

# The Rambler

## Chairman's Corner

Happy New Year! Hard to believe another year has flashed before my eyes. This year is special for me in that you all have honored me with the opportunity to help better something I have believed in for many years. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> year of the Association. We are going to revert to the original moniker for simplicity's sake. We are known as the Colorado Fire Mechanics' Association and on paper we are doing business as the COFMA. We are also going to keep the newly dubbed Acronym for our group alive by using it for the name of our academy. This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technicians' Academy (COEVTA). The dates for the Academy are July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. There are some special changes in the works for this as well. Aims Fire Sciences has moved into a brand new facility and has offered to host our Academy. That will give us a bit more "elbow room" to operate in. We have discussed a few new offerings such as Welding, EVT L1 Law Enforcement Vehicle Tech prep, and EVT DO1 Driver Operator

Inspection prep classes. These are in development and if you like these options let us hear from you!

Structurally, we are going to operate the same as always. E-board and committees made up from the membership. We are going to attempt to re-kindle a good working relationship with the Colorado Fire Chiefs and Kent Coker has offered to be our liaison with that Association. We want to work closely with the Colorado Fire Training Officers as well and Ward Watson has offered to be our liaison with that group. We need to build on those relationships for many reasons. We are an umbrella group of the Chief's and they can help us grow.

We have formed committees to aid in this progression;

By-Laws need adjusting and Ken Roland and Jay Powell, are members of this By-Laws committee.

Membership Committee is Jeanie and Tim Schneiderwent as well as Eric Beutz

Academy Coordinator and Committee members are Jarret Hill,

Jay Powell, Ken Roland, and Mike Adams respectively. These fellows also represent the Education Committee. Their jobs align naturally.

Vender Coordinator and Committee members are Jeannie Schneiderwernet and Jason Smith.

I am a member of all of these committees per the by-laws of the organization. I would like to see a few more people on each of these committees. If you have some time and are interested in helping us get a move on then call me or anyone you see listed herein and climb on board. It's gonna be a heck of a ride!

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#### 2018 Academy:

*"Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technician's Academy"*

July 30-Aug 3rd at:

Aims Community College, Greeley at the new Fire Sciences Facility  
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## Special Committees

Many people have expressed their thoughts and opinions about how the Colorado Fire Mechanics Association should be run. Now is your chance to have a meaningful input on the association and its future. In an effort to build an association that targets the needs of its members in a meaningful, ethical and compliant manner. We

have, and will continue to, form special committees.

We are going to form a branding/ public image committee, Membership Committee, Education, Bi-laws and more.

If this is important to you, please come prepared to discuss matters pertaining to existing committees or make suggestions on new

committees.

If there are any matters that are of particular importance to you please be prepared to make suggestions on new committees that may need to be formed. And/or volunteer your time to join or support a particular committee.

***"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."***

**~Elizabeth Andrew**

## Next Meeting

Our Next Meeting will be on Jan 31st, 2018. We will meet at North Metro Training Facility.

### Agenda:

1/31/2018 COFMA meeting agenda;

11:00 Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Roll Call (sign-up sheet)

Secretary's report.

Minutes  
LLC?

Treasurer's report.

Reports on Standing Committees

Academy Committee  
Vendor Committee  
Chief's Liason  
Training officers Liason

Report on Special Committees

Membership Committee

Appoint Branding Committee

Unfinished Business

New Business

Unlimited discussion pertaining to Apparatus Repair and Maintenance.

Adjourn

### Training Topic/Description:

Foam Pro is putting on a class on Turbo Foam and Foam Pro systems

\*There will be two sessions with the same material being presented, with additional material being added during the afternoon session that will also include Foam Principles and operation, which will be geared towards Engineers.

The morning session is set for technicians.

The afternoon session is for both technicians and engineers. Apparatus salespeople are welcome too!

### Times:

**0900-1200** for Mechanics Association meeting and first training Session.

Maintenance, Calibration, Service and Trouble Shooting

**1200 Lunch (Provided)**

**1300-2200** Geared towards engineers

Maintenance, Calibration, Service and Trouble Shooting; As well as, Foam principles and application. (COFMA are welcome to stay for the second session)

### Where:

North Metro Training Center

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**Please RSVP: to Chris**

**Nelson**

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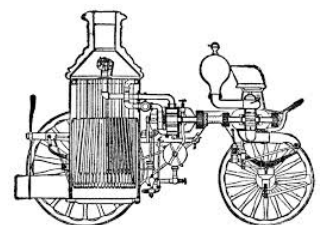
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## 2018

### 30th Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technicians Academy

#### When

July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

#### Location/Host

The new Aims Fire Sciences Facility, Greeley CO

#### Proposed Classes

Welding, EVT L1 Law Enforcement Vehicle Tech prep, and EVT DO1 Driver Operator Inspection prep classes.

\*EVT testing will be offered

#### Hotel Accomodations

We have made a group block arrangement with the local Best Western Plus Loveland in. We have secured 40 rooms at a discounted rate of \$119.00, which is a very competitive rate. Many local hotels quoted much higher rates. Best Western Plus will only hold this rate until June 29. We highly encourage you to book your rooms early. If we get early bookings for all 40 rooms then we can request that more rooms are held, but we can only do this if you book early.

Please log on to [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org) get in your 2018 membership dues as soon as possible, Members receive a discount on academy tuition.

## Membership

If you are not a member of the Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technician Association, or you do not attend our meetings, please consider joining us.

We are a solutions oriented group of people who believe in what we are doing. Therefore, we embrace these challenges and are proud to be the unsung, behind the

scenes support. But we ourselves need support, and get that by supporting one-another. Meeting on a regular basis gives us the opportunity to voice our frustrations and share in our wins. As well as; present ongoing training and learning opportunities that provide for continuing education credits. We are a group whose sum is greater

than the tally of parts by pulling together.

If you have any additional questions regarding membership, please feel free to call me on my personal cell:

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#### Membership Term

Jan1-Dec 31

Please check out our new web site [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org)

Thank you Sarah Ryan for building our awesome new website.

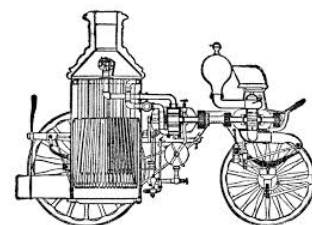
## Vendor Support—Academy Sponsorship

Without our vendors it wouldn't be possible.

We would like to thank each and every one of our Sponsors. We hope to see everyone again this year! As we continue to strive to help educate our students we try to involve our vendors as much as possible during

that week. Whether it be teaching a class, supplying equipment, or being able to attend vendor night. In the past we have had a few sponsors for lunch for pump test day, and sponsorship for the BBQ. This year we would like to invite you to sponsor a breakfast or

lunch for one of the days during the week. If you should have an interest please contact Jeannie Schneiderwent – 720-320-7973.



# *Last Meeting Minutes*

Meeting 10/25/17

Survey Monkey Election

Vote----- (Non Official)

Academy Director (do we have to have an election) since the position is open

I need to reach out to Sarah Ryan for Web

PIO- Should we ask for a raise of hands for a PIO-

## *Board Members*

### **Elected Members**

Chairman of the Board: Chris Nelson

Vice Chairman: Ken Roland

Treasurer: Tim Schneiderwent

Secretary: Eric Beutz

### **Appointed Members**

Chief's Liaison: Ken Roland

Vendor Coordinator: Jeanie Schnederwent

Public Information Officer: Alan Gosselin

Academy Coordinator: Jarrett Hill

Training Officer's Liaison: Ward Watson

## *Scholarships*

The Barrie Niebergall Memorial Scholarship Fund has money available for scholarships that will help **better fire mechanic's and fire engineers** in the State of Colorado. The process for application is very simple. If there is a department out there that doesn't have money budget to send students to the Mechanics' Academy or other like trainings that are available to them, this is a good source of those needed funds. The money is basically there for the asking if some minor criteria are met. For more information contact:


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