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**ACTION ITEMS** Review first pass on 2024 Budget. Review Proposition HH

**FOLLOW UP**

**OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION**

**Calls of significance:** Possible Stabbing by sword at 4 am in old town Nederland. Turned out no one was stabbed. SO placed party in custody.

Called to assist at Diamond lake for a moose attack. We ended up staging in the parking lot.

Unconscious party at the skate park. A bit of a challenge getting the injured party out of the deep bowl. Thanks to SO deputy for helping get the patient out.

## Operations/ Wildland

## Vehicles:

## 5654 – Had plow maintained and fluids changed.

## 5601- Major leak due to rust making it was thru one of the main hoses from the tank. This has been repaired. Thanks to Kenny Shrum, one of our former volunteers picked up the part in Denver for us.

## 5642 had the wheel well reinstalled, spanners installed, and wheel chocks reinstalled. Our mechanic found a leaking water pump, that will be replaced soon.

## 5653 Plow truck- Had pump maintained and fluids changed.

## We have requested demos for new radios. The grant that we were part of, we did not win.

## Fire Marshal Joslin and I have been continuing work on the CWPP this past weekend we had an open house at the community center, a decent turnout from the community and stakeholders in Boulder County were present.

## The new ambulance has been ordered.

## We received a phone call advising us that the new engine may have a delivery date possibly of August, Scott Papich, Patrick Richardson and I have a prebuild trip scheduled to Florida on November 1.

## Adam Cotner is currently building 2 training props for this month’s RIT and Mayday training.

## Nick Faes is currently building a forcible entry prop.

## Volunteers are working on the 2nd half competencies.

## Henrikson has returned for the SRF Complex Fire, Abramson has been extended for another deployment.

## We have reserved our Christmas Dinner venue at Chautauqua!

## The Awards Committee has met and begun on awards for the Christmas Dinner.

## The Training Committee also met and created a training schedule until the end of the year.

## Finalized first edition of the 2024 budget.

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**EMS**

Investigating grant funding for C-Mac video laryngoscopes 15-20 thousand per unit times 3.

Applied for AMR education fund for 5 fire fighters to attend Emsac and one to attend IV class (education funds are budgeted to send them if we are not awarded funding).

Various vehicle and station projects and repairs.

Various procurement projects (non-ems) with mixed success

Completed anticipated EMS supplies purchases for year.  Investigated options for perishable supply cost savings without finding any clear solutions.  Investigated First Due software as a solution for supply and medication tracking.

Restocked Narcotics from BCH pharmacy

Word of mouth and active recruiting for Captain position and possible PRN Paramedic expansion.

Began integrating and networking with Peak To Peak Human Resources to deepen our bag of resources to assist residents and visitors and to be better able to direct folks towards when an emergency room is not the answer.  There appears to be an expressed need for this in our community.

Working with local medical providers and county crisis workers to identify and assist citizens who are having trouble accessing services.  Frequently 911 calls are secondary to chronic untreated conditions/mental health issues/substance abuse, if we can connect people with the resources they need we can potentially benefit our patients as well as our emergency system/emergency room.  Exploring funding options for expansion of this program.

Budgeting and product research to stay current with best practice of pre-hospital medicine.

Set date for 2nd annual EMS Skills Rodeo hosted by Ned Fire and began recruiting outside instructors.  This year will be scenario based and we will provide tacos, featuring our new skills mankin and an obstetrics Mankin.  We are hoping to use BCFFA Ems committee funding to supply food and pay instructors if not the funds are in the EMS training budget for this event.

Updated some patient moving equipment across the fleet.  

Continued entry of certifications into Salamander

BLS, ACLS, PALS classes added to the training calendar and we will be delivering a CPR instructors course in 2 weeks.

Working to schedule CPR classes with the community center, town staff, library staff and several businesses in town.

Continued Narcan outreach and education at potential locations in town.

EMT Class:  draft of psychomotor skills examination policy and procedures complete.  This had to be created from the ground up as the National Registry is no longer requiring or supporting their skills sheets.  This has been both a burden and an opportunity to create EMS skills testing that more closely mirrors real work practice.   These documents will need to be finalized after soliciting feedback and creation of supporting documentation on student and education center level.  This is the only required modification to the application packet.   This can then be resubmitted (3rd time for this application) Working to secure a stable clinical experience and our state site visit.

Updating cold medication storage to meet DEA requirements.

## Safety/ Training Probationary Firefighter Sergo attending Firefighter Academy 1

## Firefighter Irwin-Powell and Briscombe attending Firefighter 2 academy.

## Fire Marshal Joslin is attending the Fire Leadership Conference in Keystone with funds from the scholarship he won from DFPC.

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## Fire Marshal

Inspections:

Completed initial inspections at Eldora Mountain Resort, 15 buildings completed in 4 hours, thanks to First Due and efforts from Chris Hall, Base Operation Manager for Eldora. Previously this would have taken a week or two to complete. Last year there were nearly 80 code violations, this year there were 16. I’d like to commend the hard work from Mr. Hall; he’s done a great job staying on top these violations and fixing them in a timely manner.

Projects:

**First Due –**

*Pre-plans* are completed for Eldora Mountain Resort. There are a few small buildings left to complete, as well as the large buildings of our district (schools, community center, etc).

*Invoicing & Permitting* modules have been granted to us from First Due. I look forward to setting these modules up in the coming months.

*Responder* module is currently being setup for CAD integration. Once this is complete, tablets on the trucks will show the pre-plans we’ve been building out for calls.  
  
**Wildland Pre-Plans –**

The preliminary map from Ember Alliance looks great; working on getting all the data layers compiled with them. This project is moving along well; I’ve reached out to the group that’s helped this past summer to assist with finalizing the informational templates. We hope to have something in hand by early Q1 2024.

**Computers –**

We ordered a new computer and several docking stations for the shift captains and for the officer/training room meeting areas. A Meeting Owl is also on the way.

Ongoing Activities:

CWPP community engagement has been ongoing.

This week is Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14. This year’s theme is “Cooking safety starts with you.” This is an important message as cooking is the number 1 cause of residential fires. We had New Explorers Learning Center visit the station and we’ll be visiting with pre-K through 2nd graders at Nederland Elementary this week. There is also an art contest, with the winner from each grade level receiving a prize, and the overall winner will have their artwork displayed on 5601!

Continuing to work on the Fee Schedule update, expect this to come to the Board by the end of the year.

Upcoming Events:

**Trunk-or-Treat - October 27th** – looking forward to attending and handing out candy!  
**Chili Cook-Off at Very Nice Brewing – November 19th** – proceeds go to NFPD, we’ll have representatives there as judges and to assist.