

FORT LUPTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Fire Chief

District Board and Community Members,

In 2023, we faced several challenges and also had many exciting accomplishments. The District broke ground in August on a new 6,500 square foot equipment and apparatus storage facility at the Station 3 location. Freddy the Fire Truck was completely refurbished with LED lights, improved sound, and proved to be an excellent fire prevention tool for our team. In April, Banner Ambulance notified the District that they could no longer provide two ambulances for our community due to financial constraints. In September, coverage was lessened to one dedicated ambulance with back up coverage from the Greeley area. In December, the District Board approved an agreement with Intermountain Health, formerly known as Platte Valley Medical Center in Brighton, to provide an ambulance for the community as part of a regional coverage area with Hudson and Southeast Weld Fire Protection Districts.

Training Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer received his Fire Officer I from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, an outstanding achievement. Four firefighters were able to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. The District purchased two new pickups, one for Fire Prevention and one for maintenance to replace two 20-year-old vehicles. We replaced two roof top heating and cooling units for the Training Center at a cost of \$70,000.00. We again conducted several significant training courses on site that included a 40-hour rope rescue technician course, Firefighter II Academy, mock incident/drill at the Williams Gas Plant, and multiple mutual/auto aid drills and trainings with neighboring partners. We also entered into an agreement with Kevin Body of Redline Leadership LLC. to provide leadership training and professional development to our staff beginning in 2023 and continuing in 2024. In December, the administrative staff began working 10-hour days and the District Office is now closed on Fridays. We strive to serve our community with the highest level of emergency services. I want to thank our staff for their outstanding work again in 2023 and we look forward to 2024.



Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Tiffany

Fire Chief

2023 District Staff

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James May, Lieutenant
James Mayor, Lieutenant
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Troy Norby, Lieutenant
Nick Spendlow, Lieutenant
Marc Steiner, Lieutenant
Brian VanBeber, Lieutenant
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Alex Bodnar, Engineer
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Shawn Montoya
Don Ogborn
Jacob Perez
Jessup Pfeifer, Engineer
Seth Reinke
Mark Shirley, Engineer
Tyler Trent
Gilbert Tucker, Engineer
Cody White
Evan Wilson

District Volunteer Firefighters

Howard Johnson
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Lindsey Spendlow
Josh Tapia

Fire District Overview

The fire department is considered a combination agency and is comprised of 41 career firefighters, four (4) administrative staff, three (3) office personnel, two (2) maintenance personnel, and five District volunteer firefighters. There are thirteen firefighters on duty each shift to provide 24-hour coverage with response from three stations. New volunteer members of the department are recruited year-round and are required to be certified as a State of Colorado Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Emergency Medical Technician. They must also complete a one-year probationary period while successfully completing driving and pump operation skills, CPR, and complete at least 40 hours of ongoing training annually. Specialized training for members includes Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Technician, high and low angle rope rescue, ice rescue, swift water rescue, advanced vehicle extrication, and incident command training.

The Fire District provides Basic Life Support (BLS) services for immediate life-threatening emergencies. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) response unit is GMR/Banner Health Ambulance Paramedic 11 is in Fort Lupton at Fire Station 1. Based upon a new agreement for 2024, Intermountain Health/PVAS will replace GMR/Banner and staff an ambulance with one Paramedic and one EMT at Station 1. There is always a Paramedic and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) assigned to the ambulance and we look forward to this new endeavor. They transport patients to the nearest appropriate hospital for diagnosis and treatment. When GMR/Banner Health Ambulance Service is not available, we currently partner with Intermountain Health/Platte Valley Ambulance, Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District Ambulance, and Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Ambulance to provide supporting backup ALS services for one another. Med Evac Helicopter provides air transport. They are stationed in Greeley.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) sets the Public Protection Class (PPC) rating for properties within the District's jurisdiction based upon an evaluation every five years. This is how your insurance rates are assigned. Class 1 being the highest and Class 10 the lowest rating. The Fire District has a Class 2/10 rating. This means that any property within 5 miles of a station, no hydrant required, is classified as a Class 2 and any property beyond the five (5) road miles is a Class 10.



Response Statistics

In 2023, the fire department responded to 1,862 incidents, which exceeded 2022's totals of 1,773. The types of calls included fire, EMS, and other calls for service such as hazardous materials and smoke odor investigations. The in-service goal from time of dispatch to the first truck in service is 90 seconds. In 2023, the average reaction time from the dispatch to enroute time was 89 seconds, which increased by 20 seconds from 2022, which was 69 seconds. In 2023, the average response time from dispatch to arrival was 6 minutes and 39 seconds. The fire district experienced "overlapping" incidents on 193 responses or 10% of the time in 2023. This identifies that the demand for service of multiple calls continues to increase each year and could potentially delay personnel from responding to the second call. The Fire District has auto aid agreements with Brighton, Frederick/Firestone, Platteville/Gilcrest, and Hudson Fire Protection Districts for response to fires.

In 2023, GMR/Banner Ambulance responded to approximately 1,306 calls. There were 748 transports, with 532 of these patients transported to Platte Valley Medical Center, 47 patients transported to NCMC-Greeley, 430 calls where no ambulance was needed, 128 cancellations, and 216 transports to other various hospitals. These numbers do not include patients transported by other agencies.

In 2023, the District provided automatic or mutual aid on thirty-eight calls that were located outside of the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District and received auto or mutual aid from outside agencies on thirty-two calls. There was one reported residential or commercial structure fire for the City of Fort Lupton. There was a total of three structure fires that resulted in \$124,689.00 in fire losses for the Fire District. There were four highway vehicle and six other non-structure/non-vehicle fires with estimated losses of \$175,000.00. There were eight brush fires and fourteen other fires. The total fire losses for the fire district in 2023 were estimated at \$425,689.00 compared to \$665,100.00, in 2022. There were no fire related fatalities or injuries in 2023.

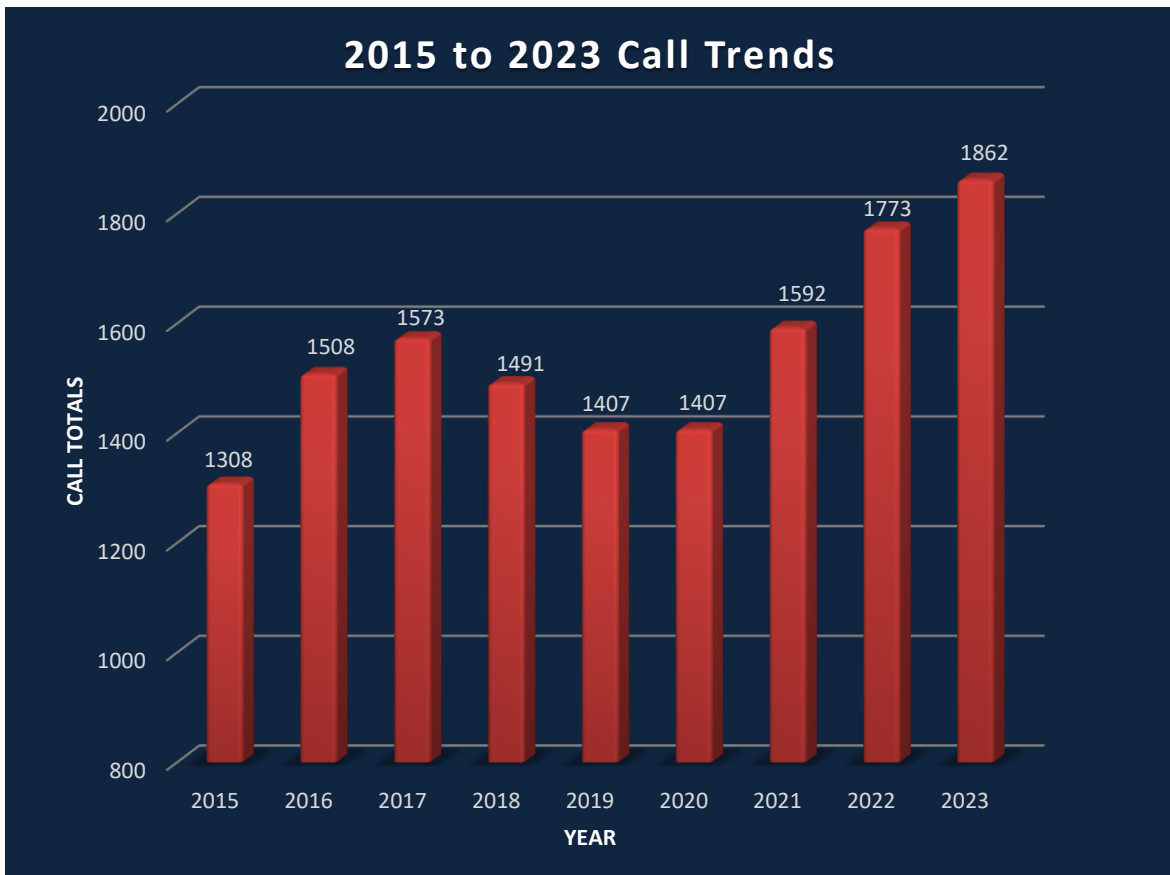
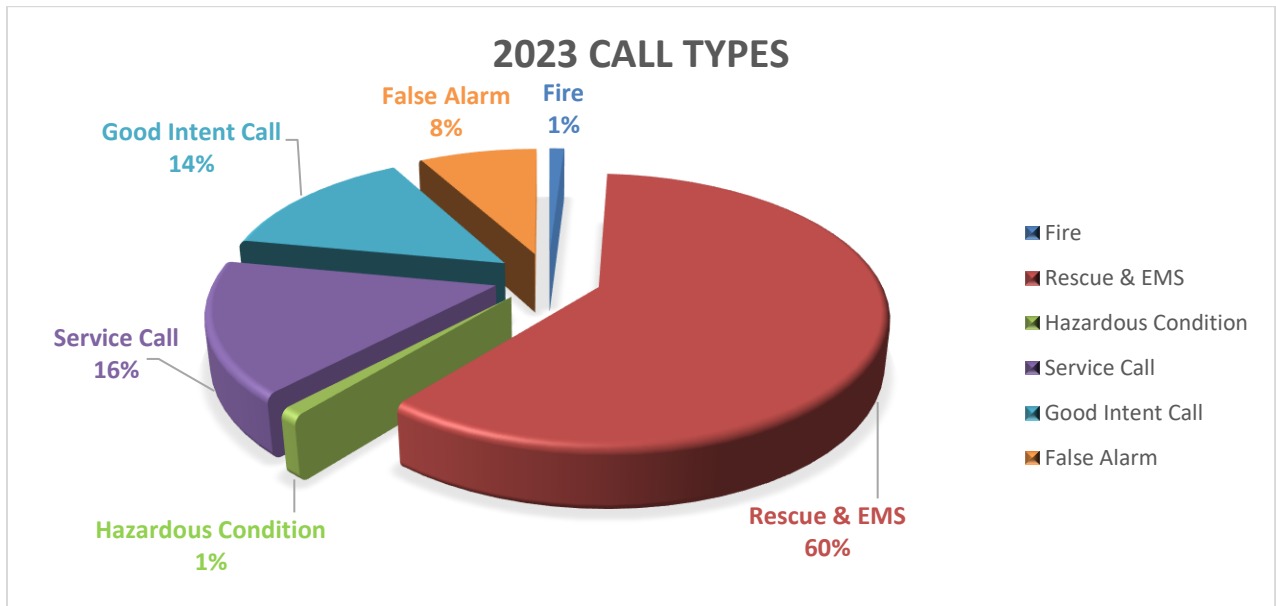


Rural fire involving several vehicles.



Garage fire in Appel Farms.

Response Statistics



Recruitment, Training, and Safety

The District is committed to maintaining an effective volunteer firefighting force to supplement on-duty career firefighters. However, the number of people serving their communities as volunteer firefighters is in decline nationwide, in part due to the rigorous training and time requirements. The prevalence of long-term volunteer firefighters willing to serve for little or no pay has diminished, with most perspective volunteers now seeking short-term benefits to gain full-time employment in the fire service. Colorado's front range has been particularly impacted, with volunteers being hired into career positions at record pace by departments, expanding to match population growth.

The District volunteers supplement the career firefighters and are required to complete 36 hours of shift time at the station monthly. In 2023, the five District volunteers completed 1,525.5 hours of shift time at the station. The District provides volunteers with a pension program or stipend program which pays up to \$4,000 per year, provides meals while on-duty, and includes training and education incentives.

Applications for District volunteers are accepted throughout the year, and they must be certified, or in the state testing process, at or above the level of Firefighter I with Hazardous Materials Operations. In 2023, two District volunteers were on temporary medical leave of absence for off-duty related injuries, one resigned due to family matters, and one volunteer retired after 20 years of dedicated service.



Station 1 at night.

Firefighter Training

In 2023, the District achieved 5,931.25 total training hours. Our Training Center remained closed to the public for a fourth consecutive year to protect staff from exposures to illnesses that could have impacted our staffing levels for emergency responses.

Major focus areas of training for the year included “quick-water” drills, high-hazard facility familiarization, and joint trainings with automatic and mutual aid partners. Over the summer, each crew completed a series of seven timed drills to ensure they can begin fire attack operations and establish a water supply within the timeframe allotted by national standards. Later in the fall, crews applied these skills during live-fire and HAZMAT “roll-in” drills with Brighton, Platteville-Gilcrest, and Fredrick-Firestone Fire Protection Districts. B-Shift also applied their skills in a full-scale exercise at the Williams Midstream Plant on WCR 35. Following the drill, all shifts received a thorough tour of the facility. Each line firefighter averaged 127 training hours in 2023.

In addition to providing in-service training for our on-duty crews, we also utilize our training center classrooms and the burn tower to host regional training. In 2023, we hosted a Firefighter II Academy attended by Southeast Weld and LaSalle Fire Protection Districts, a CMC Rope Rescue Technician course, a federally funded HAZMAT Air Monitoring course, and several meetings for the Weld and Colorado Fire Training Officers Association, Fire Chief Associations, Fire Marshal Associations, Weld County EMTS Council, and Southeast Weld HAZMAT Training Group. In the Fall, Hudson Fire Protection District utilized our burn tower for multiple live-fire trainings.

The District supports ongoing fire and medical training to grow and develop our staff. During the year, several District personnel attended outside trainings including the Security and Emergency Response Training Center’s HAZMAT Highway Specialist course, Denver Fire Department Technical Rescue Academy, National Fire Academy, Fire Department Instructor’s Conference (FDIC), Fire Rescue International (FRI), and several other conferences and trainings around the state and country.



2023 Training Pictures



Ice rescue training.



Extrication training during Firefighter II Academy.



Vehicle extrication training.



Helicopter safety training.

Firefighter Health and Safety

In 2023, there were two reported work-related injuries for all employees and volunteers. One firefighter fell from an apparatus while the engine was parked in the station and suffered a traumatic injury. A second firefighter strained a tendon while disconnecting a hose. Both injuries resulted in lost time. In each incident, the circumstances were reviewed for causal factors and the necessary changes were implemented to reduce the possibility of similar incidents.

Each month, a safety program was presented to the department to address firefighter safety and increase situational awareness to eliminate preventable injuries. In 2024, a goal will be to reduce firefighter and employee injuries to zero. Safety is a particularly important commitment for all personnel within our agency.

In 2023, eleven firefighters between the ages of 18 and 29 years of age completed a comprehensive physical and cancer screening. In 2024, firefighters who are aged 30 to 39, will complete a comprehensive physical. Annual flu shots, Hepatitis B vaccinations, and workout equipment are a few of the additional health and wellness incentives offered by the fire district.



2023 9/11 Stair Climb.

Apparatus



2601
2014 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **66,000** Hours: **7,706**



2602
2018 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **35,502** Hours: **3,389**



2603
2020 Pierce Enforcer Engine
Seating Capacity: 5
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **29,128** Hours: **1,933**



2604
2012 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **63,402** Hours: **5,880**

Apparatus



2605
2007 Pierce Dash 4 X 4 Engine
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **1,250**
Tank Capacity: **750**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **25,747** Hours: **1,933**



2616
2004 Pierce Dash 100-foot Aerial/Platform
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **2,000**
Tank Capacity: **300**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **22,613** Hours: **2,889**



2630
2018 Ford F-555 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **3,621** Hours: **347**



2631
2005 Ford F-450 Brush
Seating Capacity: **4**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **10,191** Hours: **1,111**

Apparatus



2632
2015 Ford F-550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **13,256** Hours: **1,017**



2633
2017 Ford F 550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **7,697** Hours: **745**



2634
1999 Freightliner FL-70 Rescue
Seating Capacity: **3 + rear**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **N/A**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **36,728** Hours: **4,066**



2640
2017 Kenworth
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **7,170** Hours: **743**

Apparatus



2641
2002 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **11,657**



2642
2017 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **6,117** Hours: **674**



2643
2006 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **9,185**



Special Operations Trailer
2007 Interstate Cargo Trailer
Seating Capacity: **N/A**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **N/A**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **N/A**



Apparatus Pictures



Engine 2603.



Fire Prevention truck.



Pump Certification at the Aims Public Safety Institute.

Additional Apparatus

2650-2023 Chevrolet Silverado, Fire Prevention Vehicle, 999 miles, Excellent condition.

2651-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, Battalion Chief, 59,188 miles, Excellent condition.

2652-2021 Chevrolet Tahoe, Fire Chief, 13,486 miles, Excellent condition.

2653-2021 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Investigation Truck, 20,527 miles, Excellent condition

2654-2000 Chevrolet Suburban, 96,145 miles, Fair condition.

2655-2023 Chevrolet Silverado, Maintenance Truck, 1,492 miles, Excellent condition.

2656-2005 Chevrolet 1500, 58,881 miles, Excellent condition.

2657-2015 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Training Truck 63,854 miles, Excellent condition.

2658-2014 Chevrolet 2500 HD, Snowplow 9,887 miles, Excellent condition.

2659-2017 Chevrolet 1500, Maintenance Truck 44,464 miles, Excellent condition.

Rescue 26-1986 Hagglund BV-206 Tracked Rescue Vehicle 1,714 km, Excellent condition.

2021 TC-2 Bobcat Tool Cat Utility Work Machine. 92 hours, Excellent condition.

2021 TC-3 Bobcat Tool Cat Utility Work Machine. 57 hours, Excellent condition.

1930-Ford Model A, Antique.

Foam Trailer-Carries a 300-pound dry chemical extinguisher and foam nozzle/100-gallon tank.

Chem Guard Foam Trailer-Carries 660 gallons of foam with master stream foam nozzle.

Rescue Trailer-Carries the boat, water rescue, and other specialized rescue equipment.

Haz Mat Trailer-Carries equipment, decontamination shelter, and portable cascade system.

Fire Prevention Programs

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District believes that Fire Prevention Programs are an integral part of preventing fire related deaths and injuries in our community. The emotional experience of losing property or lives to fire can be devastating. Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin and all our staff are responsible for carrying out our fire safety commitment with the community. The District enforces the 2018 International Fire Code that was adopted in December 2021. We place a significant responsibility to not only responding to emergencies, but also preventing them.



Fire Marshal Tamlin talks Fire Prevention with the help of Freddy.

Child Passenger Safety



Car Seat Safety Inspection

FREE car seat inspection by a certified car passenger safety technician.
Inspections are also available by appointment Monday through Friday
Call (303) 857-4603

In 2023, our firefighters who are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians, conducted a total of **thirty-two** car seat inspections and assisted families in installations. The District completes grant applications as needed to help fund our child safety seat program for families who are in need a child safety seat but cannot afford one.

Fire Prevention Week

In 2023, fire safety education classes were provided for elementary students. This program included a fire prevention class that includes viewing a presentation and demonstration of fire equipment from firefighters. The students were taught how to be fire safe at home. Freddy the Fire truck talks with the students about fire safety.

Approximately 1,200 students, teachers, and parents from Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools attended a fire prevention program at each school during Fire Prevention Week. The theme for the 2023 Fire Prevention week was “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.” There were also fire prevention programs provided for the preschool students at the Little Trappers Preschool, Fort Lupton Rec Center, and Many Blessings Day Care. For Fire Prevention Week the district utilizes an inflatable fire safety house to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.



Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire during October 8-10, 1871. Fire Prevention Week is intended to educate citizens and children about simple, yet important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

School District

The Fire Marshal ensures that fire evacuation, lockdown, lockout, and tornado drills are completed on a monthly basis throughout the year at all schools. District staff also presents various types of fire prevention programs and attend career fairs for a range of students as requested during the school year. We also help to deliver meals weekly to our schools through the Blessings In a Bag Program.

For Aging Adults

We provide classes for Aging Adults and events to educate them on how to be fire safe in their homes. We also conduct free blood pressure screening two times per month at the Rec Center during the Senior Luncheon.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District offers smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with installation at no charge for those families in need. In 2023, crews installed sixteen smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. The District also provides 9-volt batteries at no charge.

Rural Address Signs



The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District offers emergency 911 reflective address signs to anyone within the Fire District for \$8.00 each. These signs are 6" x 18" double side 100% aluminum. They will aid us in quickly locating addresses during any emergency.

National Night Out

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District participates in the annual event organized by the Fort Lupton Police Department. We hand out fire prevention materials, conduct fire prevention education programs, and fire equipment demonstrations. In 2023, firefighters distributed fire prevention materials to over 300 adults and children at this event.



Lt VanBeber handing out fire helmets at National Night Out.

Business Community

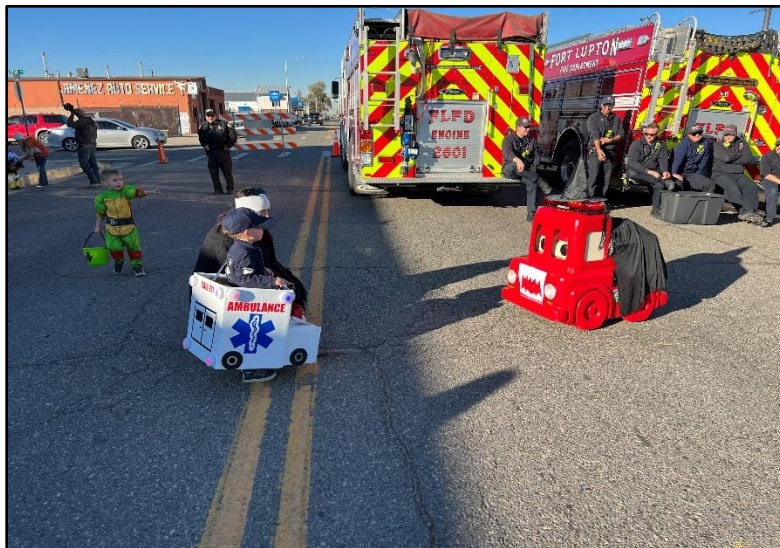
The fire district has approximately 505 buildings that we perform annual fire inspections. Some buildings have multiple occupancies within them that add additional annual fire inspections that we are responsible to inspect annually.

Not all fire inspections are completed in one visit. At times we need to schedule re-inspections to allow for code compliance. In 2023, the fire district completed 902 inspections and re-inspections with 61% or 551 businesses in compliance on the first visit. Thirty-two percent, or 295 of the businesses required a re-inspection. Only four percent, or 39 businesses required two re inspections and seventeen businesses required more than three re inspections to ensure compliance with the 2018 International Fire Code. 2023 was a slower year for commercial construction within the fire district, there were 20 fire code plan reviews, 25 construction inspections, and 33 new business occupancies were completed by the fire prevention bureau.

- We also offer fire extinguisher classes for businesses and their employees.
- Recommend the Knox Box requirements for residences and businesses.
- Coordinate fire sprinkler and fire alarm pre-plans and complete all final inspections.
- Complete all general inspections of new and current businesses with firefighters.
- The District adopted the 2018 International Fire Code in 2021.

Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program

Staff are trained to complete juvenile fire setter risk surveys for court ordered fire setters and their families.



Freddy the Fire Truck making a friend at Trick or Treat Street.



Crews checking a smoke detector.

Burn Permits

In 2023, Weld County burn permits remain available online. They are valid for two weeks, for areas outside the city limits of Fort Lupton. The approved items for burning are weeds and small branches (less than 1 inch in diameter). There is no charge for this service. Items that cannot be burned include trash, plastics, furniture, woodpiles, etc.

Fireworks Program

In 2023, the fireworks display was turned over to the City of Fort Lupton. The Fire District regulates and oversees all permits for sale of legal fireworks inside the city limits or in the unincorporated portion of the District as it relates to the 2018 International Fire Code.

Gun Locks

To increase gun safety, free gunlocks are provided.

Station Tours

Station tour information and scheduling please call 303-857-4603.



Administration, Apparatus, and Facility Maintenance

The District Maintenance Staff, Comprised of Maintenance Technician Lead Nick Monares, and Maintenance Technician Jacob Margheim, manage all the apparatus/maintenance and repairs as well as taking care of the facilities. In September of 2023, Maintenance Lead Monares moved to Portugal for family reasons. In December of 2023, Brady Johnson was hired to assume the Lead Role. In 2023, the maintenance division completed 98 work orders on the apparatus and 77 facility work orders. They also completed annual pump certifications for our eight apparatus with pumps, completed preventative oil changes on all District vehicles, tested all ground ladders, completed radio maintenance for all radios, and managed all of the facilities maintenance for three fire stations, training center, burn building, and administration offices.

Some other major projects completed in 2023 included the replacement of the two roof top HVAC Units for the training center at a cost of \$70,0000, replaced several trees at Station 2, and replaced the emergency generator for the Administration Building.

Administration staff consisting of Allyson Tkadlec, Rayna Martinez, and Shellie Johnson handled all business operations of the District, implemented a new records management system in ESO, completed the year end reconciliation of records, completed IT security training for all staff, and managed a successful audit of all District financials coming in well under the established budget.



Field of Honor Committee.

Support Services Facility

In 2022, the District began planning for a 6,500 square foot facility at the Station 3 location for a Support Services building to add area for storage of vehicles and equipment. The District was in need of added storage space for a growing District and for additional vehicles. After much discussion and planning, the project was approved in June and construction started in August of 2023. Allred and Associates designed the building and Golden Triangle Construction was the selected contractor. The warm weather assisted in allowing the construction to progress quickly through the winter months with very few delays. With a scheduled completion date of May 2, 2024, the project is several weeks ahead of schedule and below the three-million-dollar approved construction cost budget. Tentative completion is scheduled for mid-April 2024.



Honor Guard

In 2022, the District formed an Honor Guard. The mission of the Honor Guard is to promote and protect the fire service mission, heritage, image, standards, and legacy by representing the District at public and official ceremonies.

In 2023, the District took delivery of the custom designed uniforms and equipment. Also during the year, three new members were recruited. The senior members of the team led a three-day “mini academy” to bring the new members up to standards in basic drill and ceremonies, military bearing, flag folding, funeral duties, color guard presentations, and other ceremonial functions.

During the year, the Honor Guard participated in five departmental and public events, including: the Annual Appreciation Banquet, Spring Badge Pinning Ceremony, Field of Honor Opening Ceremony, Trapper’s Day Parade, and prominent community member Don Cummins’ memorial service.



Members Honor Guard stand ready at the Memorial Service for Don Cummins.



Honor Guard



Members of the Honor Guard Academy practice performing a folding of the flag.



Preparing to post the colors.



Completion of the Honor Guard Mini Academy.

2023 Pictures



2023 List of Accomplishments

- January 1, 2023-Provide blood pressure checks every other week at the Recreation Center for the Senior group.
- January 1, 2023-Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin completes Virtual Pre-Application Meetings every Thursday with the City of Fort Lupton Planning staff and applicants on new construction projects proposed in the District.
- January 1, 2023- Platte Valley Ambulance Services continues delivery of Continuing Medical Education on a monthly basis for recertification of EMT certifications.
- January 1, 2023-Met monthly at the Steering Committee with City Leaders to discuss impacts within the community.
- January 1, 2023-Throughout the school year, firefighters assist the church and program coordinators by delivering backpacks with food to the schools to help with snack items for kids in the community. The program is known as Blessings In a Bag.
- January 1, 2023- Participating member of the South Weld Hazardous Materials Training Group for Haz Mat Technicians with Frederick/Firestone, Brighton, Southeast Weld, and Mountain View on a quarterly basis. In 2024, we will become part of the Greeley Fire Haz Mat team for training and a regional response for haz mat incidents.
- January 1, 2023- Train at least quarterly on fire attack with our mutual aid and auto aid agencies to improve operations and communications. At this time this includes Brighton, Platteville/Gilcrest, Hudson, and Frederick/Firestone.
- January 14, 2023-Crews completed annual self-rescue and bail out training.
- January 25, 2023-Presented Community Partnership Awards to Miracle House, Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank, Dale's Pharmacy, RE 8 Superintendent Alan Kaylor, and the Fire Chief's Award to Michelle Ferguson of Ireland Stapleton for their contributions to the community in 2023.
- February 8, 2023-Honored Aims Community College Fire and Emergency Services Director Randy success in his retirement from Aims.
- February 13, 2023-Displayed the Hagglund all-terrain rescue vehicle at the Senior Meeting.
- February 16, 2023-Escorted the FLHS Wrestlers in a small procession to the State Tournament.
- February 17, 2023- All week, our crews trained by responding to mock ice rescue calls at the Coyote Creek Golf Course.
- February 22, and 23, 2023-Completion of the District's Financial Audit by an independent auditor to ensure compliance with professional financial guidelines.
- February 24, 2023- Our Fire Prevention Team had Freddie the Fire Truck, who is over 20 years old, refurbished with new equipment, batteries, and LED lights. Freddie cannot wait for warmer weather and to visit the kids about fire safety.
- February 24, 2023-We welcomed Firefighters Garza, Perez, and Reinke to the District.
- March 2, 2023-Firefighters read to students at Butler Elementary School for Read Across America Day.

2023 List of Accomplishments

- March 8, 2023-The District celebrates all women on International Women’s Day, but especially those women who are making a difference in our community! This includes our employees who are responding to calls and supporting the operations of the District behind the scenes.
- March 8, 2023- Our Fire Prevention Officer Lieutenant, Randall Cleveland was a co-Instructor for a fire alarm inspection class today at the 2023 Colorado Chapter Educational Institute of International Code Council.
- March 10, 2023-Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer attended the Brighton High School CTE Career Fair.
- March 13, 2023-The District had four incidents of tampering with fire hydrants over this weekend from March 10 to March 12. The person or persons are opening the hydrants and leaving them open and flooding the streets. These incidents occurred between the hours of 8:30 PM and around midnight at 5th and Fulton, 2nd and Fulton, 5th and Grand, and 95 S. Grand Ave. Last fall we also experienced someone participating in several similar acts in the area of 9th and Broadway.
- March 15, 2023-Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer attended the Fort Lupton Middle School College Fair.
- March 17, 2023- The District was pleased to host the Fire Marshal’s Association of Colorado at the training center. They discussed the Wildland Urban Interface code.
- March 22, 2023-Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer attended the Aims Community College Career Fair.
- March 31, 2023- Through the week we hosted representatives from Union Pacific Railroad for a railroad hazardous materials class. Also in attendance are firefighters from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.
- April 4, 2023- World’s four-time Strongest Man and hometown hero Brian Shaw with Kevin Faires, Evan Singleton, and Charles Mitchell all came to Station 1 and pulled the fire engine in preparation for the World’s Strongest Man 2023 Competition.
- April 6, 2023-Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer attended the Fort Lupton High School Career Fair.
- April 8, 2023-Delivered the Easter Bunny to the annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 8, 2023- Denny Mintle Adam I Community Service Award was not presented in 2023.
- April 8, 2023- Maintenance Technician Lead Nick Monares was selected as the Employee of the Year in 2023.
- April 8, 2023-Sam Gambee was recognized as Career Firefighter of the Year and Nick Rauch was recognized as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.
- April 8, 2023-Battalion Chief Mike Dittman was recognized as Officer of the Year.
- April 8, 2023- Administrative Assistant Rayna Martinez (10 years) was recognized for her length of service to the community.
- April 8, 2023-Everett Hogelin Memorial Award (2022)-Presented in 2023 to Sue Hubert for all of her contributions in and for the community.

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- April 8, 2023-The Everett Hogelin Family was recognized for their dedication to the Everett Hogelin memorial Award. In 1971, Everett Hogelin received this award as the second recipient. The Fort Lupton Canning Factory received the award in 1972. Later in 1972, Mr. Hogelin was tragically killed in a traffic accident. In 1973 the Award became the Everett Hogelin Memorial Award and was presented annually by the Fire Department. Past Chief and Board President Don McPherson was presented a plaque by the Hogelin Family. Since this time there have been 50 recipients until 2022. 2023 marks the 50th year of the award. In honor of this longstanding tradition, the Fire District and the Hogelin Memorial Committee would like to recognize the Hogelin Family, Tom, Olivia, and Joe for their ongoing support and passion for this award recognizing their father.
- April 13, 2023-Completed a Badge Pinning Ceremony for new staff. Firefighters that have been hired over the past 6 months, two Engineer Promotions, and Battalion Chief. Congratulations to all of our new staff and on the promotions! Firefighters Jacob Perez, Seth Reinke, Austin Gaza, Tyler Hsieh, Hannah Campbell, and Shawn Montoya. Engineers Stephen Holcomb, Gilbert Tucker, and Battalion Chief Joel Hager.
- April 25, 2023-NCMC notified the District that they can no longer provide two ambulances in Fort Lupton due to financial limitations.
- April 26, 2023-Recognized our Administrative Professionals Allyson Tkadlec, Rayna Martinez, and Shellie Johnson for their dedicated work on Administrative Professional's Day.
- April 28, 2023- Attended the City of Fort Lupton's Field of Honor Youth Day event to exemplify the meaning behind the Field of Honor event to create an opportunity for community and youth outreach. The committee hosted around 1000 elementary school aged children onsite.
- April 29, 2023-Attended the opening ceremony for the Field of Honor and the Color Guard assisted in the opening ceremony.
- April 29, 2023- This week four of our firefighters attended the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis along with 30,000 other firefighters from around the world. They took hands-on classes, workshops, and attended lectures taught by the best and brightest instructors in the fire service.
- May 5, 2023- The District attended the groundbreaking for Intermountain Trailer across the street from Station 3.
- May 12, 2023- The South Platte River started to exceed the banks in many areas to the west of Hwy 85. Due to excessive rain, Weld County Roads: WCR 6 between CR 23 and HWY 85, WCR 8 between CR 23 and Hwy 85, and WCR 17/ WCR 34-38 have been closed for water over the road.
- May 16, 2023-Annual Firefighter II Academy. Firefighters from Fort Lupton, SE Weld, and LaSalle are training to advance from basic firefighters to intermediate level, capable of leading small teams during a variety of emergencies. This weekend, students improved their ability to rapidly remove victims trapped inside vehicles following traffic accidents.

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- May 25, 2023-The District Board amends the contract with Banner to provide one ambulance in Fort Lupton with a back-up plan from Greeley.
- May 29, 2023-Attended the Memorial Day Service at Hillside Cemetery.
- June 12, 13, and 14, 2023-Firecat Hose Testing Company completed annual pressure testing of all fire service hose to ensure safety at the scene of emergency incidents. The District had purchased 80 sections of new hose to replace hose that was over 15 years old.
- June 13, 2023-A crew attended the MDA Easter Seal's Fire Camp in Empire.
- June 15, 2023-The Field of Honor Committee stopped by the Fire Department to present us with a recognition award for supporting the Field of Honor. Such a nice gesture and THANK YOU for your dedication to the Field of Honor project.
- June 17, 2023-Attended Yoder Chevrolet Grand Opening celebration.
- June 29, 2023-District Audit presented to the District Board with no significant findings or recommended changes.
- July 1, 2023-The District assisted with the Independence Day celebration at the pre fireworks with the ladder truck waterslide.
- July 9, 2023-All ground ladders were certified during their annual recertification testing.
- July 13, 2023- A unique situation for firefighters. Staff discovered an injured hawk outside the maintenance bay at Station 2. Staff were able to make contact with the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program based in Fort Collins. The Raptor program requested photos last night so they could identify it. They did not have someone that could help at night but advised us to contact CSP dispatch as they could contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife. CPW stopped by to secure the bird and took him to the Birds of Prey foundation.
- July 18, 2023-Staff assisted at the 2023 Aims Explore Program for teens in the fire service.
- July 28, 2023-All fire apparatus pumps were tested and certified for another year.
- August 1, 2023-Participated in the National Night Out Community event for the community.
- August 3, 2023-All staff completed a Cybersecurity Training put on by CMIT, our IT company to help protect the District from Cybersecurity threats.
- August 5, 2023-A foursome team of golfers played in the Fort Lupton Wrestling Program golf tournament.
- August 11, 2023-Hosted the meeting of the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association in our Training Center. Knowledge sharing and standardization with our statewide partners is key to providing our citizens with consistent, safe, interoperable emergency responses.
- August 12, 2023- The District firefighters were present to honor the life of Don Cummins. We thank you for being a gift to Fort Lupton Mr. C. You were a special person and will be remembered forever. Our condolences to the family.
- August 19 and 20, 2023-Attended the Fall Festival at the Catholic Church.
- August 23 to 26, 2023-Battalion Chief Walt Adams attended the Fire Rescue International Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

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- August 24, 2023- Our staff trained with crews from MedEvac on helicopter safety and response. Joint training like this is how we prepare to quickly and safely land medical helicopters, to serve patients when seconds matter the most.
- August 26, 2023- FLFD crews got to meet Country Singer Ingrid Andress who grew up in Highlands Ranch and performing tonight at Salt & Acres Winery.
- August 28 and 29, 2023-Completed budget-planning meeting with staff for the 2024 budget.
- August 29, 2023-Attended the Honor Guard Academy Graduation Demonstration at the Training Center.
- August 29, 2023- Congratulations to Volunteer Firefighter Josh Tapia who just completed 20 years of service as a Firefighter. Not too many people make 20 years as a volunteer in these times. He will be missed in the fire house and always stepped up to help the community when called upon. Congratulations on 20 years Josh!
- September 1, 2023- On July 21, 2023, Mark Matthews was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of CR 8 and Highway 85. He was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated using the Hurst Jaws of Life. Mark and his family stopped by Station 3 to talk with the crew who responded to the accident and extricated him from the vehicle. They thanked firefighters FF Andre Gonzalez, Lt. Steiner, FF Cody White, and FF Stephen Holcomb for their work. It was a true team effort between dispatch, fire, EMS, law, and the hospital services to have a successful outcome. We are glad he is getting better and thanks for updating us!
- September 1, 2023-Ground is broken for the new 6,500 square foot storage building located at Station 3.
- September 4, 2023- Banner (now working with Global Medical Response (GMR)) advised the Fire District that it could no longer operate two ambulances in the Fire District due to their financial constraints and lack of medical transport revenue. As such, Banner/GMR said it would be decreasing the level of service in our community, unless the Fire District subsidized the cost of a second ambulance either by paying Banner/GMR \$800,000 per year or providing an unspecified number of EMTs to staff the ambulance, both of which were not within the District's current budget. After much discussion and evaluation, the District Board formally approved a revised contract with Banner/GMR which reduces the services to one ambulance, with a robust backfill plan that will dispatch a second ambulance to the Fire District from Evans whenever the first ambulance is on a call. The backfill system will be closely monitored to ensure the most effective and efficient response. The District also has mutual aid agreements with surrounding agencies for assistance when needed if resources are available to respond. We are disappointed with the decrease in services to our community and we will continue to monitor the situation closely, while still providing the highest level of service possible. We will continue to work on solutions to minimize these impacts in the future.
- September 5, 2023- Lt. May organized the MDA Fill the Boot Campaign and the department members collected \$17,241.67 for MDA.
- September 6, 2023-Attended motivational speaker Jordan Toma's presentation at the Fort Lupton High School.

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- September 7, 2023-Sponsored foursome at the Annual Chamber Trapper's Day Golf Tournament. James Mayor, Troy Norby, Jacob Margheim, and Tyler Martinez represented the District.
- September 9, 2023-All of our apparatus were washed and waxed for the Trapper's Day Parade. Hosted the location for the SPVHS Annual Pancake Breakfast.
- September 11, 2023- Six Fort Lupton Firefighters proudly represented the community and completed the Denver Stair Climb in honor of the 343 firefighters killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.
- September 14, 2023-Helped with the FLHS Homecoming Bon Fire.
- September 15, 2023-Participated in the FLHS Homecoming Parade.
- September 19, 2023-Attended the City of Fort Lupton Business Resource Fair at the High Plains Library.
- September 20, 2023-Aims College EMT students begin clinical ride along program on our Fire Engines. These students will be riding along and completing their clinicals for their as a part of the requirements for their Aims EMT Classes and certification during Fall Semester.
- September 22, 2023-Toured the District Facilities and District with Intermountain CEO Jaime Campbell.
- September 30, 2023-The week-long Level I and II Rope Rescue Technician Course instructed by CMC Rescue School at our training center came to a close today. 20 students completed the 40 hours of training.
- October 2, 2023-Flu shots provided for employees and volunteers.
- October 4, 2023-Met with Brighton Fire Chief to update on current status.
- October 4, 2023- Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer has been officially awarded the designation of Fire Officer by the Center for Public Safety Excellence after review by Commission on Professional Credentialing, joining only 702 other credentialed Fire Officers Internationally. This is a great individual accomplishment for Lt Pfeiffer but also for the agency, and the community that he serves.
- October 9, 2023- All Firefighter personnel completed their annual required physical performance assessments. Firefighting can be extremely physically demanding, and these assessments are how we ensure our firefighters meet the minimum physical fitness standards of the profession.
- October 9, 2023-Crews from all shifts are conducting live-fire training at our training center with crews from Brighton Fire. Joint training is essential to ensuring our crews can operate together seamlessly on major incidents requiring resources from one another's jurisdiction. This is also known as mutual or auto aid.
- October 10 through October 14, 2023-Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin and Lt. Randy Cleveland completed Fire Prevention Week for the students and staff members at Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools Pre-K through Third Grade and at the Rec Center. They educated over 1,200 kids for fire prevention week.
- October 14, 2023- Crews attended the Pumpkinfest at the historic South Platte Valley Historical Site.
- October 17, 2023-Judged the chili cook off at Butler Elementary School.

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- October 17, 2023-Completed full scale drill at the Williams Gas Plant.
- October 20, 2023-The Battalion Chief and Fire Engine escorted the Fort Lupton High School Softball Team as they left for the State Tournament.
- October 23, 2023- Our Firefighters continued their joint live-fire training series with our neighbors from Platteville-Gilcrest Fire. Evolutions focused on fires in multi-unit apartment buildings – a call type that will likely require resources from multiple agencies.
- October 27, 2023-Lt. Randy Cleveland went to Little Trappers Pre School Weld Re-8 School District for their Fall Festival Celebration. The crews did a gear demo with Freddy the Fire Truck. Freddy explained what each part of the gear was and how it worked. Freddy would also play songs and dance with the kids. The Pre School kids love the little truck. About 180 preschoolers and 80 adults attended.
- October 31, 2023-Participated in the Drive Trick or Treat Street event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- November 1, 2023-Lt. Pfeiffer attended the Aims Recruitment Day in Windsor.
- November 2, 2023-Fourteen children and six adults from Twombly Elementary School attended a tour at Fire Station 1.
- November 5, 2023-Blessings in a Bag purchased 12 Thanksgiving turkey dinners at the United Methodist Women's Annual Turkey Dinner for the on-duty crews. Thank you to everyone at the First United Methodist Church for inviting us to the Annual Turkey Dinner.
- November 7, 2023-Completed the first of three joint hazardous materials (HAZMAT) trainings with Fredrick-Firestone Fire in Fort Lupton's District. Crews reviewed and practiced deploying adsorbent booms to mitigate a simulated fuel spill into an irrigation canal. Training and preparation help for future incidents together.
- November 9-12, 2023- Chief Tiffany attends IAFC Combination Chiefs Symposium in the Sun Leadership Conference.
- December 6, 2023- Announced the partnership with Platte Vally Ambulance to begin coverage for the Fire District beginning April 2, 2024.
- December 7, 2023- A Firehouse Christmas Party 2023! Santa made his appearance and the kids loved it! Freddy the Firetruck was in the holiday spirit.
- December 8, 2023- Provided mutual coverage for Brighton Fire during their annual banquet.
- December 9, 2023- Attended the Aims Fire Academy Graduation.
- December 11, 2023- Administrative Staff begin working four 10-hour day weeks and the office is closed on Fridays.
- December 11, 2023-Maintenance Technician Lead Brady Johnson started his employment to replace Nick Monares who left the District to move to Portugal with his family. We welcome Brady to his new job.
- December 12, 2023-Purchased a holiday gift card of \$100.00 for all staff at Wholly Stromboli.

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- December 14, 2023-Freddy the Fire Truck and Lt. Cleveland went to the CRRN (Colorado Risk Reduction Network) meeting in Brighton. Freddy made a quick video with the help of Brighton Fire on exiting the home in case of fire or smoke. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control filmed it for a fire prevention message.
- December 31, 2023-Retired Firefighter Rand Sheldon continues serving on the Pension Board (2023 and 2024) and Retired Firefighter Josh Tapia to serve another term (2023 and 2024). Volunteer Firefighters Nick Rauch and Josh Tapia will fill a term (2023 and 2024) on the Hogelin Memorial Committee.
- December 31, 2023-The total calls increased by 5% for the year from 1766 in 2022 to 1862 in 2023. That is an increase of 32% over three years from 2020 to 2023.

Special Recognition of Service



Congratulations to Volunteer Firefighter Josh Tapia on a successful 20 year career and retirement!



Group picture at the Fort Lupton High School.

District Board of Directors



Board of Directors left to right: S. Austin, D. Patton, L. Leinweber, G. Alexander, and M. Grajeda.

In Memoriam

In memory of Don Cummins and Retired Member/Past Board Member Phil Gabel. Your presence and memories will be greatly missed.



Don Cummins, Mr. Fort Lupton.



Retired/Past Board Member Phil Gabel (seated in middle)

Mission Statement

TO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THOSE IN A TIME OF NEED WITH A SENSE OF INTEGRITY, PRIDE, AND COMPASSION FOR WELL BEING.



Firefighter Code of Ethics

As a firefighter, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind by safeguarding lives and property from the ravages of fire.

As a professional, I am on-call for some of the most difficult and trying circumstances. When disaster strikes, I will do my duty to aid the victim and rescue the helpless.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of my Department.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, or animosities to influence my decisions.

I recognize my position as one of public trust and understand as such that I am looked upon as an individual of high moral character I will constantly strive to live by these standards and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession ... fire protection.



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