

District Chief Meeting Talking Points  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meetings**

**Administration**

- Internal Investigations- Captain Kathleen Vredenburg presented on how to initiate an internal investigation and handle any disciplinary concerns. Presentation was emailed to all District Chiefs.
- Vacation Selection Rules are currently being reviewed. Criteria includes:
  - Focusing more on Seniority
  - Create a more equitable distribution
  - Limit certain times of the year for certain ranks, focusing on popular holidays including: Fourth of July, Months of July/July, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving.
  - District Chiefs were asked to provide Chief Murphy with recommendations.

**Tech Services**

- Telestaff migration to a web-based format and is tentatively scheduled to go online July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- At the request of one of our members radon and radiation testing were completed at stations 4,6,11,19,23,24 and 25.
- All initial testing has come back within normal ranges at all fire stations.
- Tech services, Environmental Health and a third party are currently working on a proposal for long term radon/radiation monitoring and testing.
- Station 39 construction is now underway, concrete has been poured with an anticipated schedule to open May/June of 2019.

**Fire Prevention**

- Denver Fire Department will be adopting the citywide initiative for hoarding issues for first responders. A formal training bulletin will be distributed by Fire Prevention Division soon. Training bulletin and checklist from Denver Police was distributed for review.
- The emergency contact form for inspections that is required to be posted in the Fire Command Center with a copy send to the FPB has been updated and sent out to all members. The form is currently on the downloadable forms and should be at every fire control panel and sent to the Fire Prevention Division when complete.

**Event Command**

- In the event of an incident, the Unified Command that is comprised of Fire, Police and Venue team will stay in place at the command center to filter information.
- There is an Event Commander at all events with more than 10,000 people to be at the Pepsi Center all events at Coors Field, and most events at Bronco Stadium.
- The incoming District Chief at any large incident will become Fire Branch Director and can operate on another radio channel and order more resources.
- The radio channel used is Tac8, unless there are multiple events going on than we will us TAC 8A, B, C. etc. When speaking with dispatch, we should be requesting to assign TAC 8 and incoming units.

### Tablet Issues

- Most of the current ongoing tablet issues can be traced back to the system updates. **Do not update the IOS Software.** You will be notified when to update the software.
- Reemphasis with the members to do their best to troubleshoot what is wrong with the tablets before calling Tech Services. If there is a charger issue, those can be ordered through the chain of command to the Division Chief of Operations.
- A recent meeting was held with tablet command, reviewing the capabilities to use Tablet Command as a MDT replacement. Turning of the WiFi will assist with the connectivity issues.

### Ready Reserves

- Reinforce to members the concept of a ready reserve. If repairs on rig's will be longer than 2 hours, the ready reserve must be utilized as a fully functional rig. The ready reserves must always be stocked with hose and equipment and ready to respond.
- If there are any repairs that become long term, it will require a reserve from the repair shop with all equipment transferred from the frontline rig.
- The reserve at training is specifically reserved for District 5 unless there are not any other reserves available.

### Accreditation

- We will to begin tracking how are companies are doing once we are scene. Currently we are working on a solution to track tactical benchmarks with timestamps.

### Equipment Order

- All equipment orders for 2018 have been approved and finalized. Operations is in the process of ordering all approved requests. Company Officers will be able to view all approved orders through the bulletin board Captains page. The pages are on target to be updated by month end, and members will be notified once the pages have been updated.

### Company Standards

- There are companies that have less than 50% complete for company standards, including companies that have not started their annual training.
- Monthly reports are being emailed to District Chiefs for review.

### Wildland

- The second eligibility form is due August 1<sup>st</sup>, **no exceptions.** The form has been updated to include turn-out requirements for Company Officers.
- There have been questions regarding Operations Division sending out frontline rigs for mutual aid requests. Operations decision is based on the safety of our members, that they have newer most reliable rig's when deployed on mutual aid.

### Dispatch

- Dispatch concerns should follow the chain of command through the Shift Commander. Company Officers are still calling and complaining about response issues and not including the District Chief or Shift Commanders. Dispatch will document each caller moving forward. Dispatch has been informed that they must follow their chain of command if contacting a member.

- Continue to reinforce companies communicating their location and intent, i.e. fuel, training, inspections, etc. Companies should be reminded of the importance of staying in first due areas, use MDT to verify closest companies. Officer accountability is to look at MDT prior to going out, first in area.

### **Denver Health**

- Denver Health has a new “Fly Car” responding to incidents that only has one medic staffed. They are using fire rigs to maintain two people on scene until an ambulance responds code 9. This currently has kept rigs out of service for 30-40 minutes. This is not the intent of the program, and this issue has been addressed with Denver Health.

### **ESO/NFIRS/Demonstration**

- A demonstration was given on how to complete your outstanding NFIRS. Currently there are over 1,000 incomplete NFIRS and only 89% compliant. Please continue to reiterate the importance of completing the NFIRS and review the tutorials in Target Solutions that walk the members through the process. Captain Linville and Mellissa Miccio are always available by phone, or visits to the firehouses.
- Narratives shall be completed for all NFIR reports.

### **Assisted Living Bill**

- There is a new State **Assisted Living Regulation** that went into effect on June 14, 2018, signed by the Secretary of State. The new requirements are for lift assistance, first aid, CPR, nightly resident checks, and fall assistance. The State will be taking an educational approach towards enforcement for the next 12 months or so. When we’re in these facilities we need to take the same educational stance as responders and help facilities understand the need for and resident benefits of these regulations. For more information on this please see the CDC website.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/safepatient/default.html>  
[https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/community\\_preventfalls.html](https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/community_preventfalls.html)
- Here is the link for reporting to the State: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/health-facilities-complaint-and-occurrence-contacts>
- Documentation will be provided for the members to have on hand when called to an incident at an Assisted Living facility.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Projects underway in the City include National Western Complex, I70 project and Brighton Blvd redevelopment.
- Community Outreach Program Manager position is open and will be posted soon.