

At approximately 3:00 to 3:15 p.m., command personnel, including Chief Harvey, El Paso County assistant fire marshal Scott Campbell, and a representative from the Colorado Division of Prevention and Fire Control, Brenda Wasielewski, discussed the conditions and overabundance of fuels, the weather, lack of air support, that fire fighter personnel were struggling to hold the fire and the probability that they would not be able to hold the fire. Around that time, a mandatory evacuation from Falcon to Milam, and Shoup to an area on the north side was requested by Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell. The fire had turned into a raging firestorm within 25 minutes, putting command staff in a near impossible situation. It should be noted that the Colorado Springs Fire Department requested a reverse 911 to evacuate residents around 2:20 p.m.