

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
July 10, 2008
Palmer Lake Community Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:37. Introductions were made and thanks to Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting.
2. Secretaries Report- Motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve the June 12, 2008 meeting.
3. No treasurer's report was available.
4. New Business-
 - a. Patty Baxter, El Paso Office of Emergency Management presented "Lessons Learned" from the Juniper Valley Fire. Some key information was:
 - i. Unified command between El Paso County OEM, Colorado Springs Fire Department and Fort Carson Fire Department was established early in the event. Trigger point for evacuation was the fire jumping Hwy 115.
 - ii. Fire was started by an arsonist who was still operating within the communities/area.
 - iii. Shelters were established at Fort Carson and Pikes Peak Community College. United Way 211 was set up. E911 was not used by enough people for registering cell phones as emergency contact notification.
 - iv. The issue of arresting non-evacuees was discussed. Cynthia will follow by sending PPWPP latest legislation on authority to arrest non-evacuating personnel.
 - v. Unfamiliarity with the areas was a major issue. The area consists of many long, narrow sub-communities served by one-way-in/one-way-out roads. Civilians assisting in evacuation were not accounted for.
 - vi. Animal evacuation was a problem with evacuees and shelters.
 - vii. Fire fighter accountability was not readily available and took four hours to account for all personnel and resources. A staging area officer will be used in the future with "T-cards" used for tracking.
 - viii. Recommended use of 211 for registering locations of evacuees. Type 2 Shelter resources were stressed due to the active Ordway and Ohnly Springs fires.
 - ix. A concern was raised over "Tier 1" hazardous waste generators in the areas. Ray Nixon Power Plant was a concern as a critical facility. Water treatment plants were also mentioned.
 - x. Senior citizens in shelters was an issue given the additional care required. Recommended a higher level of volunteers to resident ratio.

- b. International Builders Show- Roni Vale not present.
 - c. Outstanding expenses were mentioned for the El Paso County Fire Crew and Explorer Scouts.
5. Old Business-
- a. Emily Griffith Center fall project- no report due to Randy Johnson being in California.
 - b. 15th Anniversary Picnic to be September 11th at the Manitou Experiment Station. It will run from 12:00 to 4:00pm (1200-1600 hrs for Chris). A food committee was suggested.
 - c. There was no report on the PPWPP decals.
6. County Reports-
- a. El Paso County- El Paso is completing an updated wildfire assessment map. Paul Smith was appointed as the new City of Colorado Springs City Forester. Donald Westcott Fire Rescue is planning to do a CWPP. Chris reported that chipping volume is already at total for 2007. The Bear Creek Mitigation Project has started its public process.
 - b. Douglas County- Keith reported on the Roxborough, Perry Park, Woodlands-Escavera fuel treatments. The Hidden Village CWPP is nearing completion.
 - c. Teller County- New State Park projects will be listed on the state bid site. Elk Valley completed 11.3 acres of fuel breaks. Dave Root reported on the Nash Ranch Fire (no homes lost).
7. Committee Reports-
- a. Web Site- The committee was investigated a new web site development source. They hope to present a recommendation at the August meeting.
8. FYI- The 2009 WUI Grants are now accepting applications.
9. Next Meeting- Suggested to be Station 2 in Perry Park.
10. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to adjourn at 3:15pm (1515).