



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

June 12, 2018



Chief Jerry Rhodes, above, from the South Metro Fire District was our speaker and gave the club an update on the South Metro Fire District. Jerry has been in the fire service for 43 years, 22 years as the fire chief of Cunningham Fire Department.

Jerry emphasized the personality of a fire fighter. We, those in attendance at the meeting, when we see a fire, we rush out to safety. A fire fighter will rush into the fire without concern for his or her safety. Throughout the talk, he was referencing that fire fighters are ADHD type personalities, they tend not to be concerned with the consequences. An interesting way of talking about fire fighters.

Jerry emphasized that the fire department is like Rotary, *i.e.*, they are a service organization. They are there to serve the population. Currently, South Metro Fire District has approximately 400 personnel and 20 fire stations. In the near future, they expect to have about 600 personnel and 30 fire stations. South Metro is a fire district organization and not a metropolitan fire organization. The fire district has representatives that are elected.

South Metro has worked to keep their costs down. The east end of Centennial will see their mil levy decrease approximately 5 mils over the next several years because of cost cutting and efficiency improvements. South Metro will work

with other fire districts to purchase in large quantities and to standardize on the types of equipment used. This reduces costs. Jerry said an aerial truck will cost between \$1.2 and 1.3 million. A “regular” fire truck is approximately \$600,000. A fully equipped ambulance is about \$160,000. The 10 county area of Denver works together to purchase in bulk to reduce costs.

When Jerry started in the fire service they were able to get a lot more service out of a truck than they do today. It used to be they would get 20 years of active duty for a truck with an additional 10 years of reserve duty. Today, they get about 15 years of service out of a truck. The shorter life is due primarily to a shorter life for the onboard computers.

Police and fire departments are trying to consolidate communications. Jeffco police and fire use a system called Jeffcom. In Centennial, the sheriff department has their own system while South Metro use Metcom which does the dispatching for most of the fire agencies.

Jerry gave a very interesting statistic. The Denver metro area per capita has had more mass shootings that any other area in the United States.

South Metro is a combination of Cherry Hills, Parker, Castle Wood, Louviers, and Cunningham fire departments. At the end of this year, Littleton will become a part of South Metro.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Changing of the Guard is June 23 at Barb Medina’s house. The address is 3518 Elk Run Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80109.

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- Brew & Q is July 14. This is our next beer sales.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 18-PRIME TIMERS LUNCH BUNCH, 11 AM EL PARAL
JUNE 19-MARK GARFINKEL/ JOHN PETERSON, CREATING CLEAN WATER IN PUERTO RICO
JUNE 23-CHANGING OF THE GUARD
JUNE 26-REV DANIEL HETTINGER: BIOGRAPHY OF DARREL CHANEY
JUNE 27-PRIME TIMERS HAPPY HOUR, JUDSON 4-6 PM
JULY 3-DARK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 10-TIM EUNICE, INAUGURAL ADDRESS

CLUB MAKEUPS:

<http://bestrotary.com/gallery-collections/video-galleries>

www.rotaryclubone.org

- Blessing Bags were handed out at the meeting. The Millennial's are going to meet this Thursday at the Mockery Brewery for some 12 oz push ups and then go out and handout Blessing Bags. The Mockery Brewery is at 3501 Delgany St, Denver, CO 80216. This starts are 7 PM.

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- Business Mixer will be June 14, Thursday, from 5-7 at Barb Medina's office which is 16 Inverness Pl E # 100, Englewood, CO 80112

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TRAVEL GIFTS

- Cathy Smith brought back some wine from Italy.
- Diane Zing was down on the Navajo Indian Reservation and brought back some
 - Jalapeno Jelly
 - Navajo tea
 - A little Dream Catcher
 - A Navajo bracelet, and
 - A Scorpion sucker

- Roxy Hahn went to Spokane, WA and brought back a hunting hat.
- Karen Fleck brought back a book titled "Spirit of the Rockies, from Jackson Hole, WY.

BLUE MARBLE



John Peterson was unable to find the elusive blue marble. The pot keeps growing and the number of marbles keeps decreasing.

INSPIRATION AND PLEDGE

Don Shattuck did a combined inspiration and Pledge which was a Red Skelton version of the Pledge. For those interested in seeing it, here is the link

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1987—Reagan challenges Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall.