busy year.

Old Business:

Fire Reporting – Anthony Schultz –

Would like to have an open dialog about the ER this afternoon and how it is going.

867 fires currently reported for a little less than 400,000 acres, as the information is entered, these figures go up accordingly

Fires reported so far – busiest season that Wyoming has had on record for the second year in a row. Doesn't mean we have had a higher volume of fires, just that you all are reporting them more often.

Main issue is folks getting locked out of their account.

Have to log in once every 8 months to keep the login current

It is a long process to get the logins reset.

If you look in the settings page you can change it from 8 months to a year.

Small delay with system transferring information to the national database.

Ian and Fire Marshall Staff have done a fantastic job coordinating the training piece.

Coordinated 4 or 5 Regional trainings around the State

Looking to host 2 more trainings and the bring in ER people for in-depth training.

Have two people in house that are getting trained up to answer technical support via phone and be able to assist with the training at the departments.

Joyce and someone else in Fire Marshall Office will be those links. Nationally the VFA funding has increased, but because the reporting is up the VFA funding is up about \$100,000 higher. BLM has no FDID so need to have Fire Marshall create and share so everyone is using the same FDID numbers.

Per Chris Kocher; Cathy Hutton has 5 digit identifiers already so appropriate to use the same numbers. Forests are in drop down box but BLM is not.

Anthony will find the email that Chris Kocher sent him with that information and he will meet with Ian to vet that information. If BLM cannot use the codes that Cathy sent to Chris, then Anthony and Ian will meet with Kayla and they will get something figured out and sent to everyone so the same information is being used.

Kayla Davin has been volunteered by Paul Hohn to assist with the codes from the State BLM office.

Also BIA **Craig will get Anthony a contact for a contact.**

Can we extend to all that sign the AOP's so we have all the outlaying Agencies as well?

No issues that need to be fixed.

Break for lunch.

Anthony continues:

Parent Agreement/AOP Language –

2019 will be working off of third year of extension.

All changes have to go back through all the other agencies.

USFS has issued a new Master Agreement template has been mandated that we use.

Have to have a new Agreement meeting to go over changes that have been made.

Hope to have same people assist with the meeting as last time.

Timeframe probably a couple more extensions

Some changes – categorized by topic and if it meets intent then you will just plug those pieces in. Take a lot of the old Agreement and plug into the new template.

There is not a Statewide Agreement. There is a Master Agreement which dictates how the State does business with other Federal Land Management Agencies, then you have the Sub Geographic AOP's the how we do business.

When we have an issue within the AOP it falls to the Master Agreement. If the

Master Agreement does not speak to the issue, then it is not applicable. The

Counties sign a one page agreement saying they agree to what the Master

Agreement says.

Group that we need to put together Craig Haslam, Dana Stone and the FAB 5. Region 4 has Julie Campbell who is Scott Sugg's counterpart. Please keep her involved.

Get a copy of the template before the first meeting to the committee.

AOP's –

Last year they were standardized about half of the Agreement because it is all boiler plate language that no one reads any way and there ended up being a lot of out dated language in some of them that was taken out.

Thanks to DF's and cooperators.

By the time AOP meetings are held hopefully all the issues have been worked out.

DF's will soon be distributing the boiler plate part of AOP's and then can work on the specifics in the District AOP meetings.

Cooperators payments from WSF account 537 account –

Account from reimbursement side worked well.

It was almost triple from 10 year average.

Wyoming was only state that did not pay the cooperators directly.

When it first started it was a 2 week turnaround.

State switched over to new financial system and this caused a three week delay.

Then went over budget authority and had to go to Governor's Office to get authority upped.

On average, at end of season, it is a 2 month turnaround.

If it is taking longer call Anthony and he will check on it to see if it is being held up.

What is mechanism for getting any overpayment back? It will be up to the overpaid individual to get reimbursed. One to one account that has to balance in the end.

Admin fees –

Fremont county charged 5% admin fee on out of state fire paperwork. Sent some paperwork down to Cheyenne for an in-state fire and accidentally charged the admin fee, should not have added to the in-state bill.

For In-state fires, should not be charging admin fee of any kind.

All entities within the State of Wyoming has the right to charge up to 10% to any bill.

WSFD has not attached an Admin fee to any of the bills to date.

Can continue to bill the federal agencies directly do not have to go through this account.

Craig would like for all cooperators to **not** charge any admin fee to any in-state fires.

BLM has not charged any admin fees to date; USFS has a 9% admin fee for this past year.

The Master Agreement allows for you to charge an administrative fee, on either in or out of state fires.

The State has not been attaching an administrative fee to any bills to Cooperators or DOI to date.

USFS attaches a fee to all bills through ASC.

Who is the driving force behind adding the admin fee? County or Fire District
In state of Wyoming we try to help each other out and would like to see in-state we not charge each other any extra fees.

Do have the ability to charge time for preparing bill to the Exhibit B for whoever is doing to work.

Talk to local FMO's as to what is going to be on the bills at the AOP meetings

Most of the discussion in creating the Fund 537 account was on out of state fires, but we have also been utilizing on in-state fires as well. Do we need to do this process on just the out of state fires and not the in-state fires? Question: Can it be a problem if the fire is an EFSA fire and not a Fund 537 fire? Answer: Shielah has come up with a good color coded system to keep the accounts separate. On EFSA we are using that account and not the 537 account.

County Fire Wardens will take this issue on and discuss what is expected from their counties and bring to the body on Saturday.

For out of state fires Counties will add in their 5% and WSFD will add on a 5% and the total added will be 10%.

For compact orders out of state you can add to County but the State will not add, we just need to make the other State aware that it is going to be charged.

Bug Money out of EFSA status – Bill Crapser – Legislation made the decision to take the money out of this account. Not a lot we can do about it. But now with the addition of the funds, they are being very supportive so suggestion is to not make an issue out of. Should sunset in 2020. They are going to be putting in 1 million a year and the draw is about \$500,000 per year

Fire Restriction Language – Anthony –

Language is really antiquated and outdated. Over 50% of land board has changed, so would not have been beneficial to open the rules before now.

Now we can educate the Board to show them the inconsistencies within the rules with the Federal Agencies and then open the rules up.

Forestry would as that the Rural Firemans Association to get some folks together to start drafting up some language together to decide how the new rules should look. Some things to start talking about is what we want done, what is the end goal, how strong do we want those restrictions to be and how do we change the rules.

Do not mesh with Federal partners at this time so how can we work with federal partners to make the language say the same things.

Do BLM and USFS restrictions say the same thing? No, but they are open to working with other Agencies to get more consistent wording.

Carmen at BLM state office would like to work together with all agencies to get consistent rules across the board for all that can be consistent.

Fire restriction subcommittee will consist of: Chris Thomas, Kelly Hoffman, Jamie Reitz, Carmen Thomason - BLM, Sheryl Page - R2, R4 will give name to Anthony soon for their representative

310-1 changes Ryan DeFord –

T3 C&G staff members now have a taskbook – no extra classes needed

Helibase Manager instead of having a T1 book and a T2 book, now all one taskbook

Seat Manager – to now be a Seat Manager they have added 2 new requirements;

Marshaller and Parking Tender they both have taskbooks and both have to be completed before opening Seat Manager taskbook. Greg Resser the BLM Aviation Manager is

going to try to get someone here to train the Marshaller and Parking Tender positions

before season starts. Don't have to have 3 people at seat base just need a qualified seat base manager.

If already have that qual you will be grandfathered in, but if a trainee, you will need these other quals.

Motion made by Craig Haslam to adopt newest version of 310-1. Seconded by Jake Chaffin. Motion passed.

Wyoming Wildland Fire Qualification Handbook

In minutes from 2017 meeting, we decided that any additions or amendments to the Wyoming Wildland Fire Qualification Handbook would be submitted prior to October for discussion by the Fire Advisory Board and then brought to the meeting for vote. We did not receive any requests for any changes to that handbook this year. Please look at the Handbook and be prepared for any changes in the next year.

New Business:

Legislative Committee Report (Russ Wenke/Jeff Kehl)

1. Volunteer fire/EMT pension Board is proposing to ask for 5% more of the fire premium fund and legislation would include raising our premium from \$15.00 per volunteer to \$16.00 the extra revenues would be used for COLA or some other increase in pension.
Craig moved that we support this issue. Seconded by Brent Godfrey. Motion carried

2. Recent changes to the Special Districts acts would require that all Fire Districts would have to pay for a CPA audit every year regardless of revenues of the district. Senator Bebout has agreed to sponsor legislation that would change statutes back to previous language that requires CPA audits only if the revenues are over 1 million dollars.
Motion made by Craig Haslam that we support this change back to the way it was rather than this new legislation. Seconded by Steve Haines. Motion carried.

3. Public records bill is still being considered in committee so will continue to monitor to see what kind of changes we may need to propose.

Continue to monitor. Strongly want to get rid of the felony charge.

4. Joint Ag has 2 bills dealing with Suppression Account –
First Bill: first year appropriates \$20 million into Suppression Account and then an additional \$1 million each year with a cap of \$25 million.
Second bill is: If State Forestry has a general fund surplus at end of Biennium those funds will roll to the Suppression account instead of reverting to the General Fund. Bills are written and passed committee LSO has them now.
***Motion made by Craig Haslam to support both bills.
Seconded by Sam Wilde. Motion passed.***

5. Sheridan County Fire Chiefs have proposed a change to the statute to raise the maximum mill levies from 3 to 4 for local fire districts. Need to have the discussion as a body on whether to support or not.

Bob Fawcett Natrona County feels we should support it. His department could use the additional income.

Eric Quinney feels we need to be selective of what we ask for.

Craig Haslam – understand that there are Districts that need the extra money but feels that the opposing special districts legislators could use this as ammunition against the special districts, could end up with a deduction instead of an addition. Education is going for 9 mil increase. He has a concern about opening this up.

After discussion this is tabled for now.

We have rooms in Cheyenne at the Staybridge Suites for the whole session. Suite is \$129.00 per night has 2 bedrooms, kitchen, and living room. Please see Russ to sign up for days at session. If District/Department will pick up transportation, Committee will pick up room and meals. If personal vehicle, they will reimburse for that as well.

40 day session this year.

Special Districts (Haslem) –

Special District Association came into fruition last year.

Have 671 special districts – needed to form an association of the special districts

Next meeting is December 13th at 10:00 in Casper and there is a call in number so you can participate if you would like.

2 senators who feel that Special Districts are illegal and should be done away with, so we need you all involved and participating to be able to work and keep things going in the correct direction.

Talk to Craig if you want to find out more.

Mini Mob Guide changes/edits (Krissanda Kappas)

Updated the dates and references throughout

Updated a sentence, but not sure what the sentence was.

Page 9 - Took out the first paragraph of Ordering of Wyoming State Forestry Inmate Crews and Helicopter.

Updated the Correctional Officer wording to say that if they stay overnight a Correctional Officer will be assigned.

Page 11 - Strike all the County fire warden billing procedures **Recommended wording get from Krissy out of state fires** – send Exhibit Ba and all original backup documentation to WSFD for payment

Two in-state options fire

Send the Exhibit B and all original backup documentation to either:

Option A) the appropriate jurisdictional entity (BLM District Office, UFS FMO Office, etc.) for payment. Or

Option B) WSFD for payment.

Remove 3) from this page.

Page 12 - FSC Page Administrative Office for Payment changed 1) outside the State of Wyoming will be **WSFD** 2) within the State of Wyoming will be the local office of the responsible agency, **or WSFD**

Pages 13 & 14 - Firefighter pay plan – initially compared rates to AD Pay Plan trying to figure out how we set up in the beginning how we decided what pay rate to put the qualification into. Highlighted positions found that they were duplicated, no longer in 310-1 and curious if we still need the positions in our chart.

Drivers are a good example, took them to 3 positions and took out the FFB driver.

RADO is a taskbook qualified position and should be in FFB.

Craig Haslam - No rhyme or reason to our rates, they are not representation of the AD rates at all, they are all over the place, so are higher and some are lower than the AD Play Plan.

President Watsabaugh wants to create a subcommittee to look at rates and classifications of people as it pertains to pay plan. Committee consists of Krissanda Kappas, Craig Haslam, Sam Wilde, Chad Dinges and Mike Bournazian.

Page 15, also need to change any positions that only receive the rate if they are ordered as that position.

Fireline vehicles - Seemed to be a lot of confusion this summer as to whether they got mileage all the time or only on travel days.

Recommend that we add: Can only get mileage rate in addition to the fireline hours when the vehicle is used to or from the incident and worked on the fine line in the same day.

Page 26 - Remove mention of the Exhibits as we no longer use them, we will now use the naming conventions.

Page 27 - Added lines to make it easier to navigate.

Motion made to adopt recommended changes outside of rates by Mike Bournazian. Seconded by Craig Haslam Motion passed.

Equipment rates:

At the Advisory Board meeting in November, Jake Chaffin, Steve Haines, and Mike Bournazian were tasked with reviewing equipment rates and they came up with a comparison difference between wet and dry rates with the surrounding states, looking through their State Agreements. States we used were: WY, SD, CO, NM, UT, KS, ID,

MT, ND, some are wet and some are dry rates. On Wyoming rates, did not include addition for foam or CAFS or additional gallons rate.

Recommendation by Committee is to

Increase cost of equipment raise all apparatus rates by 10%

Raise UTV rate to \$100/day

Did not change anything in the vehicle rates

Add an Office trailer at \$100/day

ALS and BLS Kits – these are the kits for line personnel that they use. Cam

Siplon out of Casper Fire has been looking into this and used

CO rate as it is fairly competitive and if the kit is pulled off the truck, they charge for it. Colorado's rates are; BLS Kit is \$25/day, ALS kit is \$60.00 there are standards that you can find on-line to know what is required.

Motion made by Jamie Reitz to increase or add all rates as proposed and add the standards for kits in Mob Guide. Seconded by Tom Reed
Discussion: For ALS/BLK kits use same language as Page 19 as it refers to drop tanks and portable pumps only being paid if requested by incident. Amended motion to include this wording and re-seconded.
Another amendment to the motion is to round the rates up to the nearest dollar Tom re-seconded.
Motion passed.

For prescribed fire, the USFS has to have a separate contract that sets the rates and expectations for that incident.

New OF-297 – Combined Personnel/Equipment Shift Ticket – Chris Kocher

This summer ran into merged OF 297 for equipment and personnel on same sheet.

It was used on Terek fire.

Is there any interest in Wyoming maybe creating one?

Finance gets original copy and not the carbon.

Who would pay for this to be printed up? WSFD would pay for having these printed up.

Craig made a motion to go forward with this new form, and with Bill's permission to task Wyoming State Forestry with seeing if this is feasible and if it is, to get some printed up before the upcoming fire season. Seconded by Brent Godfrey.

Discussion: Nate Butler would like to see it usable by a hand crew. Potentially 5 vehicles for each crew. Maybe not landscape, but portrait format. Big enough to work, not a small form.

Chad Dinges – why are we looking at changing something that is working, what is benefit and at a cost to Forestry?
Maybe use only for engines, not crews.
Easier for finance.

Motion passed.

Wet/Dry rates – Sarah Hill -

Dry rates – rates could be higher fuel costs for engines –
Chris Kocher has seen his fuel tickets for all kinds of engines. They are not even close to \$15.00/hr., to raise the costs this would not be fiscally responsible for us to go to dry rates and still raise the rates.

Motion made by Craig Haslam for no further discussion and no action taken at this time on wet/dry rates. Seconded by Chris Kocher. Motion Passed

Lessons learned –Willy Watsabaugh -

Would like to have a discussion on how to mitigate incidents going from initial to extended attack and how resources were accounted for, or not, so they could be reassigned, assigned and accounted for. It turned into a nightmare in several instances. This is a lead into what we will talk about tomorrow. Are there different methodologies on how to handle? How can we do a better job with this?

Chad/Jamie - Local rural departments – because the local entities do not go out a lot their paperwork is difficult. Two issues - one is integrating local resources into the management team that comes in. The second is the paperwork end of things, the local forces coming and going and moving from resource to resource.

One effective thing was to put the local resources on their own group whether it be structure protection or just to keep them in their own group. Do not associate local individuals with pieces of equipment. Every firefighter had their own O #.

Need a cohesive list of who/what resources are on the incident so when a team is coming in you have an idea of what is there. Had several days when no one could account for who or what was on the incident. IC needs to step back and be able to account for what is there.

Need to write in on the Equipment Shift Ticket, who was on each engine every day. Write in the remarks section.

As the incoming team, knowing what you have when you are taking over a fire is key. Someone on that fire needs to get a list going as soon as possible so that the incoming team knows what they are getting.

Accountability is most important.

Casper Dispatch needs just a list of people and/or equipment and they will generate the Resource orders that are needed to help account for the people.

If it is an EFSA/State or County fire, Resource Orders are not as important, because they are paying the bills and so things do not always go through the Dispatch Centers.

Dispatch Centers can build someone who is not in the system with just a little bit of information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40