



Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (6):

David Helmer
David Hewett, Chair
Ron Honn
John Putnam, Vice Chair
Mike Riggs
Roger Wallace

Industry Represented:

Large Business
Small Business
Citizen At-Large
Insurance
Architecture
Fire Suppression

Not Present (1):

Vince Colarelli

Industry Represented:

Building

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department

Additional Attendee(s):

Katha Snow, Compliance Coordinator

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chairperson Hewett called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. and promptly conducted the roll call.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board Member Wallace motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
Vice Chair Putnam seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Contractor Licensing

A. Fire Alarm Contractor A

- i. **Business Name:** Commercial Electronics Systems
Owner: Gary Smith
Licensee: Gary S. Smith
RME: Gary S. Smith

Fire Marshal Lacey reported the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

**Vice Chair Putnam motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Honn seconded the motion.**

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fire Suppression Contractor A

- i. **Business Name:** Aero Automatic Sprinkler Company
- Officers: Jon Salmen, President
Jon Vann, Vice President
Mark Phelps, Vice President
- Licensee: Aero Automatic Sprinkler Company
- RME: LaMonte J. Brummet, Jr.

Fire Marshal Lacey reported the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

Board Member Wallace motioned to approve the application.

Board Member Riggs seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Updates

A. Burn Ban Order

Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

Governor Polis lifted Colorado's Burn Restriction Order. However, Colorado Springs remains in a burn ban due to limited resources and extreme conditions. Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness participants continue to meet weekly to assess the situation. All participants maintain a vigilant watch of fuel moisture levels, weather conditions, and resource availability in their areas. The Incline fire is evidence as to why a heightened awareness posture is maintained..

B. COVID-19

Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

CSFD continues working with schools to keep them functioning per the fire code during social distancing requirements.

Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs is working very hard at keeping restaurants adhering to social distancing requirements open. With winter weather conditions approaching, temporary structures, like tents, requiring heat sources are under consideration for alternative dining area options. To avoid a fire event like that of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Baily Circus, CSFD, in collaboration with restaurant representatives, our zoning department, and El Paso County Public Health, are developing processes specific to these temporary structures. Specific to CSFD, a free temporary structure permit is available to qualifying restaurants, allowing these businesses to expand dining operations. At the same time, CSFD monitors fire code compliance within what may become very innovative and resourceful operations.

CSFD has not had positive COVID-19 cases spread throughout the department, like many departments throughout the country. This is good for the department and our community

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bar Trail Fire Status
Requester: Board Member Putnam

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the fire is becoming contained and does not anticipate it taking off. CSFD investigators are doing the origin and cause, and there is a suspect in mind.

2. Victory Fire Update
Requester: Board Member Wallace

Fire Marshal Lacey reminded the board that an unlicensed contractor, Victory Fire Protection, was caught working on the first Amazon project. Summons were given, and the principal owner/operator of the company and his first assistant were slotted to go to trial. The accused chose what is referenced as a "speedy trial." State statute mandates if the court fails to uphold the court date of a speedy trial, the case is dropped. Due to COVID-19 and the Governern's Safer-At-Home order, courts were not in session for the Victory Fire Protection case. Regrettably, the charges were dropped.

3. CSFD Internal Interview with El Paso County Coroner Kelly
Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

A COVID-19 question and answer session with Fire Chief Ted Collas, Medical Division Battalion Chief Jayme McConnellogue, and Doctor Leon Kelly was videoed and found to be very informative. A link to view the video will be available for board members viewing. Board members may also watch the video via this meeting format if they choose, once the meeting convenes.

ADJOURN

**Board Member Helmer motioned for the meeting to adjourn.
Vice Chair Putnam seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brett T. Lacey
Fire Marshal and Secretary to Fire Board of Appeals

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