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CSFCA Member Update March 12, 2007

Legislative Update

A legislative update has been posted on the Legislative Page of the CSFCA Website at: www.colofirechiefs.org/legislative.htm.

Action on the Fireworks Bill is Due TODAY

HB07-1092 has been scheduled to be heard by Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee TODAY, March 12, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. in Senate Committee Room 354. The bill is on the calendar for ACTION ONLY, meaning no further witness testimony will be taken.

Firefighter Presumptive Cancer Bill Passes House Committee

House Bill 07-1008, Concerning Workers' Compensation Coverage for Firefighters Who Contract Certain Types of Cancer, was taken up again on March 8, 2007 by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee. The bill was amended and passed to the Committee of the Whole for 2nd Reading on a 6-5 vote. Floor action on the bill is scheduled for TOMORROW, March 13, 2007, but might be laid over.

Volunteer Chiefs Section Organizational Meeting

As a means to better serve the needs of the volunteer chief fire officer in Colorado, the decision was made to explore the creation of a Volunteer Chiefs Section of the CSFCA devoted to this need. Chief Don Chapman of the Alamosa Fire Department has agreed to chair the effort, with the assistance of Chief David DeTray of the La Veta Fire Department.

The Volunteer Chiefs Section organizational meeting has been set for Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Alamosa Fire Station 2 at Craft Drive and Vigil Way in Alamosa. All are welcome to participate. At this meeting we will be discussing the structure of the new section, its mission, goals and objectives, how and when to hold meetings and the content of the meetings, and specifically how the Section will reach out to the volunteer chief officers in the state. More on this meeting will be distributed in a separate E-mail.

Apparatus/Equipment to be Donated

The Arvada Fire Department is looking to donate a 1985 Sutphen Pumper to a deserving department within the State of Colorado. The truck is in good condition and has passed pump test every year without any problems. The details on this vehicle and the donation offer can be found on the CSFCA website or by clicking [here](#).

CSFCA Membership Renewals

It is that time of year! The applications for membership (for all classes of members) are found on the CSFCA website at: www.colofirechiefs.org/membership.htm. Please take a moment download fill out the application and submit it by fax, e-mail, or regular mail. This year, as a convenience to our members, we are accepting credit card payments. The instructions for payment by credit card is attached to the application.

Thank you!

Four Years Later - A Second Needs Assessment of the U.S. Fire Service

A cooperative study between the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), Directorate for Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

The 2005 Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey used the unaltered survey instrument developed in the [first \(2001\) needs assessment](#), with the aim of supporting valid timelines on all questions. Once again, America's fire departments rose to the challenge, carefully reviewed their departments' capabilities and described those capabilities in forms submitted to us for use in this study.

Capabilities Reviewed

- Revenues and Budgets
- Personnel and Their Capabilities
- Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement
- Facilities, Apparatus and Equipment
- Communications and Communications Equipment
- Ability to Handle Unusually Challenging Incidents
- New and Emerging Technology

In all, 15,545 fire departments - just over half the total in NFPA Fire Service Inventory database, including all departments protecting communities of at least 50,000 population - were mailed survey forms, and 4,709 responded, for a 30% response rate.

The content of the survey was developed by NFPA in the 2001 survey, in collaboration with an ad hoc technical advisory group consisting of representatives of the full spectrum of national organizations and related disciplines associated with the management of fire and related hazards and risks in the U.S. The survey form was used without modification in order to maximize comparability of results and development of valid timelines.

To download a copy of the complete report or the state specific report, click [here](#).

2007 Assistance to Firefighter Grants March 5 Application Period Start Temporarily Postponed

The United States Department of Homeland Security is in the process of finalizing the Fiscal Year 2007 Assistance to Firefighter Grants guidance and applications. We have learned through the IAFC that the delay is coming from OMB, similar to last year. Once a final determination has been made regarding the application release date, the CSFCA [website](#) and the AFG [website](#) will be updated.

Upcoming Workshops & Conferences

4th Annual Western Colorado All-Hazards Conference
Mar 26-30, 2007
Montrose, Colorado

Colorado Mitigation & Wildfire Conference
Apr 13-15, 2007
Pueblo, Colorado

Utilizing Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) in WMD
Apr 23-25, 2007
Berthoud FPD, Colorado

Colorado Emergency Services, Safety and Prevention Conference
April 25 -27, 2007
Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Colorado

Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy
June 2-8, 2007
Alamosa, Colorado

For more information on these workshops and conferences, including links to conference websites and registration information, visit the Training and Conferences Page on our website at: <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/trainingconf.htm>

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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