

# Minutes from the May 2018 meeting

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## Minutes from 5/16/2018

### Called to order at 11:30

#### Intro and thanks;

- 1) Thanks to Denver Fire for the use of the Facility
- 2) Thanks to Scott and Drive train for an excellent presentation.
- 3) Thanks to The "Branding" Group- for their efforts the T-shirt plan and the Portfolio idea was pointed out. A picture of the shirt was passed around the room.
- 4) Thanks to Sarah the IT needs have been addressed. The Web page is an excellent tool and just today a small correction was made so folks could pay for a single day of classes.

A sign-up sheet was passed around the room we had 26 members in attendance. Minutes from the January meeting were posted on the website.

#### Secretary Report;

Eric spoke about Kent Coker's efforts on our behalf. He spoke of his travels in the west and making contacts with every department that had time for them. He also gave us the heartbreaking news that he is in the battle of his life. The Association will be supportive of him, and we wish him only the best.

#### Treasurers Report;

Tim has been a busy guy;

- 1) We have 10 students signed up for the Academy

- 2) We have about 40 individuals signed up as current members as their Departments have paid their 2018 dues.

- A) Checking 21462.91
- B) Savings 5291.25
- C) Paypal 9034.60

#### Academy report;

Jarrett has many accomplishments to his credit

- 1) Instructor agreements have been sent out and received (only 2 are outstanding).
- 2) We need some more equipment committed for training aids. Fort Lupton Fire is bringing 3 pumpers and an aerial. Johnstown Fire was mentioned as another possible.
- 3) Windsor Fire assigned us another helping hand to make Jarrett's job a bit easier.

#### Vender committee;

Jeannie has three venders committed to help out. We need to work toward getting more commitments.

#### Training Officer liaison;

Ward Watson reported there is still a gap in the communication with the Group of training officers. He was encouraged by some of the members present to come back at them with some ideas to try to clarify what is in it for them. Good luck to Ward. It is important to have our voice heard within that group. Good luck in your efforts Ward.

### **Chiefs liaison;**

Eric spoke for Kent regarding their requests for a schedule. It must be understood that the schedule is and must remain a fluid work in progress.

### **Unfinished business;**

- 1) Training Schedule
  - a) 7/30/18 – 8/3/18 2018 COEVTA Aims College Windsor Campus
  - b) 10/31/18 Snake River Fire (confirmed on 5/16/18)
  - c) 01/30/19 Rattlesnake Fire
  - d) 04/24/2018 West Metro Fire
  - e) 07/29/2018 2019 COEVTA Aims College Windsor Campus
  - f) 10/30/2019 Colorado River Fire (Rifle CO)
- 2) We have a work session planned at North Metro Fire on 5/19/2018 Rain or Shine. Training Trailer needs maintenance all members are encouraged to attend.
- 3) The bylaws (modified) were voted on and approved as presented.

### **Further discussion**

I asked the group about an issue an investigator called me about. This person was investigation an aerial failure and wanted to know if any of our members have experienced failures or issues with aerial controls valves. There was a few comments regarding issues with electrical issues in the systems. What the investigator told me yesterday was he was interested in the actual hand operated controls. Seems this particular failure was caused by a bent actuating lever. The lever looked fine until the boot was removed and some damage was noted the shift in the linkage, due to the damage, actually requested power into the circuit leading to a down command in the neutral position.

### **Meeting adjourned at 1200.**

### **Squeaky Wheel**

It always does my heart good to see all members that take time out from the everyday life we live to train to better their skills. It is especially heartwarming when the session is as outstanding as the 5/16/18 training. Scott from Drive Train is very accomplished in his field. The info he shared was presented in a method that was very appropriate to our group. I guarantee everyone in the group gleaned some valuable mental tools to help them in their pursuits of Excellence! Folks the Academy is about 10-11 weeks away. Yeah I know Crazy, Huh? We need you folks to enroll in classes as soon as possible so we can make this a valuable training opportunity. Sign up early and often! Also we need to insure we are getting the word out to the people that want it. the best way is to update the membership application. It is due 1/1/2018. It is past due in July. Please help us to help you by updating your membership information. Secretary Eric has promised us a flyer of information regarding the Academy. Hopefully that is forthcoming soon. I have also started the pursuit of information for an all-day, power packed training for one of our next upcoming trainings. Eric is going to make some contacts with some Ford Trainers and maybe we can make that happen. The logistics are in the works. I promise this idea won't get dropped.