



Front Range Emergency Resources Cooperative –  
An Industry Solution to Response Preparedness Working with  
Local Responders





# What is FRERC



- The name of the non-profit Organization is the Front Range Emergency Resources Co-Op (FRERC)
- Created pursuant Articles 121 to 137 of The Colorado Revised Non-Profit Corporation Act.



# Primary Purpose



- Share response resources and abilities among members and to provide support to members in the event of an emergency in the DJ Basin
- Proactive, non-regulatory initiative by industry (oil and gas operators, railroad, pipeline companies, mid stream operators) to earn social license to operate by improving response preparedness and readiness
- Mutual aid support may include, but not limited to, sharing equipment, and additional Incident Management Team **Members** to provide more depth to sustain 24 hour operations until appropriate **Member** technical specialists and management team arrive.
- NOT a response organization, nor does it accept authorities or responsibilities on behalf of the **Members**. **Members** are solely responsible for managing and directing activities and resources responding to emergency events.



# Scope



- The FRERC adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Incident Management
- **Response Resource Tracking.**
  - Create, maintain a list of critical available resources owned by FRERC, government agencies or other private sector response organizations and share among its **Members** which will provide a more efficient and effective response for emergencies such as well fires, hazmat, and railroad and truck transportation emergencies manpower and facilities in emergency situations either natural or man-made, including but not limited to acts of war or terrorism.
  - No **Member** shall receive any compensation, but may receive reimbursement for its expenses incurred in responding to emergency situations
- **Mutual Aid.**
  - **Members** will offer other **Members** who request assistance to sustain first response operations until incident operator's management team arrives. Each company participating in this plan must reserve manpower, material, and equipment for its own protection before releases can be made in an emergency. No **Member** is obligated to commit manpower and equipment. At a minimum, each Member will provide its own Incident Commander and Safety Officer.



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- **First Responder Training.** Pre-emergency training among **Members** will include, but not limited to, conducting First Responder Awareness training to local responders who are **Members** of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) including all expense –paid training scholarships
- **Best Practices.** FRERC will identify, coordinate and establish Best Practices and adopted standards among **Members** to provide a better efficiency and consistency when integrating diverse groups into a single response system, and also provide better compatibility when equipment from different sources. Activation of **Member** resources will follow a consistence process among **Members**. Examples of Best Practices shared among member may include, but not be limited to, facility tactical fire firefighting plans and geographic spill response plans



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- **FRERC Owned Equipment.** Own a minimum equipment need for well control, industrial fire-fighting, fire-fighting foam inventory, oil spill equipment or other equipment that is not available in the DJ Basin region and is needed to improve response time to incidents in the DJ Basin region.
  - Focus in industrial fire-fighting equipment, not public safety and health capabilities
  - Commence a gap analysis to identify what is located in Wattenburg area, identify equipment needed before purchasing equipment
  - Equipment not intended for specific fire departments or entities, but equipment that will have shared and equal access by all parties
  - Stored locations may be in one location or multiple location based on risks and response times
  - Provide training to First Responders on use of equipment
  - FRERC will be responsible for all maintenance costs



# Member Types



- **Industry Member.** A company owning or operating one or more facilities, or operating corridor by rail, pipeline, or road within State of Colorado, DJ Basin oil and gas activities region and other areas defined by FRERC in the production, transportation, or handling of oil and gas. Can also be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party company owning or operating wells or facilities as part of joint ownership
  - Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Noble Energy, PDC Energy, Encana
  - Bonanza Creek Energy, Extraction Oil & Gas, BNSF, API Pipeline Response Committee
- **Government Member.** A governmental agency, fire department, or local law enforcement group that has jurisdiction within the above mentioned regions or State.
  - Weld County ER Manager – Roy Rudisill
  - 22 of 26 Fire Departments participating
  - Holds 4 Board positions



# Industry Member Requirements



- Adequate water supply
- Emergency Response Plan
- Written emergency response plan which, as a minimum, must contain the elements outlined in 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(2)
- Adequate communications, equipment and procedures
- Any special protective equipment or response equipment
- Minimum standards for specific types of site locations must be capable of extinguishing fire at the insipient stage as per NFPA 101



# Assistance to Non-Members



- Upon request, the Chairman may release any or all equipment to a non-member experiencing an incident requiring the use of owned or rented by FRERC for no more than seventy - two (72) hours within the FRERC operating area.
  - The Non-Member must sign an indemnification and agreement of rates with a commitment to return all equipment in same condition received as well as replace all consumables items within five (5) work days of the end of the response. The Chairman will initiate an emergency meeting to all Board **Members** to report the release of equipment within the above mentioned time limitations.
- The rental equipment fees will be waived only if the non-member joins and pays a full calendar year FRERC membership fee, regardless when they join, plus an initiation fee within thirty (30) calendar days of the return of the equipment. All reimbursable items will follow guidelines in Section 2.7.
- The use of the equipment outside the FRERC operating will require approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote from Board Members.



# Assistance to Government Agencies



- Upon request, the Chairman may release any or all equipment to a government agency who has the authority to direct and/or pay for resources responding to an incident and requiring the use of owned or rented by FRERC for no more than seventy - two (72) hours.
  - The Non-**Member** must sign an indemnification and agreement of rates with a commitment to return all equipment in same condition received as well as replace all consumables items within five (5) work days of the end of the response..
- If the request for equipment is a first time request from the government agency, the Chairman will request the government agency who requested FRERC equipment to commence and ultimately sign a joint pre-existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to better streamline the response process for access to equipment and establish a professional relationship between both parties.



# Board Members



- Chairperson – Mike Drieu (Anadarko)
- First Vice-Chairman/Treasurer – Joel Conwell (Noble Energy)
- Second Vice-Chairman/Secretary – Dave Dockens (PDC Energy)
- Oil & Gas Operations Representatives (4) – Extraction Oil & Gas, Encana, Bonanza Creek Energy
- Midstream Facilities Representatives (2)
- Pipeline Operations Representatives (2) – API Pipeline Response Committee
- Railroad Operations Representatives (2) - BNSF
- Government Agency Members (4) – Roy Rusidill (Weld County ER Manager), Keith Long (MVFR), Taw Tomlin (FLFPD), Barry Shaeffer (PVFVD)
- 1 year terms



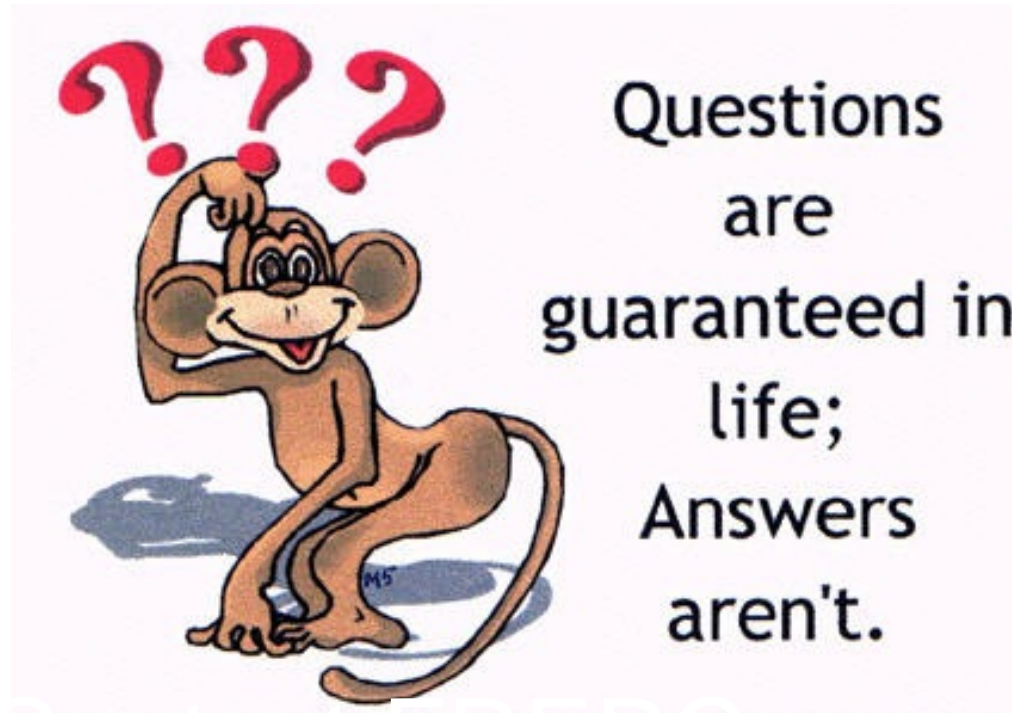
# Other Provisions



- FRERC can vote to form Special Committees
  - Voted for a Training Committee a in March 2015
- Requirements for Insurance
- Guidance for suspension or revocation of members
- Guidance for arbitration and reimbursement for costs
- Dues structure
  - One set of dues for response tracking, First Response training, Mutual aid, Best practices
  - Second dues for equipment sets
- Funding sources
  - Grants or donations from groups who are affected by risks in the area (e.g. service companies)



# Questions



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