



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AUGUST 14, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Fire Protection District was held on August 14, 2012 at the Administration/Training Building, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff deDisse, Charles Dykeman, David Christensen, Charlie Simons.

EXCUSED DIRECTORS: George Kling

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Walter, Frank Dearborn, Doug Saba, Barb Johnson, Jim Johnson, Heidi McKenna, Barry Pier, Allan Cheateaux, Dave Hardsell, Jeff, Amiot, Joy Amiot, Gina Coco, Doug Burke, Dan Murphy, Shannon Murphy, Maria MaMura, Wayne LaMura, Todd Landrum, Phil Dispense, Linda Dispense, Bryce Lipson, Paul Peil, Bill Sandifer, Steve Denbow, Deborah Evens, Casey Kapner, Kevin Evens, Keith Haugrud, Candice O'Brien, Vanessa Johns, Jenny Jesmer, Marion Doctor, Andre Nieuwothizaw, Lonette Nieuwothizaw, Josh Pearlman, Jack Rasmusson, Peg Rasmusson, Brandon Kuglin, Michelle Peil, Zachary Peil, Steve Mullaly, Matt Bunn, Mike Gregory, Terri McLaughlin, Dave Marshall, Jim Fildey, Suzanne Chrisman, Martha Sandusky, Bob Sandusky, Hal Macaptney, Robert Voirts, Bill Atkins, Vikki Hakes, Alice Alercof, Wayne Hazeldine, Heather Hazeldine, Ceri Hazeldine, Teagan Hazeldine, Terry Brickman, Julie Mullin, Karen Parrish, Kelli Eberhardt, Ed Mills, Robert Weaver, Joe Sajbel, Sandy Sajbel, Sarah Sajbel, Lily Sajbel, Paul Sauracker, Talitha Montesi, Andrew Montesi, Maggie Cross, Jerry Roberts, Jim Peterson, Rebecca Hicks, Greg Kissler, Erika Kissler, Connor Kissler, Emily Miller, Richard Hansen, Peg Simon, Kathy Danhour, Mike Mendelshon, Carol Hucker, Stacey Montague, Mike Krull, Bill Cronk, Barbara Hoepner, Ted Hoepner, Carol Grunrka, Bruce McKenna, Todd Briscoe, Matt Duty, Erwin Salbach, Lorraine Salbach, Kathy Danhour, Jeff Ashford, Lynn Behkoph, Mike Novick, DE Cluxton, Bob Magnani, Paul Peil, Lynda Peil, Peggy Miller, Tim Reed, Anne Salesbury, Fred Aeny, Cal Winn, Greg Meyerhoff, Phyllis Salesbury, Mark Davidson, Cheryl Denbow, Tandy Jones, Don Bennett, Hiedi Dardenne-Ankring, Walt Dardenne-Ankring, Bridget Kuglin, John Debrovner, Ted Tzeng, Brett Champine, Robert Dodge, Cherie Fisk, Charles Fisk, Carolyn Simon, Fred Simon, Lori Saueracker, Christy McCormick, David Skerda, Jim Tibaldo, Sherry Tibaldo, Val Curtis, Bob Chambers, Kevin Gilbert, Jay Griggs, Nelson Parrish, Ryan Walters, Bruce Dungle, Lisa Kissler, Corinna Marshall, Don Alrenado, Ron Davis, Ellen Storeim, Tom Athenover, Jill Athenover, David Montesi, Ryan Williams, Holly Tosetti, Susie Hall, Larry Hall, Sylvia Ross.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Director Simons called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION: The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Director Charles Dykeman: Read letter from the Bear Mountain HOA, see Attachment #1.

Jerry Roberts: Spoke about the fire that destroyed his home on Bear Mountain and thanked the 45 firefighters who responded to the call. He spoke about how homeowners can work together with Evergreen Fire Rescue on fire mitigation, location of cisterns and other water supply sources, testing of reverse 911 with correct information on residents phone numbers, and in case of a fire have someone

directing the firefighters to the fire at road intersections so they get there quickly without wandering around looking for it. Finally, he thanked all the firefighters again.

Greg Meyeroff: Asked for more time in regards to this issue, and made a request for a Special Meeting of the Board so they can present their case in this type of forum. Director Simons will discuss the request with the President of the Board, George Kling. He then read a statement which is attached to the minutes (see Attachment #2).

David Temple: Made a comment from a different perspective. He will not be able to see it, smell it, or hear it but still has some concerns with what is being proposed. He doesn't agree with some of his neighbors perspectives so you will hear some disagreement. He spoke about the number of training hours, time on calls, and appreciates the time firefighters spend on training & calls. He doesn't urge the firefighters to go down the hill to train if we have an alternative in the district. What he thinks needs to happen is for the District to look at alternative sites, since this an industrial burn building which will be built in a residential area. He spoke about different training facilities and not one has been built adjacent to a residential neighborhood. He also spoke with different Fire Chiefs in the area regarding training facilities in residential neighborhoods and their response was they wouldn't do that. He used the Longmont Fire District facility as an example of what they did when a residential neighborhood was built next to their training facility, they built another one in a more appropriate area outside of town. He then suggested to the Board to look at Station 4, Bryant Drive, and Marshdale property as an alternative. He feels it is the Districts' job to look at these alternatives and touched on property value decreases as a reason not to build the burn building here. If there is a no viable alternative then go to plan B, his suggestion is to build it here but only as a two story structure, not four and also look at the times of when training is conducted. That will significantly change how this affects the neighborhood. Finally he just wants everyone to work together and work it out.

Christy McCormick: After Director Simons introduction, Christy spoke about the burn building and that there is nothing convenient about what these volunteers do: they leave their homes at night, drive around in the worst weather, when they could be home with their families. She spoke about how much time that it takes for firefighters and equipment training in Denver/Lakewood to get back up to Evergreen during an incident. It could delay response up to 45 minutes because they have to breakdown and load up the trucks. She used the recent Fern Gulch fire as an example of how an extended response time to this fire could have had a terrible effect for the homeowners and the community surrounding this area. In closing, she stated that there was never any disregard to the community or the environment from these firefighters, they are the ones that respond to your very worst nightmare when you dial 911.

Gina Coco: She introduced herself as the President of the Ridge at Hiwan HOA, first she thanked the firefighters and said that this is not an "us" against "you" issue, it's a them against a particular decision they do not agree with. There are no ill feelings against the fire district they just don't want this building in their backyards. She would like to urge the Board that the community didn't understand what the District was planning to do until recently, and to delay the decision and have a late September Special Board Meeting to further discuss this issue. Secondly she discussed that there is anger because the money to be used to build this building is taxpayer money. And taxation without representation is not ok, if the community doesn't want their tax dollars used in this way then that should be honored. She would also like the District to seriously look at the alternatives, and urges the Board to look at the Bergen site as the last viable site. She has spoken to several people that confirm this would be a full training facility with lights, trucks and sirens and she is not sure what is planned to mitigate that. She also spoke with Rick Egelin, a consultant at Fire Blast in regards to our burn building and his direct quote was I would never build a class A burn facility next to a school. She also mentioned what other fire districts are doing regarding class A burns, which is what the dept is intending to do. She concluded that she would acquiesce to having the firefighters go downhill if we would look at building it in a proper location, in an

industrial zone away from schools and residential areas. She continued that because EFR is a special district it can build an industrial building where zoning does not provide for one, and that the neighborhood might be stuck with an industrial building where no other entity could get that approved in Evergreen. Only this Board can do that and it's an abuse of power, and she went on to say that it's their money being used and if they don't want it here then the Board should listen to what they say.

Mark Davidson: Introduced himself, he is a retired firefighter with 29 years with this organization and 22 of those years as an officer. He wanted to make a few points regarding this whole debate. At the beginning the feeling was that the community doesn't want this building because it doesn't look good and quite honestly he had the same concerns when it seemed like that wasn't going to be enough to stop the project then all of a sudden it turned into a you're going to kill our children & burn our houses down campaign. He feels that has been carried too far, and that it really is 98% visual issue that most people don't want to see. Another issue that he feels has been downplayed and even made fun of is the convenience factor for the volunteer firefighters. These volunteers put in hundreds of hours of their time for community, they do it for free and secondly they only have so many hours in them. To very casually say well they can go down the hill for training is not so easy. First of all we can't do that at a drop of a hat whenever we want to, it has to be scheduled, secondly, it won't happen terribly often because it is a full day of training, 6am to 6:30-7pm and when you get home, after missing time with your family, you still have to respond to calls, sometimes at the dismay of your family. That's what these firefighters have to deal with. This is where it becomes so much more valuable to be able to walk outside this building and start training. That problem is not solved if they have to train at Bryant drive where they still have to load up trucks, repack hose, refill air bottles, etc. So there is a convenience factor that comes into play, and to compare Evergreen to other districts is not comparing apples to apples. In almost all of those instances you are comparing us to paid fire departments. Paid firefighters don't care where their burn facility is because they are on shift and they get paid whether they are at their station or at Stapleton training. Again the downplayed convenience factor comes in again. He believes that David Temple has some very good proposals, but he would tell the Board and Chief Weege that the building should be built here and that the health and safety factors this group is bringing up is not nearly as big a deal as they are being made. Again it's a visual factor, his suggestion would make it shorter and make it work, because if you do the math these volunteers are saving this District 3-4 million dollars a year in salaries I think its worth reaching a compromise that works for the firefighters in a place that works for them.

Charles Fisk: He lives in the Island, and wants to make a simple point: no one is disputing the need for training, the issue is what is the extra benefit in terms of the department effectiveness relative to the extra cost of the facility, \$500K and the effects of the facility on the community. He addressed marginal cost vs. marginal revenue, what proof do we have that putting the building here is going to increase the effectiveness measurably relative to training at West Metro.

Brett Champine: He also lives in the Island, like everyone here he loves the fire department. He spoke about the districts spending habits, and how money was spent to paint trucks from green to red for \$60K that kind of upsets him, but there is only one four-story building in Evergreen and its fire resistant so he doesn't understand why the building needs to be four-stories, a two-story building is more in line with our needs so if the community didn't give the District tax money we would not be having this conversation because the District wouldn't be trying to find a way to spend every dollar that it gets every year. He likes the new uniforms, the trucks and the building, but he doesn't think we need to spend every dollar that we get every year and we don't need a four-story building.

Drew Schneider: Lt. Schneider spoke on behalf of the firefighters. He read a statement into the minutes which is attached. Attachment #3.

Paul Peil: Has over 250 emails that he would like to give to the department for perusal and comment, he is in the process of redacting email addresses and names and once that is done he will pass those onto Chief Weege. He is trying to respect these people's privacy.

Director Simons: Made a couple of comments: This committee was formed to come up with a compromise this process has changed drastically, we are no longer talking about compromising about what we would like to build at this facility, but to people who are advocating we have no training here whatsoever. That's not going to happen. We simply cannot afford to pick up everything we have here and go train somewhere else. So far we have not discussed the height the façade talking about the smoke or the materials and he would like to get to that point. He agrees with some of the things Mr. Temple said, but we need to come up with a compromise, frankly if we were going to put up what those pictures circulating show he wouldn't want it either, but we need to move on and come to a compromise.

MEETING RECESSED / RECONVENED: Director Simons recessed the meeting for a short break at 8:40 PM and reconvened at 8:50 PM.

PRESENTATIONS: June 2012 Financial Report

First Bank	\$ 156,894
C-Safe General Fund	\$ 907,632
Strategic Capital Fund	\$ 1,821,579
Capital Projects	\$ 199,662
Debt Service	\$ 549,517
Apparatus Replacement	\$ 1,295,104
Tabor Reserve	\$ 120,306
Charitable Donations	<u>\$ 4,439</u>
Total	\$ 5,055,133

Variance Analysis: General Fund Revenues are at 106.4% of budget, and 96.5% last year. Please note the large positive variance in Other Revenue is due to the sales of vehicles, which were not budgeted for 2012. General Fund Expenditures are at 87.1% of the budget, 99.1% of 2011 YTD. EMS Revenues are at 120.8% of Budget, and 106.5% of 2011 YTD. EMS Expenditures are at 93.2% of Budget, 104.8% of last year. Also, we are still looking at refinancing the bonds, update at the next board meeting Director deDisse made a motion to accept and place on file the June 2012 Financial Report, Director Christensen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

DIVISION REPORT

Administration/HR:

- Human Resources has ordered the materials for sexual harassment training and we will begin this training soon.
- The paid staff handbook has been reviewed by the managers and been moved to HR for the updates.
- Pinnacle Consulting has been hired as the Certified Public Accountants to fill the vacancy in the Finance position. They will begin working the week of August 13.
- Ben Celius has resigned his position as training coordinator. The position is being re-evaluated.
- Allen Technology Advising has begun providing desktop support of IT functions on a limited basis per month. Chris Johnson will continue with the significant IT projects currently underway.
- Denver Mountain Parks has approved the extension to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the tower on Bergen Peak. The documents are ready for signatures.
- 2013 Budget process is underway with all divisions working through their portion.

- All divisions are finalizing their portions of the strategic plan and they are being incorporated into one document to present to the Board in October.
- The radio conversion project has infrastructure RFP's in the question and answer phase with redesigns being reviewed. We hope to pick a vendor soon. The timelines provided by the vendors push the project out past January 1st so we are applying for a waiver /extension.

Communications:

- The application period for part time dispatcher closed on August 12th and we will begin the process of reviewing the applications and scheduling testing.
- The Smart911 is in place and is working.
- Radios have been received and will be distributed soon..

EMS:

- Interviews and testing have been conducted for the full time paramedic position. Goal is to have new medic on staff by September 1st.
- In 2012 so far 531 community members have taken the CPR/AED class, goal is 1000 by the year's end.
- EMS standard operating guidelines have been updated.

Fire Prevention:

- Safety Day is September 22nd. Please sign up to help.
- Walmart is installing a solar photovoltaic system of 1170 panels on their roof. The project will start in middle to late August. Shutdown procedures for emergency shutoffs on the rood and at the control panel will be added to fire manager. Frank will be setting up a training class on the emergency shutdown procedure.
- The Fire Prevention division will be participating in the Jefferson County Community Safety Awareness Day on August 25th. This is the third year and we will teach hands on fire extinguisher training to attendees. Also we have been asked to do a video with Denver Channel 4, showing Doug teaching someone how to use a fire extinguisher utilizing our propane trainer..

Maintenance:

- The Chief's vehicle has been repaired from the hail damage and the graphics installed. Unit was released to operations.
- The brush truck is virtually complete and was released to operations prior to being shown at the International Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Denver. Upon return the remaining final touches will be made and the unit permanently assigned to station 2. The type 6 brush truck will be reassigned at station 7.
- Asbestos sampling has been initiated to determine if risks exist at station 1 in preparation for future modifications.
- Pump testing and building of a training aid and other projects have been temporarily postponed due to more significant maintenance issues.
- The aerial underwent a battery of non-destructive tests on 8/2/12 as part of its prescribed testing.

Fire Operations Update:

- Fuel moisture rates are showing improvements in larger fuels however the lighter fuels at higher elevations still continue to be dry. We will continue in wildland season until the snow comes.
- Urban Interface training involving surrounding agencies will occur next month, tentatively the weekend of 9/29. We change the subdivisions annually; this year will be the northern aspect of the district. These are very large scale training events.

- The secondary evacuation routes are completed for Brook Forest and Echo Hills, all that remains is getting buy in from the Clear Creek Sheriff's Office and distributing those announcements. Chief Weege to meet with those officials.
- Emergency Paging via Jefferson/ Clear Creek counties is working well, in addition to Dispatch being heads up in notifications on evolving emergencies in surrounding mutual aid partners.
- The structure fire in Bear Mountain provided an excellent example of mutual aid with our surrounding agencies. We had suppression support from Elk Creek, Clear Creek, Indian Hills, Foothills and Jefferson County Road and Bridge. As we get dryer conditions, tactically we must plan for Level 1 notifications in cooperation with the sheriff's office and staging of mutual aid in the event of extension into the wild lands.
- Lieutenant Swinden has completed the new water supply book and it is ready for copying and distribution.
- Wildfire deployment reimbursements are now under a new division of the state and our customary procedures are being held up. The effect is not receiving confirmation of correct billing which affects reimbursement to deploying Firefighters; we also have significant apparatus reimbursements pending.
- The probies are all hanging in there and doing well, holding steady at 13 to add to the full membership upon graduation in October. They currently are running Rescue/Medical and Wildland calls in addition to support on Structure Fires. Recruiting for next year's class is underway.
- Captain Wayne Shephard presented a Reserve concept from the Officer corps to the Volunteer Board in August. Projecting the initial numbers will be 5 or so; providing on scene assistance would be invaluable in particular for freeing up more boots on the ground and support. At some point we are looking for approval to the Board to bring these retirees back into service. It's a talent pool that is an advantage to the fire dept that we can tap into. (see Attachment #4).

BOARD MEETING TOPICS: Nothing to update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Denver Mountain Parks IGA: All that is needed is President George Kling's signature and we can get the document back to Denver Mountain Parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spending Authorization 2012-0012: Cummins Generator & Automatic Transfer Switch. The Chief presented the spending authorization, it is going to be reimbursed to us by UASI as part of the radio grant. Director Dykeman made a motion to approve the spending authorization and Director Jeff deDisse seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Bear Mountain HOA: This will be discussed at our September 11, 2012 Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The executive session with the Chief was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

MEETING ADJOURNED Director Dykeman made a motion to adjourn; Director Christensen seconded the motion; the motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular District Board Meeting: September 11, 2012 - Auditorium
401a Pension Meeting: September 11, 6:30pm in Training Rooms A & B

Respectively Submitted,

Sylvia Ross, Recording Secretary

Attachments to the August 14, 2012 District Board Meeting Minutes

Attachment 1: Bear Mountain HOA Letter read into the minutes by Director Dykeman:



Bear Mountain Homeowners Association
P. O. Box 2068
Evergreen, CO 80437

August 10, 2012

Representatives of the Bear Mountain Homeowners Association plan to attend the EFRD board meeting on August 14, 2012 to discuss the fire that destroyed a home on Fern Gulch Road on July 19, 2012.

Our goal is not to criticize the response, or the firefighters at the scene, who performed their jobs very well. We understand the difficulties of the situation and location. We are all extremely appreciative of the effectiveness of the firefighters making sure no one was injured and confining the fire to the single house involved, keeping the fire from spreading into the nearby forest. Our hats are off to them.

Nonetheless, there are some important lessons to be learned from this fire so that critical improvements can be made before the next one occurs. These might require some policy changes.

Issues we want to discuss include:

1. Drivers of fire engines responding to the fire lost valuable time because they could not find the fire location and spent time on the wrong roads searching for the right one. This was a continuing problem throughout the incident. Getting to the site faster may not have saved this house, but might save the next one. This is the second fire that has destroyed a million dollar house in our neighborhood where fire engines got lost while trying to find the fire location. That is very disturbing. Why aren't deputies, or fire personnel, stationed at key intersections to direct responders to the fire, as well as controlling traffic of evacuating residents? If personnel can't be spared, then portable signs could be used, or even arrows could be sprayed on the roads with aerosol paint.
2. There are several large cisterns and pools of water in the immediate neighborhood that were not used by the fire department, and perhaps unknown to them. Tankers were going all the way to Highway 73 about 6 miles away to refill when tens of thousands of gallons of water were available within less than a mile. The fire department should inventory all available local water sources and request advance permission to use them in an emergency. We recommend a data base be created so that dispatchers' computers can bring up maps and dispatchers can direct firefighters to these sources in addition to having printed maps available to the firefighters.
3. No warnings were issued at any time to local residents even though this fire was in the red zone of steeply sloping forest with many homes uphill, several within 500 feet. The nearest house to the one that burned was only 270 feet away and uphill, yet neither the Fire Department nor the Sheriff Department issued any warnings to residents that there was a fire in the area. Even if a fire looks like it can be

controlled, there is always some risk it could spread. People want to be alerted as early as possible. It is much better to get a phone call or knock on the door at 4 a.m. saying there is a small fire nearby and suggesting that people at least should put some clothes on and stay awake, just in case. In this case, neighbors who smelled smoke and saw glowing embers woke their neighbors and alerted the neighborhood to the situation. We heard early on that it was supposedly under control when the fire was small, but later the entire house was engulfed and destroyed, with large clouds of embers rising way above the trees. We have found material from that fire scattered over a mile downwind. What we do not want is to be awakened by a last minute warning saying there is a wildfire and you have to leave your house immediately.

4. The last main issue which concerns those in this area is the difficulty of egress from our 108-home cul-de-sac, which contains over 5 miles of road. The location of the 30,000 gallon cistern at the entrance to the subdivision at Stanley Park Road and Bear Mountain Drive is situated at the only way in/out for all of the residents. With fire personnel loading trucks with water there, the bottleneck potential in the event of an evacuation order is great. We'd like to see the fire department lobby Jeffco officials to widen this intersection, or at least come up with a plan/process where fire trucks could use the cistern and residents would be able to exit in an orderly manner. This should also be the case if an additional cistern does get built at the intersection of Bear Mountain Drive and Independence Trail (See the Canyon Courier article dated October 25, 2007 by Vicky Gits, titled "Neighbors Fight Plan For Bear Mountain Meadow").

The official representatives from the BMHOA that will be attending the next Evergreen Fire Rescue Board meeting are Jim Peterson, Maggie Cross, and Jerry Roberts.

The Bartman family, whose residence is located just above the fire site, sent a letter to the Canyon Courier and the Denver Post regarding their concerns, and a copy of this is attached. Other residents of the Bear Mountain area might also be in attendance.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. We are only interested in improving the response for future fire events in the area, and we would greatly appreciate the EFRD Board's support on this.

Bill Schenk

President
Bear Mountain Homeowner's Association

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**Evergreen Parallel with Waldo Canyon -
an open letter submitted to the Denver Post and Canyon Courier on July 22, 2012**

As owners of the forested land immediately above the Evergreen home which burned early on July 19th, land still miraculously green given the fireball below, we'd like to give thanks to the fire professionals whose skill and heroism contained the blaze.

While we might also credit mitigation with this fire's containment, per the Denver Post's page 2 article the next day, in fact the outcome was rather governed as well by pure luck: calm winds, and recent rainfall. The firemen we spoke with agreed that a rapid spread upward would have been a virtual certainty under last week's drier conditions, and remained a serious concern during this battle; we self-evacuated under a hail of glowing embers.

This possibility of fast spread has a disturbing parallel with the Post's July 20th headline article on notification delay in the Waldo Canyon fire. In our case, no Reverse 911 was ever sent to anyone here, not of the "alert", nor "pack up", nor most urgent "evacuate" level, despite the fire's 3:30AM onset, its close proximity to homes just a few hundred feet up the hill, and the department's being urged by one of our neighbors to warn others.

The decision to not notify anyone, including those at imminent risk, by Reverse 911 was made by our Fire Department under their assumption the fire could be contained.

And yes, it was contained, so the Department's decisions on public awareness were perhaps justified 'in hindsight', as one fire supervisor rather defensively told me. Amazingly, this same person had seen the enormous fireball -- as had folks many miles away.

We spoke with Sheriff's representatives having cars in the neighborhood 'waiting to assist'; but they knocked on no doors, and warned no sleeping citizens, since protocol required a request to do so by the Fire Department, and this never came.

Yes, there was an exodus of neighbors in the early AM, as the Department has pointed out; but this was all on our homeowners' initiative, not theirs, and certainly not everyone was reached. Some further up our cul-de-sac remained asleep, and were 'alerted' only by hearing of the fire hours later, on KOA. We doubt they could have escaped alive had the fire jumped narrow Fern Gulch Road just beneath us.

We'd like to see the Fire Department do more than a perfunctory 'Lessons Learned' review of their citizen alert policy, and publish a promise to use more common sense in protecting people, not just property. **What's the harm in sending a Reverse 911 'alert' to those within (say) a mile of any fire these hot, dry days, and doing so within minutes of this fire's confirmation** (as opposed to never)?

We're told the software capability exists to get this notification out quickly, we trust without unduly delaying dispatch; **is anyone trained to use it? Must they wait for management's blessing?**

And how about turning loose those deputies waiting to knock on doors and wake us up?
Do they really need an invitation that may never come?

Bob Bartman, Evergreen

Attachment 2: Mr. Greg Meyerhoff, Letter to the Board at Public Comment.

Date: 8-14-12

Submitted to: Evergreen Fire District Board

From: Greg Meyerhoff and the Evergreen Community Committee

As the chairman of the Evergreen Community Committee dedicated to reviewing the burn building options, I would like to make a brief statement. First, know that we fully support the firefighters and the fire board in what they do to keep our community safe. I was volunteered by Chick Dykeman to be the representative who gathers a committee together to look into the burn building from a community perspective and report to the board our findings. As a committee we have put in over 1000 hours researching burn buildings and fire district procedures. We know more than we ever wanted to know about burn buildings and the Evergreen fire district.

Here are a few points:

1. The community was NOT properly told that the Evergreen Fire District was planning to build a burn building in Bergen Park. As you can see by the turn out, people are here to voice their opinions. That is the American way.
2. Having personally visited all the burn buildings in the metro area, including Golden-Fairmount, Denver, Lakewood, and Summit County, I know that every one of them is located in a more remote industrial area with massive concrete surrounding it. Burn buildings, and their purpose for practicing with live smoke and fire, belongs in a industrial area surrounded by concrete. This activity never belongs only 25 feet from an elementary school and in the middle of a residential mountain community.
3. The burn building itself is industrial. It is ugly and it spews smoke. It does not help to put a veneer on it. As the Emmy award winning journalist Greg Dobbs so aptly stated, "You can put lipstick on a pig but it is still a pig." It will negatively affect the beautiful skyline of Evergreen. It will produce more smoke, noise, lights, smoke and industrial activity in the Bergen Park area. It is too close to Bergen Park Elementary School. Accidents happen. Smoke affects children.
4. In these economic times, how can you spend \$500,000 on a burn building when better facilities are available for only \$2,800/year at West Metro Fire Training Academy in Lakewood? West Metro is a state of the art facility, which cost \$18,000,000 and is only 20-25 minutes from here. With many departments in Jefferson County sharing facilities, and sharing being the national trend, it seems logical to share with West Metro and develop a supportive relationship with them.
5. As a committee, we have looked at alternative sites in Evergreen and have submitted those suggestions to the board. However, we recommend a more careful examination of the EFD financial situation. In summary, I would like to say that our committee, which is composed of residents from all over Evergreen, reviewed this burn building fire district proposal and concluded that there should be **No Industrial Burn Building in Bergen Park**. We recommend that you continue to go 20-25 minutes down the hill 4 times a year to do live fire training. Next to an elementary school, the rec center, wet lands, trout lakes, office buildings and homes in Bergen Park is the wrong location for an industrial burn building. This kind of a mistake would negatively affect the place we call home for generations to come.

In conclusion, we request a special board meeting next week so that we can present our findings and you can hear what people want to say before you weigh your decision. When can we schedule this?

Evergreen is a special place. We all know this because we live here. We would like to keep it special. Therefore, it feels irresponsible, as a community, to place an industrial burn building in beautiful Bergen Park.

Attachment 3: Lt. Drew Schneider's, Presentation Public Comment:

INTRODUCTION

- Thank the community members here tonight that have presented their concerns.
- As the District Board has an opportunity for citizens to voice concerns, it also allows the firefighters to respond with answers
- When every single firefighter is sworn in, they all take the Firefighter Oath.
 - I will keep myself properly trained and alert to fulfill all the duties and obligations required of me
 - I will so conduct myself as to be a credit to the organization and an asset in furthering its objectives of preservation and protection of life and property.
- We are here to put your minds at ease that anything we do is to benefit you, and our community. We have no other motives and would only consider building something that is respectful and beneficial to the community we serve.
- make note of your concerns - as I discuss some concerns that have been expressed to us in an effort to communicate openly.
- The board is not voting tonight, but going to review the information presented to them tonight and continue to work with the Community Group.
- I encourage each and every one of you to email your questions if they are not answered here tonight, and just as important, if you support what you hear tonight, to write and let the board and community know.

HISTORY

- Even though we are VOLUNTEERS, we are required to train a MINIMUM number of hours per our By-Laws, and per the State.
- We have been training MONDAY NIGHTS at this campus since 1985.
- Every Monday - Fire, to Rescue, to Medical, to Hazmat, to Wildland, to Swiftwater Rescue, to Ice Rescue, etc. People keep adding situations that require us to respond and so we have to train accordingly.
 - Cutting cars - extricating patients
 - Hose stream - attack on fires
 - Water shuttle operations - how we bring the water to where most of Evergreen.
 - But many times, our trainings are much quieter
 - Classroom discussions and reviews
 - Medical trainings
 - Off site trainings - wildland fires.

SUMMARY TOPICS

- **Does Bergen Park need a \$500,000 burn building?**
 - The simple answer is no. We don't. What EVERGREEN THE COMMUNITY and the firefighters do need is a MODERN, well designed TRAINING building, that has burn capabilities - which is 1/2 of the original budget of \$1 million).
 - What this 2400 SF building would provide is beyond anything we have or can get travelling out of District.
 - Our existing 750SF training building is old, antiquated, and does not allow for adequate training of our firefighters. (small, single story, can't even spray water in it)
 - CAR STORY - Remember that first car you used to drive - how awesome it was - How would it compare to the care your driving today? Telling the Fire Department they can't upgrade their training facilities is like someone telling you that you don't get to get a new car - EVER. It doesn't matter if it SAFER, MORE FUEL EFFICIENT, or can get you where you need in the snow.
 - This would be very limiting
- **We've heard it called an Industrial Burn Building.**
 - Actually it is a metal prefabricated training building, designed and built by a company that specializes in fire training buildings, not industrial facilities.
 - It will have a stone veneer to match our existing masonry buildings here on this campus.
- **We need it to be 4 stories.**
 - The height allows for better training - multi-story residences and commercial buildings,
 - Driven by ISO, the Insurance Service Office.
 - ISO certification is what drives most of OUR insurance rates.

- WE ALL BENEFIT, some with lower insurance rates
- EFR recently had a major ISO REVIEW which did infact LOWER insurance RATES for a large portion of the Evergreen Fire District. This was made possible by the Bond SUPPORTED by the COMMUNITY and the DEDICATION of the volunteers to TRAIN in excess of their regular trainings. It was a HUGE undertaking.
- **It will be visible** from Bergen Parkway, Muirfield, Broadmoor, and the Buchanan Rec Ceter,
 - but so are every other building in this part of town.
 - It will not block any more of the skyline than the existing buildings already do.
 - As an engineer I have looked at the perspectives - You'll still see the roof of this admin building and the red roof of the vet hospital behind us.
- **We are located right next to Bergen Elementary School**
 - Here since 1970.
 - We have operated harmoniously with the school as far back as I can remember.
 - With the exception of the day to operations that take place here,
 - all of our training takes place after hours from 7 pm to 10 pm well beyond the typical school day for kids be present.
 - CITIZEN STORY - Some CITIZENS have actually told us that they tell all their friends if you going to have a accident, have it on Monday night because all the firefighters are out training.
- **Though the building is first and foremost a training building**, it will have BURN capability, meaning it will have TWO special ROOMS that can TOLERATE some HEAT, but not nearly what a more traditional burn building could handle (like those older buildings found in Denver).
 - CONCRETE BLDGS - This is clearly one of the areas that we have deliberated on for literally years.
 - The Department considered a more traditional concrete structure that could handle more stout fires,
 - but construction costs as well as we know that creating black smoke is a health hazard as well as it's not something we would expect our neighbors to tolerate.
 - GAS FIRED - We considered a gas fired facility similar to what West Metro Built, but after much deliberation,
 - these TYPE of facilities just don't justify the EXTREMELY high EXPENSE of the burn props,
 - and they themselves leave a lot to be desired.
 - Coincidentally West Metro has plans to build a class A burn facility on their campus to give their firefighters proper training.
 - Which left us with the sensible choice of a more **conventional metal structure**, with burn rooms for **light duty fires** using a wood product called Excelsior.
 - It's very similar to wood pellets for a wood pellet stove.
 - This product produces heat, but burns CLEAN, i.e. limited smoke,
 - so SIMULATED smoke is produced from THEATRICAL smoke machines.
 - The SAME ones USED for PERFORMANCES at the high school, center stage, and sold at most Halloween supply houses.
 - You can do the research, but Underwriters Laboratory says it safe enough to be used in closed quarters,
 - so we felt that using this as a SAFE ALTERNATIVE to creating real smoke from burning PALLETS and DIESEL was a suitable alternative while inside the building,
 - and according to all the experts that have been consulted will DISSIPATE long before it reaches our PROPERTY lines. (Roofing tar dangers)
 - No MATTER what YOUR thoughts are on burning a wood product, creating fake smoke, and creating some steam when we put water on the fire, it is far and away LESS damaging to the ENVIRONMENT that a SINGLE house fire.
 - The MORE we train, the BETTER we get, and BETTER the chances of SAVING more structures from burning to the ground AND LIVES
- **We've heard that the new building will increase noise levels, light levels, and traffic levels.**
 - Which SEEMS to be INCORRECT since all the SAME trainings are going to OCCUR on our EXISTING campus.
 - The EXPECTATION is that due to the more ROBUST trainings,
 - and the ability to get BETTER QUALITY trainings

- **Building utilization would only be 10%.** Based on what numbers?
- **We've been told to train less -**
 - If we train less what 911 calls should we stop responding too?
 - ALARM resets, SMIKE oke checks in the open, CAR accidents
 - We DO what we DO because WE want to and we have TAKEN an OATH to SERVE and PROTECT - NO MATTER THE SITUATION.
- **The payback cost is greater than the service life.**
 - It's hard to put the cost of potentially saving a life into dollars and cents.
 - Remember we have already cut the budget in half,
 - and yet have figured out a way to obtain a top notch training facility that meets our training goals and objectives.
 - We have 100 VOLUNTEERS, is it WORTH \$5000 each to have a HIGHLY skilled person show up to ASSIST your family during a medical emergency, PROVIDE fire suppression at your home, or even show up.
- **Training off site at the other existing facilities would be more financially responsible.**
 - We're volunteers. Does anyone in this room volunteer?
 - Would you still be willing to do so if it meant driving down the hill every week to Denver?
 - EVERY firefighter has some form of family, spouses, kids and attend civic organizations such as elks, kiwanis, or participates with religious organizations.
 - This CONCEPT does not make sense when you are TAKING PEOPLE and EQUIPMENT out of this District that WE ARE all EXPECTED to show up in the event of a REAL call.
 - Not to mention the ADDITIONAL TIME commitment for the VOLUNTEERS.
 - A single dat down the hill is 8 to 10 hours.
- **Our existing campus is too small to house such a fine training facility.**
 - The proposed location ALLOWS for FULL access and does NOT INTERFERE with the current use of the maintenance building.
 - Have you visited half our neighborhoods, they have some tight roads. \
 - This is like a Walmart parking lot out here.
 - It's WHERE we have our INFRASTRUCTURE
- **There is insufficient fire buffer around the training building.**
 - If we are TALKING about using the BURN rooms, other than white THEATRICAL smoke that will be NOTICEABLE at times, the fires are so SMALL and so CONTAINED that there is a better chance of LIGHTNING striking outside and causing a fire.
- **Concern about an out of control incident at the facility having an impact on the neighborhood.**
 - It's really hard to say, what this concern is, but it's a training facility.
 - There are no toxic chemicals, or hazardous materials that would ever be near the training building.
- **Real estate value - Concerns that a training tower visible from your backyard will equate to a devaluation of property values.**
 - No more than living next to a school, rec center, or commercial center.
 - The fire department already exists and isn't going to leave anytime soon.
 - We already train here and that isn't going to change.
 - All we we are asking to do is invest in all of our futures with a new training building.
- **We need to evaluate the entire need of the community such as improved response time to fires.**
 - This has all been completed in past studies and presented in the department Strategic Plan.
 - The addition of the Floyd Hill, Brook Forest, and Kittredge fire stations have all contributed to a high number of saves.
 - TRAINING is the key to QUICK response, RAPID attack, and SAFE execution.
 - The next step in the LIST of BENEFICIAL objectives is a MODERN, well thought out training building.

In CLOSING, I have tried to ANSWER the CONCERNS posed to us, HONESTLY and OPENLY.

All we are ASKING is that you have an OPEN mind to the what we as a GROUP need to CONTINUE to PROVIDE you the BEST possible service.

Attachment 4: Captain Wayne Shephard's Presentation during the Divisions Report:

Retiree Reserves (RR) rev. 6

General Restricted Duties and Privileges

- Considered Support Personnel with restricted duties and privileges.
- Subject to EVFD Bylaws and EFR SOGs and Handbook only as applicable and except as waived herein.
- FF1 and EVFD annual requirements for Good Standing are waived.
- Maintain CPR card and attend annual EFR CPR Training.
- EFR to provide Worker's Comp. Insurance
- EFR Physical – Required for Activation and then a Strongly Encouraged Benefit.
- PPE as appropriate to permitted support function issued by EFR
- No SCBA mask issued
- No POV emergent driving
- Call Reimbursement per call equal to EVFD active members
- Stores Credit \$50.00 annually
- Minitors and /or communication devices issued by EFR if necessary to specific RR's participation
- Access Cards to facilities issued at Firefighter level and per DCFO
- Full EFR privileges for Physical Fitness (Recreation Center)
- Uniform issued if pertinent to specific RR's participation.
- RR liaison may be assigned by DCFO
- RR included on operational mailing lists.
- RR not eligible for the privileges and duties accorded to active members unless addressed herein.
- RR not eligible to vote or hold EVFD office or line officer position.
- RR required attending 3 business meetings annually and training as required by DCFO and/or his designee.

RRs shall be Permitted to perform any non-operational function at the request of the Deputy Chief of Fire Operations (DCFO) and function with explicit limitations in the following operational and/or public capacities. All RRs shall be approved by the DCFO. The RR Privilege is subject to DCFO suspension and termination at will. DCFO will review and renew and/or modify duties and privileges annually at the EVFD January business meeting. The RR program will be discontinued if active participation ceases.

Driver Engineering and Fire Operations

- Tender / Tanker Water Shuttle Only
- Permitted apparatus will stage as necessary so as to not be "first on scene".
- Meet annual EFR D-E refresher training standard as determined by DCFO or his designee
- Employment driving similar (weight/axle) apparatus shall be considered in training requirements.
- Assist with Training D.E. candidates
- Proctoring EVFD training if certified.
- Assisting scene IC in "overhead type" tasks

Public Education

- Assist Prevention/Education Division
- Drive and Engineer Apparatus (non emergent)
- Permitted Apparatus on case-by-case basis specifically approved by DCFO.
- Special Events Support
- Approved by Fire Marshall

Operations Wildland Overhead

- Annual Safety Refresher Training
- Annual Red Card or Lesser Card if applicable.
- Demonstrated Proficiency in "overhead type" tasks

Investigations

- Maintain Applicable Certification and Scene Participation /Proficiency
- Maintain required C.E.
- Approved by Investigations OIC

EMS

- Maintain EMT or First Responder Certification per EFR
- Attend a minimum of 12 hours of EFR "in house" EMS training annually
- Ambulance Driver if qualified
- CPR instructor if qualified.
- No Heavy Rescue operations
- Patient Care Only
- Approved by EMS Supervisor

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- As assigned by the DCFO and/or his designee