A third letter was received from Jeffrey Cunningham, the agent for VFIS, the company that provides the district with its insurance needs. He wrote that board members should not be interfering with on-scene activities during exigent situations because it can endanger the chain of command and increase the probability of injury or accident to firefighters who are trained in what they are

He requested that board members and other untrained citizens be restrained from any involvement with emergency and other dangerous operations. He said the state of Colorado would not provide any workers compensation coverage if employees are injured while being where they are not supposed to be. Board members and/or other civilians who have involved themselves in an emergency setting are inferring that they do not have confidence in their highly trained district employees, he said.

Cunningham summarized his complaint by noting that these board members or other civilians have the potential for causing a hostile or unsafe work environment for everyone. He added that the officer in charge is the only one on the scene who may issue orders and directions to the firefighters.





The board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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