

**LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**La Veta Fire Station**  
**100 Birch Street**  
**La Veta, Colorado**

**MINUTES**  
April 12, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Littlefield, Nielsen, Heikes, ShROUT and Walker were in attendance.  
Staff: EMS Director Schmidt and District Secretary Pezze.  
Guests: Asst. Chief Mower, Jim Berg, and Michael Warren

**Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Littlefield welcomed all those in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MSA:**\* The April 12, 2018 Agenda was approved as presented.

**May 8, 2018 Elections and Cancellation Resolution**

Sue Pezze, Designated Election Officer for the May 8, 2018 Special District Election advised that Directors Nielsen and Walker will take their Oaths of Office for their new 4-year terms at the next regular meeting on May 10, 2018.

**Minutes**

**MSA:** Minutes of the March 8, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters**

Kim Eldridge sent a thank you note to the LVFPD EMS Department thanking them for their kind service the evening her father passed away.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the April 12, 2018 meeting were presented. The internet service at the Cuchara Station was discussed and Sec. Pezze will contact Jon Saunders, General Manager with SECOM in LaJunta to see if they would consider donating internet service for the Cuchara Station.

**MSA:** The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**EMS Director Report**

- 1) 6 EMS runs with 3 patients transported in March 2018.
- 2) Will turn in receipts and request for reimbursement on the CDPH&E EMS Provider grant for Dr. Weber's six-month fee and training sessions in May. Have received approval to submit expenses for outside training class fees and equipment and training aids (airway training head and an IV practice arm) on the grant also. Spanish Peaks Ambulance will also acquire an IV training arm and other equipment with these grant funds.
- 3) Helped conduct 5 RETAC grant application reviews on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo.
- 4) Wendy Waldrop took her first National Registry test and was unsuccessful. She will re-test after waiting the required 2 weeks.
- 5) On March 6<sup>th</sup> Tyler Schmidt presented a lecture and lab on interosseous and IV procedures and on April 10 he presented a class on reading EKGs. On March 10<sup>th</sup> Marc Biggins presented a lecture on multi-trauma and diabetic events and simulated an EMS call involving those issues.
- 6) Working on placement of the 3 A.E.D.s donated by Mark Worgan's friend. One will go in a P.O.V. The owners of Charlie's Market have approved having one in their store and final approval for placing the last one in the Big R Store is still pending final approval from the owners. An article will be submitted to the local paper once these units are in place.

**\*MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated).**

The Board asked EMS Director Schmidt to develop a plan and spreadsheet to monitor the batteries and supplies for all the various LVFPD A.E.D. units that are placed in public locations in the District.

Director Littlefield advised that he and other volunteers were at the Cuchara Station and found supplies and items in Rescue 3 (1992 Chev. Amb.) askew. Multiple overhead lights inside the ambulance box are also not working. EMS Director Schmidt stated that she will look into the situation and ask if any of the EMTs have knowledge of when or how the dishevelment occurred. Changing door codes at both stations was discussed and Jim Berg offered to take care of the re-programming if someone will advise the new code numbers.

Asst. Chief Mower addressed the Board and advised that he is currently training LVFPD personnel in high angle search and rescue (S & R) the first Wednesday of each month. He is aware that Huerfano County Sheriff's Office is also forming a County search and rescue team. Asst. Chf. Mower stated that the LVFPD S & R team and the Huerfano County S & R team are separate entities and the County S & R will not acquire any of the LVFPD S & R equipment. If a S & R call occurs in the LVFPD La Veta personnel will respond and handle the call. If a S & R call occurs in the County other than inside the LVFPD the County S & R team will respond and LVFPD will assist if requested. Asst. Chf. Mower stated that he still needs to have an in-depth visit with Chief DeTray regarding the structure and operations of the two entities.

Asst. Chief Mower advised that there will be ATV and UTV training at the April 21<sup>st</sup> regular Saturday fire training.

#### Fire Chief Report

- 1) 7 fire calls in March 2018: 2 calls for semi rigs with smoking brakes, S & R call in the Panadero / Spring Creek Trail area, 2 mutual aid calls to separate structure fires in Toltec and Navajo and 2 mutual aid calls to grass & brush fires in the Navajo development, one off of Shoshone Drive and the other off of Comanche Drive.
- 2) Fire Trainings in March: One training on March 7 on rescue ropes & equipment with 16 FFs in attendance and 2 guests, Justin and Brian Jameson. A second training on March 17 which was an extrication exercise with 14 FFs in attendance.
- 3) No written report was received from Chief DeTray. When asked, Asst. Chief Mower and District Sec. Pezze stated they had not been made aware of any reports either. Director Littlefield directed that a note be sent to Chief DeTray regarding the issue. Asst. Chf. Mower apprised the Board on S & R trainings and other discussion led to installing overhead air hose lines to some of the Cuchara Station apparatus.

**MSA:** The Board approved spending up to \$250.00 to install air hose lines for apparatus at the Cuchara Station.

#### Old Business

District Secretary advised that Mark Loveall has found that the FEMA grant application for the tender has been denied.

#### New Business

Director Shroust stated that the Jamesons, with Chaparral Construction, have been inquiring about purchasing one of the 2 brush truck pump and tank units that the LVFPD has in storage. One unit is off of the 86 yellow Ford truck that was sold to Wayne Smith. The other unit is off of the 87 red Ford truck that has been re-purposed into the Rescue 4 unit. After discussion, and considering their help on the 2 Albright brush fires, it was decided to sell the pump and tank unit off of the 86 Ford to Jamesons for \$1.00.

**MSA:** The Board approved offering the pump and tank unit off of the 86 Ford (yellow mitigation truck) to the Jamesons for \$1.00.

**MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Shannon R. Shroust, Secretary