

Fact Sheet

COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

CSFCA Purpose

The purpose of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association (CSFCA) is to provide leadership, education, and support to the Chief Officers of Colorado fire departments, in order to reduce the loss of life and property and to protect Colorado's citizens and institutions from all types of emergencies. In addition, we provide the Executive and Legislative branches of Colorado's government with information and recommendations in order to shape public policy that meets the goal of protecting those who live, work, and play in Colorado.

CSFCA Sections

The CSFCA is comprised of eight sections, which are separate fire service organizations, with their own governing boards, that operate under the CSFCA umbrella. The chairperson of each of these sections sits on the CSFCA Board of Directors. The CSFCA sections are:



Metro Denver Fire Chiefs Section (Metro Denver Fire Chiefs' Association)

The purpose of the Denver Metro Fire Chiefs' Association is to bring together fire chiefs from fire departments in the ten-county Denver Metropolitan area (as well as any fire chief representing an area with metropolitan interest) in order to share information and experiences and to discuss issues that pertain to their departments.

Combination Fire Chiefs Section

The Combination Section of the CSFCA creates a forum to inform and educate Chief Officers of Combination Fire-Rescue Departments through a joint effort of communicating and collaborating our experiences with each other.

Volunteer Chief Officers Section

The mission of the Volunteer Chief Officers Section of the CSFCA is to provide information, education, services and representation to the Chief Officers of volunteer fire and emergency services organizations in Colorado to enhance their capability and professionalism.

Fire Marshals Section (Fire Marshals Association of Colorado)

The mission of the Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado is to Promote and Support Fire and Life Safety through Education, Legislation and Code Development.

Training Officers Section (Colorado Fire Training Officers Association)

The Colorado Fire Training Officer's Association is dedicated to Improving Fire Training for the State of Colorado through Communication and Cooperation.

Fire & Life Safety Educators Section (Fire Safety Educator's of Colorado)

The goal of the Fire Safety Educators of Colorado is to improve public education efforts in Colorado in the areas of injury and fire prevention.

Fire Mechanics Section (Colorado Fire Mechanics Association)

The mission of the Colorado Fire Mechanics Association is to establish a professional development and training program that will lead to the certification by a certifying agency of fire apparatus mechanics based on a system utilizing academy instruction and supervised, structured testing.

Fire Chaplains Section (Colorado Fire Chaplains Association)

The mission of the Colorado Fire Chaplains Association (CFCA) is to bring together persons interested in providing an effective Chaplain Service: to give aid, comfort and help to firefighters and their families; to work toward the betterment of all areas of the fire and emergency service. To serve God, to aid humanity, our communities, our government, our religions, and our State and Country.

CSFCA Regions

The Association is composed of nine geographical regions that correspond with the State's All-Hazard Planning Regions, as follows:

North Central Region (also known as the Metro Denver Fire Chiefs' Association) – Includes the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, and Jefferson.

Northeastern Region – Includes the counties of Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Larimer, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma.

Northwestern Region – Includes the counties of Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit.

San Luis Region – Includes the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache.

South Region – Includes the counties of Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas and Pueblo.

South Central Region – Includes the counties of Chaffee, El Paso, Lake, Park, and Teller.

Southeastern Region – Includes the counties of Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers.

Southwestern Region – Includes the counties of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan.

West Region – Includes the counties of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel.

Each region has one representative on the CSFCA Board of Directors.

Membership Benefits

As a member of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association you will receive the following benefits:

- E-mail notification of important issues facing Colorado's fire and emergency services
- Ability to help shape the Association's position on public policy issues
- Representation before the Legislative and Executive branches of Colorado's government
- Ability to influence the future direction of fire and emergency services by participating in CSFCA sections and committees
- Opportunities to represent the CSFCA to other organizations that have a role in the provision of fire and emergency services
- Access to the Technical Advisory Group and "Members Helping Members" Network
- Participation in the Colorado Fire Leadership Challenge
- Labor relations programs
- Access to the Association's web site (www.colofirechiefs.org) for news and legislative updates
- Legislative e-mail alerts
- Monthly (or more frequent) member updates; Quarterly Journal
- Opportunity to express your opinions through member surveys
- Camaraderie with chief fire officers -- providing a sounding board for you to share ideas and concerns, and find solutions to challenges facing your organization

Additional Membership Benefits

The Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association is always looking for ways to enhance the value of your membership. Below are some of the additional benefits of CSFCA membership.

Technical Advisory Group - "Members Helping Members" Network

The recently adopted Strategic Plan for the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association (CSFCA) calls for the development of a Technical Advisory Group, or a "Members Helping Members" network. The purpose of this network is to provide subject matter experts that can be called upon when their colleagues are in need of assistance. It is also intended to provide a pool of "seasoned" fire chiefs willing to serve as mentors for new fire chiefs.



Discounted Home & Auto Insurance Program

A new benefit for 2008 is Discounted Home & Auto Insurance. Written by Travelers Insurance and available exclusively through T. Charles Wilson Insurance Service, this program is available to all employees, volunteers and Board Members of a District or Department in good standing with the CSFCA.

If you want to see more about this program, go to: http://www.wilsonins.com/csfca_program.html.

You may contact the agency at 1-800-530-3001, and dial 339 for Allen Cook, or 304 for Debbie Medina. An information form should soon be available on the above link, if you would prefer to complete the form and fax it to 303-368-5863 for a quote.

VFIS of Colorado Education / Training Programs

VFIS of Colorado has extended the offer to provide a complimentary copy of any of the Education programs contained in their catalog to members of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association. The only exception is requests for individual on-site training, seminar / workshop, and consulting requests.

To ensure that those requesting VFIS education materials are members of the CSFCA, requests should be sent to paul@colofirechiefs.org.

Additional information, including sample safety documents that are available as a PDF or Word document, risk management guidelines and loss control materials is also available at VFIS.com.

For additional information about education materials or to request individual on-site training contact Earl McFarland, VFIS of Colorado at: 970-686-7120 x118 or Email: EMcFarland@EM-Insurance.com.

Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association Travel Website

The Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association has entered into an agreement with YTB Travel Network, a leading on-line travel agency, to provide our own travel website. You, your family and friends, as well as any member of your department, their families and friends can take advantage of this website.

Just book your personal and business travel through our website, www.ytbtravel.com/cofirechiefs. Not only will you find the same airlines, hotels and rental cars, and the same low rates offered by other websites, but our travel site can do so much more.

Membership Classifications

Regular Members. Regular (departmental) members include:

- The chief of the department and all chief officers, as designated by the chief, of regularly organized public, private, governmental or industrial fire departments.
- Fire commissioners, fire directors, district managers, and/or public safety directors who devote full time (paid or volunteer) to fire administrative and fire fighting operations.

Individual Members. Regular (individual) members include:

- The Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Safety, and the Fire Director of the Colorado State Forest Service.
- The Bureau of Land Management's Colorado State Fire Management Officer, the U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region Fire Director, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region Fire Director, and the National Park Service, National Park Service, Intermountain Region Fire Director.
- County or municipal emergency managers and County fire marshals.

Associate Members. Associate members shall be individuals who work in allied fields of the fire service and are interested in the goals and objectives of the Association, and are not identified with fire protection commercially.

Sustaining Membership/Corporate Sponsorship. Sustaining membership (Corporate Sponsor) may be granted to individuals and/or businesses engaged in the manufacture or sale or emergency apparatus, equipment, supplies or service and supporting the goals and objectives of the Association.

For questions concerning membership or membership classification, go to the CSFCA website at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/membership.htm>.

Association Goals & Objectives

The following goals and objectives for the CSFCA are excerpted from the CSFCA Strategic Plan 2007 – 2010:

Goal 1: Building Relationships and Partnerships

- 1.1 Build and maintain strategic alliances with groups and organizations involved in fire and emergency services policy-making and delivery in Colorado.
- 1.2 Develop an Effective Relationship with the Governor.
- 1.3 Develop an Effective Relationship with the Legislature.
- 1.4 Maintain an Effective Partnership with the Division of Fire Safety.
- 1.5 Develop an Effective Partnership with other state agencies that are involved in making or influencing policy affecting the delivery of fire and emergency services.

Goal 2: Improving Member Services and Support

- 2.1 Ensure effective communications between the CSFCA, CSFCA Sections, and the membership.
- 2.2 Enhance and regularly evaluate the use, content, functionality, and accessibility of the CSFCA website.
- 2.3 Improve the speed of transferring information and knowledge on key issues to our members.
- 2.4 Sustain a position of relevance to our members by providing the programs, products and services that they need and want.

Goal 3: Fire and Life Safety

- 3.1 Develop and implement strategies for reducing the loss of life and property.
- 3.2 Develop and implement strategies for supporting the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.
- 3.3 Develop and implement a wildland fire section of the CSFCA.
- 3.4 Develop and implement a more effective all-hazards capability in the State of Colorado.
- 3.5 Fully implement the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) in Colorado and seek opportunities to enhance the system.

Goal 4: Leading the Fire and Emergency Services

- 4.1 Provide leadership, expertise and direction on issues that impact the fire service.
- 4.2 Develop objectives that are designed to prepare CSFCA members to meet the fire and emergency services leadership challenges of the present and the future.
- 4.3 Increase active member participation on committees and task groups to maximize regional representation.
- 4.4 Support and promote statewide communications operability and interoperability.
- 4.5 Identify fire service role in local and statewide homeland security prevention, response, mitigation and recovery, and critical infrastructure protection.

Goal 5: Legislative/Political Action

- 5.1 Be actively engaged in legislation affecting the Colorado fire service.
- 5.2 Establish a CSFCA legislative team and legislative process.

Goal 6: New Revenue and Association Growth

- 6.1 Increase membership of chief officers throughout Colorado.
- 6.2 Diversify the organization's revenue stream to ensure CSFCA's economic stability.
- 6.3 Demonstrate fiscal responsibility in the management of Association finances.

To view the CSFCA Strategic Plan in its entirety, go to:

http://www.colofirechiefs.org/CSFCA%20Documents/2007_Strategic_Plan_Final.pdf

CSFCA Liaisons and Representatives

A factor in the success of the CSFCA is that we are actively involved in issues that affect the fire service; helping to shape public policy. Listed below are just some of the committees, boards, and workgroups that representatives of the CSFCA are actively involved with, representing the interests of all chief fire officers across the state:

- CDLE Division of Oil & Public Safety School Safety Stakeholders Group
- Colorado Incident Management Team Certification Committee
- Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) Advisory Committee
- Colorado Municipal League Representative
- Colorado State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC)
- Colorado State Emergency Resource Mobilization Program (CSERMP)
- Colorado Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 1 (USAR)
- Colorado's First Responder Authentication Credentialing (COFRAC) Initiative Working Group
- Cooperative Communications Network of Colorado (CCNC)
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC)
- Emergency Fire Fund (EFF) & State Air Operations Committee
- Fire Service Training and Certification Board
- Hazardous Materials Responder Certification Board
- IAFC Emergency Management Committee
- IAFC Fire-Rescue International Committee
- IAFC Missouri Valley Division State Vice President
- Metro State Bachelors' Degree Program Committee
- Special Districts Association Representative
- State All Hazards Advisory Committee (SAHAC)
- Trauma Care Preservation Coalition (TCPC)

CSFCA Meetings

CSFCA General Membership Meetings are held quarterly in March, June, September, and December; and with the exception of the Annual Meeting, which is held in conjunction with the CSFCA Fire Leadership Challenge, these meetings are usually on the 1st Friday of the month. These meetings are intended to be educational as well to provide an opportunity for networking with peers. Oftentimes, meetings of the combination and volunteer chiefs sections are held in conjunction with the general membership meetings.

CSFCA Board of Directors Meetings are held monthly (on the months when there is no general membership meetings); generally on the 1st Friday of the month beginning at 9:30 a.m. These meetings are generally held in the CSFCA Offices in Centennial and are open to any member.

For more information about CSFCA meetings, including schedules, minutes and agendas, go to the "meetings" page on the CSFCA website at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/meetings.htm>.

Fire Leadership Challenge

The Fire Leadership Challenge is the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association annual conference, which takes place the week after Thanksgiving. This conference brings together more than 400 fire service leaders from around the state and nation; providing valuable training and insight into the leadership challenges that every chief officer, command officer and firefighter needs to prepare for.

For questions concerning the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association contact your regional representative to the Board of Directors or Paul L. Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at (720) 874-8116 or Email at paul@colofirechiefs.org.

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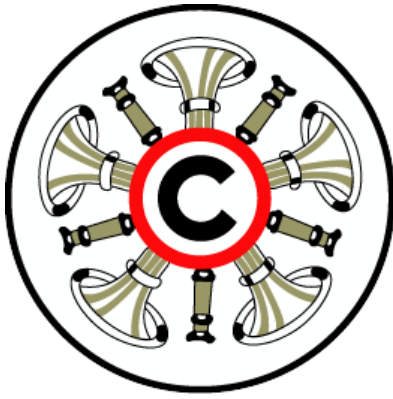
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CSFCA is a member of the Missouri Valley Division of the
International Association of Fire Chiefs





Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association

Mission, Vision & Values

CSFCA Mission

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CSFCA Vision

The vision of the CSFCA is to represent the interests of all chief fire officers across the state of Colorado. We will be a dynamic organization, characterized by our integrity, customer focus, proactive leadership, and innovation. We will excel by building strategic alliances, by the mentoring of aspiring leaders, and the professional development of our members through continuing education.

CSFCA Values

The Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association:

- strives to have a public that is educated on what to do before, during and after an emergency in order to protect themselves, their families, their homes, and their businesses.
- endeavors to provide the executive and legislative branches of Colorado's government with information and recommendations in order to shape public policy that meets the goal of protecting those who live, work and play in Colorado.
- values government with a focus on customer service, teamwork within and between government and private agencies, cost effectiveness, and honesty and integrity in all its dealings with institutions and citizens in the State.
- values the safety of firefighters, by providing educational opportunities and a safe work environment.
- strives to create a fire service that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve and exceeds expectations of the citizens who depend on us.

"Serving the Chief Fire Officers of Colorado since 1968"