

Western Hills Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Kris Knez, Calven Goza
Absent: none

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik
Rick Ruggierri – Chief Public Safety Officer
John Chmiel via phone
Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda: None noted**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Introduction of Rick Ruggierri – Chief Public Safety Officer

He will assist with coordination of duties between The City of Greeley Fire, Police, and OEM departments. He will also assist with future growth for the City and accreditation.

Ch. Kuznik reported there were 33 incidents in May 2025

Garden City and 7 calls. The average alarm handling time was 2:41
Data retrieval continues to be a work in progress.

Information on the fire incident on Monday, May 5th originally was reported as a cardiac arrest, but it was an extinguished fire.

American Red Cross – Annual Sound the Alarm Event – volunteers installed 190 alarms in 70 mobile homes (three neighborhoods)

Fire Marshall retirement – partnered with recruiting firm to launch the recruitment by end of week. The application period will be 30 days. Estimated 60-90 days before someone will be on-boarded.

Pulse Point will be launched on June 16th by Weld County Regional Communications. If an individual is CPR certified, they can register for notification and respond to calls for AEDs

The 2026 Fire Budget preliminary presentation occurred last week it is projected to be a flat budget year. Proposed to hire 21 firefighters

A consulting firm is evaluating Fire Station 4 for rebuilding and relocating. The current site is not large enough to build a new station. A change in location could impact Western Hills response times.

Calls	2025 WH	2025 City	2024 WH	2024 City
January	32	1,470	58	1,598
February	33	1,281	54	1,348
March	53 (42)	1,366	64	1,384
1st Quarter	118	4,117	176	4,330
April	41	1,241	54	1,406
May	33	1,442	55	1,659
June			59	1,596
2nd Quarter			168	4,661
July			55	1,716
August			64	1,765
September			48	1,662
3rd Quarter			167	5,143
October			44	1,686
November			51	1,581
December			48	1,660
4th Quarter			143	4,933
Year to Date	65	2,751	654	19,061

5. **Minutes:** May 2025 Regular Meeting
 Motion to accept May 2025 Minutes.
 (Steinmetz/Knez) 4-0 Approved

6. **Financials:**
 - A. Bills May 2025
 Motion to accept Bills Paid in May 2025 as presented.
 (Goza/Knez) 4-0 Approved

 - B. Statement of Changes as of May 2025
 Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.
 (Knez/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

 - C. Journal Entries for May 2025
 Motion to accept Journal Entries for May 2025.
 (Steinmetz/Goza) 4-0 Approved

 - D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.

- E. Closing Checklist May 2025
Motion to accept the Closing Checklist.
(Steinmetz/Goza) 4-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**

- A. Feasibility Study Proposals – no information - tabled
- B. Station Maintenance –
 - 1. The District has two bids, and City Facilities is obtaining another bid.
 - 2. Sprinkler system bid need to get three bids.
 - 3. Pavement assessment of parking lot.
 - 4. Fencing project – contact Norman’s Memorials. Calven will contact
- C. 2025 Board Member Vacancy –
John Chmiel - Attorney
There is no specific Colorado State Statute prohibiting spouses serving on the board at the same time. There could be a public perception of bias in voting.
Not an ideal situation, he would encourage the Board to seek out other interested parties. The Board vacancy, has a 60 day period before the County Commissioners could appoint an individual to a position.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Goza will contact two additional citizens.

8. **New Business:**

- A. Fire Code Discussion –
There was a concern that a portion of the code was not included in the Ordinance adoption in September 2022. It was determined that the resolution did include that specific item and no further action is needed.
- B. Training Sponsorship – trench rescue class –
The proposed class would be presented by Michigan Search and Rescue. An estimate to cover nine firefighters’ attendance was presented in the amount of \$39,388.50. The class will be offered to include firefighters from neighboring agencies. This class will benefit citizens of Greeley and Western Hills and regional response.

Motion to approve the training request for trench training not to exceed \$40,000
(Goza/Steinmetz) 4-0

9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None

10. **Adjourn:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items

Date	Time	Agenda Items
07/14/2025	5:30 p.m.	
08/11/2025	5:30 p.m.	
09/15/2025	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

Greg Johnson, Board President