



Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (8):

- David Hewett
- Mike Riggs, Chair
- Ron Honn
- Eric Moburg, Vice Chair
- J Newlin Sharkey
- Jannic Ekornes
- Lee Tankersley

Industry Represented:

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

Not Present (1):

- Kyler Bush

Industry Represented:

- Large Business

Vacant Position (0):

Industry Represented:

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary

- Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal

Representing:

- Colorado Springs Fire Department

Additional Attendee(s):

- Connie Manning, Compliance Coordinator
- Kris Cooper, Deputy Fire Marshal
- Chip Taylor, Senior Fire Protection Engineer

Representing:

- Colorado Springs Fire Department
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CALL TO ORDER

1. **Board Chair Riggs called the meeting to order at 8:42 A.M. and promptly conducted a roll call.**

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Board Member Honn motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
Board Member Hewett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Contractor Licensing**

A. Fire Alarm Contractor A

- i. **Business Name:** Thompson Safety, LLC
- Applicant: Vincent Ciardullo
- RME: Dwayne Sutton

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Moburg motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Hewett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Fire Alarm Contractor B

- i. **Business Name:** The Alarm Guy
Applicant: Zachary Canady
RME: Zachary Canady

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Sharkey motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Moburg seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Fire Suppression Contractor B

- i. **Business Name:** Victory Fire Protection, LLC
Applicant: Nicholas Crawford
RME: Nicholas Crawford

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Honn motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Hewett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

- i. **Business Name:** Superior Holdings, LLC
Applicant: Michael Ellis
RME: Michael Ellis

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Moburg motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Sharkey seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

- ii. **Business Name:** Impact Fire Services, LLC
Applicant: Gabriel Rivera
RME: Gabriel Rivera

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Honn motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Moburg seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

BUSINESS

1. Development Review Enterprise Advisory Committee Update

Presenter: Kris Cooper, Deputy Fire Marshal, Colorado Springs Fire Department

FM Lacey informed the board that DFM Hanenberg is unable to present today due to a death in the family and turned the floor over DFM Cooper.

DFM Cooper introduced himself and provided updates for the Development Review Enterprise Advisory Committee (DREAC). The first meeting is March 26 and Lee (Tankersley) and Ron (Honn) are set up on that board. Lee Tankersley is the primary representative for the Fire Board of Appeals and Ron Honn is the citizen representative. The initial meeting is a lot of orientation as to the make-up of the board and questions and answers. They will look at the fees, workload and staffing levels that are needed. He asked if there any questions.

Chair Riggs asked if the board had any questions and thanked DFM Cooper

NEW BUSINESS

1. Division of the Fire Marshal Employee Update

Presenter: Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal, Colorado Springs Fire Department

FM Lacey stated he is transitioning a lot of his duties to (DFM) Kris (Cooper) who is working on the organizational changes. He turned the floor over to DFM Cooper.

DFM Cooper introduced himself and provided employee updates within the Division of the Fire Marshal. Sarah (DaCosta) from Fire Construction Services has left employment with us and the department has chosen to leave that position vacant. The department is working through that, and Melonie (Aldred) is getting hammered as well as Chip's (Taylor) staff to cover that workload while the positions are re-evaluated and see what the needs are for that position as well as the financing that goes with it. FCS is down three tech positions; one position is out on long term leave and Sarah has left which leaves five positions open in that work group. They are managing very well, monitoring the workload as well as clients coming in so they can monitor and staff appropriately. With FM Lacey is leaving, he (DFM Cooper) has been promoted to fire marshal effective at the end of the month. The deputy fire marshal position has been posted and was closed two days ago. They are going through applications now and hope to fill the position as quick as possible.

Chair Riggs offered his congratulations.

Chair Riggs asked what the current review times with construction services are given the current staff loads.

Chip Taylor, with Fire Construction Services stated that they are currently running a six day turnaround on plans. It is fluctuating between five and six days right now and they are maintaining workload and good turnaround times.

Chair Riggs replied that is encouraging considering their deficiencies.

Senior Fire Protection Engineer Taylor stated they are monitoring it closely and if they start seeing an uptick with system plans or construction plans from RBD (Pikes Peak Regional Building Department) they will re-evaluate. He asked if there were any questions.

Chair Riggs thanked him and asked if there were any new business from the board.

2. Appreciation Fire Marshal Lacey

Presenter: Mike Riggs, Chair, Fire Board of Appeals

Chair Riggs thanked FM Lacey for his service. He knows he had a long run.

FM Lacey spoke (inaudible).

Chair Riggs replied good, and stated from everyone, the board appreciates FM Lacey's service and guidance and leadership both from educating the board but also for the city as well.

Inaudible discussion.

FM Lacey turned on his microphone and stated that it is very important that we (CSFD) continue to support the board. He appreciates the boards' cooperation and more importantly what he appreciates is the trust that the board has in staff and all the diligent work they have done over the years. The CSFD, in his opinion, the most competent and educated and highly trained staff in the Division of the Fire Marshal of any department in the country because of the problems that we can solve. That is a bold statement to make, but he has had the opportunity to work with and in various departments throughout his forty five years. The board helps keeps the bar high and makes certain that they (CSFD staff) are performing and making the best decisions possible. While the board is praising him, he doesn't want the board to forget how important each of them are in the decisions they make here and supporting the staff. If they (the staff) do not feel supported or feel like they can contribute facts to the issues that come before the board for adjudication, they are not going to be good either. FM Lacey appreciates that, and his hat is off to them for spending their time and he knows it is hard to come down here for a three minute meeting when their travel time is five times longer. The reason it is a three minute meeting is because of the work the staff does. They take care of work on the front end so that people are not so frustrated to have to come to the board to hear it. FM Lacey thanked Chair Riggs and appreciated the comments.

Board Member Hewett thanked FM Lacey for his service.

ADJOURN

Board Member Moburg motioned to adjourn.

Board Member Hewett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kris Cooper
Fire Marshal and Secretary to Fire Board of Appeals

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