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**ACTION ITEMS**

I am sad to announce the passing of Lt Ken Kehoe. Lt Kehoe honorably volunteered for Nederland Fire for 12 years. His death has been a challenge to accept for all that knew him here.

We have had 2 gatherings to discuss his passing with the help of the Boulder County Advocates, the Boulder County Chaplin, and Josh Deuto from North Metro Fire. Special thanks to everyone that came out to help us in this time of need.

We are planning an internal dinner this Friday night for the fire department as a celebration of Lt Kehoe.

We have offered the Fire Station as a place to host Lt Kehoe’s Funeral. The family looked at several options, including the community center and one of the churches. After visiting them, the feel that the fire station “is Ken”. The ceremony and reception will be held here on 8/30/25 but no details have been finalized.

5633 (Old) We think that listed it on Bring-A-Trailer would get us the most money out of it. We tried to list it with a reserve but BAT refused it because they feel that No Reserve gets the best reactions. Like any auction, it could sell for a lot or very little, opinions?

5622 (Old) I have been talking to Indian Peak Fire Protection District about their current ambulance. Their main ambulance is an early nineties model and is suffering from several issues. I told them of us getting our new ambulance and they would love to get our old one. Would we be ok donating our old ambulance to Indian Peaks?

**FOLLOW UP**

Eldora Mountain Resort purchase. Currently no updates. The purchase has yet to be finalized. One of the things I have been thinking about is possibly offering to assist with the management of the staffing of the first aid room. I think that there could be some benefits to having it run by the FD for both sides. Obviously, we would have to increase the staffing for the FD for these positions. I don’t know what any of it looks like yet but it’s a thought.

Shady Hollow subdivision inclusion. From our attorney:

As noted in our call, you can introduce this inclusion to the Board at the Board meeting tomorrow and have them set a public hearing on the inclusion for the September meeting. We will then publish a notice of public hearing on the petitions and prepare a Board Order of Inclusion that will be the document the Board votes on in September.

I took a quick look at the script. It is very well done, though is much more detailed and formal than we typically see. It is not required that the public hearings follow the APA and, as I mentioned on the phone, most of the time nobody shows up. In addition, the Board Order will note the findings for the Board under the statute, so they would not necessarily have to make any separate findings on the record at the hearing.

I will provide some additional comments on the script as the September meeting approaches to offer some ways to streamline it, but ultimately up to you all how you would like to handle it.

**OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION**

**Calls to date: 262**

**Calls since last board meeting: 63**

**Calls of significance:**

Lots of campfire calls 14 this month

2 Rollovers in Boulder Canyon

1 very serious high speed motorcycle crash. The patient was very badly injured

Dog locked in a car

Drug overdose with a party not breathing and cpr started by bystanders at a residence in town. Narcan was administered and the party was saved, great job by BCSO deputies and responders on scene!

Patient having a stroke and crews had to break a door to make entry.

High speed 3 car collision in front of the entrance to the B and F.

Mutual aid call to Boulder falls on a suicide

Car Fire in Boulder Canyon

Wildland fire on the 4th of July Road

Mushroom MCI in the Town of Eldora.

Mutual aid to Indian Peaks on a crash involving 2 motorcycles

Report of a structure fire at the Boulder Creek Lodge

Backcountry call into Rainbow Lakes on a person that was having a seizure. This required the UTV and hiking into the patient.

Self-inflicted injury to the thigh from a axe up at Devils Thumb Lake, FF’s Max Schmidtmann and FF Jones used the UTV and Hiked for quite a while before getting cancelled by responders who took a helicopter to the patient.

Backcountry rescue into North Boulder Creek for an injured hiker.

Hiker that fell up the 4th of July trail, crews were able to hike in and assist them with the evacuation.

## Operations/ Wildland

## FF Jones, Engine Boss Henrikson and Lt M. Papich returned from their deployment in California. No major issues with the new wildland truck they took. They made around 21,000.00 for the department with the truck.

## Rik Henrikson was deployed by the Boulder County IMT team to Meeker for the Lee fire as a medical unit leader. He deployed with 5654. While on deployment we got 2 flats. The tires are old and worn but between equipment and the vehicle we made about 4800.00 for the department.

## Hose testing was performed on 5602, thanks to LT’s Mandi and Scott Papich and FF Irwin Powell for helping, we still have the LDH to do but this was a huge lift.

## This past Sunday we all of our fire pumps tested, thanks to Captain Faes and FM Murphy for helping get that done.

## After one of the major downpours, we had a significant leak over the water fountain. Captain Faes and FM Murphy got on the roof and found some areas of concern. They dug out some old silicone and replaced it. We are waiting to see if they got all the spots, but we are hopeful.

## We had our community clean up event on August 2nd, we had a great attendance by our volunteers and over 49 citizens attended, several of whom made multiple trips. Thank you to Wildfire Partners for sponsoring this event! We filled 4- 30 yard dumpsters!

## I brought my large dump trailer over to station 2 and we filled it with garbage, there is a lot to go but we are making some progress.

## Me and FM Joslin had a conversation with the excavation crew over at the New Explorers construction site and were able to get them to deliver 6 dump truck loads of dirt to station 2 for some of the driveway work we want to do. Sherry set up locates for utilities, so I hope to be able to start digging soon to move the propane tank in the next week or 2.

## Nederland Fire was invited to attend National Night Out at Chipeta with the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office. We brought a few apparatuses, and FM Joslin cooked all the food for the crowds.

## Captain Faes restocked and moved all the fire hose that was tested and placed back in service

## We hosted an open house for possible recruits but at the request of the staff, due to the events this week, we will not be hosting a recruit academy. The possible recruits were requested to reapply next year.

## Vehicles

## 5601- Failed pump testing, then overheated. It sounds like the pump packing is being pushed out of the pump, FM Murphy thinks that the pump shaft is possibly scored or somehow damaged. There are other issues related to the failure. In my discussion with FM Murphy, the current prognosis does not look good and may think that no parts are available due to recent issues that sugarloaf has run into.

## 5641- Failed pump testing and had some issues with the primer. Capt Faes and FM Murphy got the truck emptied and on the lift. They then pulled the pump out of the truck and found multiple problems. All parts are on order, and the repairs will be under way as soon as they arrive.

## 5642- As previously discussed, needed new tires, we had had them installed on Monday.

## 5651- Has some bad noise coming from the front end, FM Murphy found the issues in the bumper, and they have been resolved.

## 5654- Needs new tires and an egr valve. Since this truck may go out on future deployments, I may change the seats and add some boxes since it’s a flat bed, it’s difficult to transport tools and gear.

## 5601 (New)- Is here! Ok, well in Colorado. When me and Sherry went to do the final, final, final inspection, there were some other issues that they needed to work on, including having to replace the ladder racks as they were not functioning correctly. The expected delivery date of the new engine is next Wednesday. We are currently planning on using the new engine to transport Lt Kehoe for his funeral. We are also planning on dedicating the engine to Lt Kehoe.

## While we were there, I spoke with the regional manager of Pierce, It seems that he heard me when I told them how disappointed in them and the cost to our district because they are refunding us approximately 17,000 for an interest adjustment.

## 5621 (New) The stretcher mounting parts are supposed to be here this week, if the timeframe we were given is accurate. We have emails in to confirm it; I am hoping to have this in service by the end of the month.

## Safety/ Training

## Capt Wheelock has created a driver training program. This program is to help ensure that our responders are trained appropriately to operate all our apparatus.

## Capt Wheelock also attended fire instructor 2, and passed his state certification, Congratulations Captain!

## PRN Alec Biscardi ran a medical scenario training

## Captains also ran 2 trainings on apparatus driving

## Amr taught back up plans and trauma scenarios

## Captain Moran taught a class on RIT

## We have 2 firefighters starting fire academy in September

## We are in the process of finalizing the EMT program that we plan on starting in January.

## Training will begin this month to all providers using HandTevy

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**EMS ( Captain Moran)**

**1. New Ambulance Final Outfitting & Deployment**

Completed installation of all medical, rescue, and communications equipment in ambulance 5621 with the exception of cot mountain hardware

Verified narcotics vault functionality and updated chain-of-custody procedures.

Began training of command staff and residents on ambulance operations.

**2. EMS Training & Skill Sustainment**

Reinforced cardiac arrest management with pit-crew CPR drills.

LT candidates assigned as training leads for scenario-based simulations.

**3. Community Harm Reduction & Narcan Program**

Distributed updated Narcan kits to frontline units and confirmed staff proficiency with documentation standards.

Continued integration of naloxone education into community outreach events.

Continued training of frontline staff to meet 70% requirement to obtain free narcan from Naxalone Project

**4. Pediatric Preparedness – Handtevy Rollout**

Completed Agency customization of app to meet Boulder County Protocols and Nederland Fire's agency specific medications.

**5. EMS Division Budgeting**

* EMT Program budget drafting in process
* EMS Division Budget Drafts in process.