

# FORT LUPTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Message from the Fire Chief

District Board and Community Members,

In 2021, we had many exciting accomplishments that we will share with you throughout this report. We continue to manage the COVID-19 Pandemic and the impacts on our community and the District. However, we continued to grow and expand our emergency services' delivery to our community. One achievement that impacted the entire community was the construction and opening of Station 3 on September 11, 2021. This station will help the District to serve our community more efficiently and reduce response times. We also purchased a demo Enforcer engine from Pierce that saved the taxpayers approximately \$200,000.00 and in turn we donated a 1992 reserve engine to the Hugo Fire Department in Eastern Colorado. We were able to update Stations 1 and 2 with a new call alerting system and replace all our existing air pack masks with an integrated Bluetooth radio system to improve firefighter communications and safety.

Lieutenant James May organized the MDA Fill the Boot campaign and the Firefighters collected \$20,000.00. We hired an additional 14 Firefighters to staff Station 3, promoted four Lieutenants, and one Engineer. We hosted a weeklong CMC Rope Rescue Technician course, participated in a County wide emergency drill, and educated over 1,200 elementary school kids about fire prevention. The District Board approved the purchase of a new 100-foot mid mount platform truck from Pierce to replace a 20-year-old unit and we also purchased an all-terrain 1986 Hagglund BV-206 rescue vehicle. Four additional properties were included in the District, and we completed an Insurance Services Organization (ISO) evaluation. The results of this evaluation will be reported in about six months. A crew also responded to the tragic Marshall Fire in Superior and Louisville that burned over 1,100 homes and claimed several lives. Sadly, we also mourned the losses of Retired Firefighter Tom Nash and Past Chief Ron Ceretto. Our wonderful staff is committed to our community, and I am very proud of each member of our agency and the work they all do for our District.



Respectfully Submitted,

*Phil Tiffany*

Fire Chief

## 2021 District Staff

### Board of Directors

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### District Volunteer Firefighters

*Andre Gonzalez*  
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*Josh Tapia*

## Fire District Overview

The fire department is considered a combination agency and is comprised of 38 career firefighters, four (4) administrative staff, three (3) office personnel, two (2) maintenance personnel, and six District volunteer firefighters. There are twelve firefighters on duty 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 units are Banner Health Ambulance Paramedic 11 is in Fort Lupton at Fire Station 1 and Paramedic 12 is located at Station 2. There is always a Paramedic and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) staffed on each ambulance. Med Evac Helicopter is scheduled to day base at Station 2 for up to 16 hours per month. They transport patients to the nearest appropriate hospital for diagnosis and treatment. When Banner Health Ambulance Service is not available, we partner with 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. Two helicopter transport agencies provide air transport. They are Air Life Denver stationed in Frederick and Med Evac based 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.



## COVID-19 Report

COVID-19 continues to be present in our community, the State of Colorado, and the United States. Workplace precautions remain in place to keep our staff safe and healthy. Eighty-six percent of our staff has been vaccinated while thirty percent of our staff have received the booster shot. These precautions include masking, disinfecting, distancing, hand washing, on site testing, and hand sanitizer. The new Omicron variant is beginning to increase the number of cases as it appears to be more easily transmitted through normal contact than we have seen in the other variants. We continue to employ the proper safeguards, but it is apparent the COVID-19 pandemic continued throughout 2021 and will continue through 2022 with exposures and positive cases in December 2021 rapidly increasing. This short-lived onset of increased cases quickly subsided.

Overall, staff remained very diligent in their responsibilities of slowing the spread of Covid-19, while still responding to community needs with the pandemic. The District Board was very appreciative of the hard work and the sacrifices of our staff throughout the entire pandemic. All staff who served the community received a one-time bonus of 3% for their dedication and service during the pandemic.



Firefighters at advanced extrication training.

## Response Statistics

In 2021, the fire department responded to 1,592 incidents, which exceeded 2020 totals of 1,407. 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 2021, the average reaction time from the dispatch to enroute time was 75 seconds, which increased by 2 seconds from 2020, which was 73 seconds. In 2021, the average response time from dispatch to arrival was 5 minutes and 58 seconds. This is compared to data from 2020 where the average response time from dispatch time to arrival time was 5 minutes and 56 seconds. The average response time increased in 2021 by two seconds from 2020. The fire district experienced “overlapping” incidents on 196 responses or 12.31% of the time in 2021. The number of overlapping incidents increased from 152 in 2020 to 196 in 2021, which was an increase of 23.11%. 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 2021, the District provided automatic or mutual aid on thirty-four calls that were located outside of the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District and received auto or mutual aid from outside agencies on forty-eight calls. There were no reported residential or commercial structure fires for City of Fort Lupton. There was a total of four structure fires that resulted in \$148,100.00 in fire losses for the District. There were seven highway vehicle and six other non-structure/non-vehicle fires with estimated losses of \$85,350.00. There were twenty-three brush fires and nine other fires. The total fire losses for the fire district in 2021 were estimated at \$233,450.00, compared to \$105,345.00 in 2020. There were no fire related fatalities in 2021.

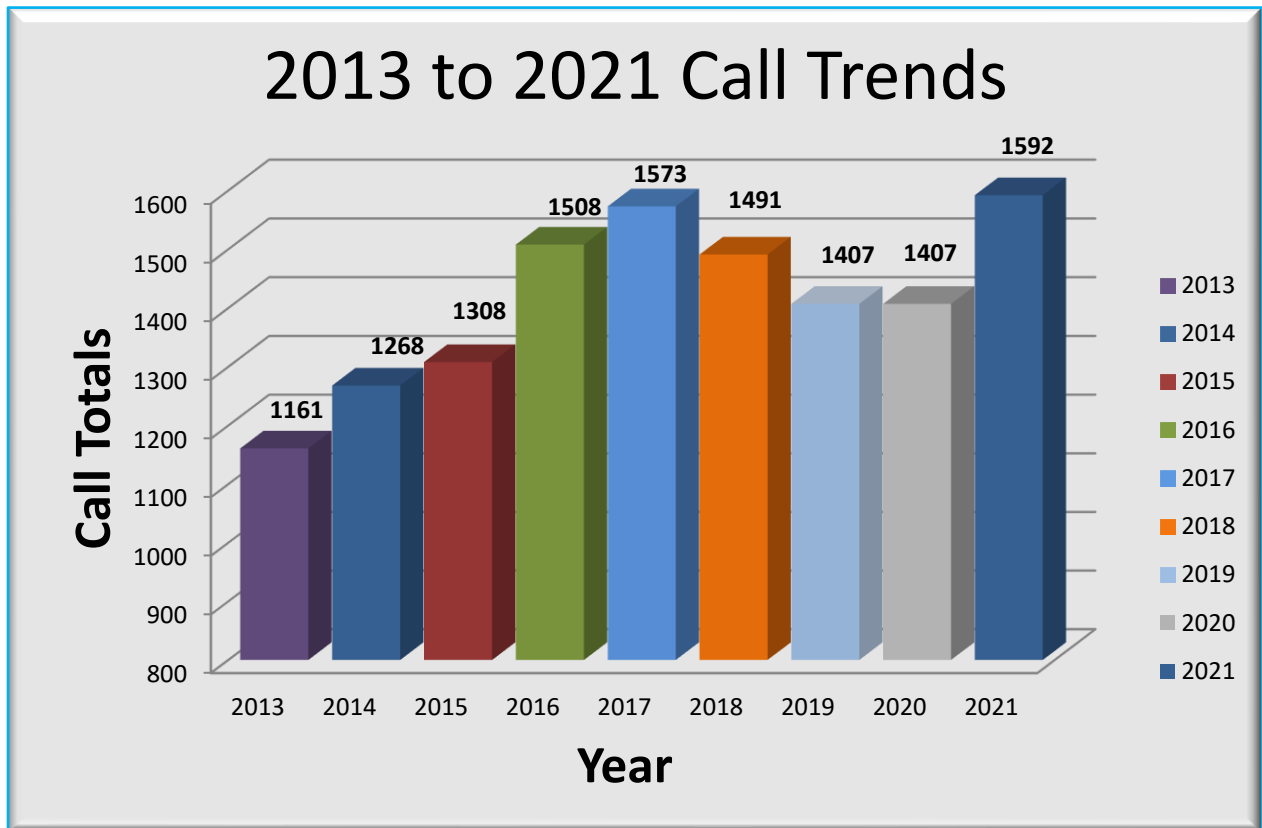
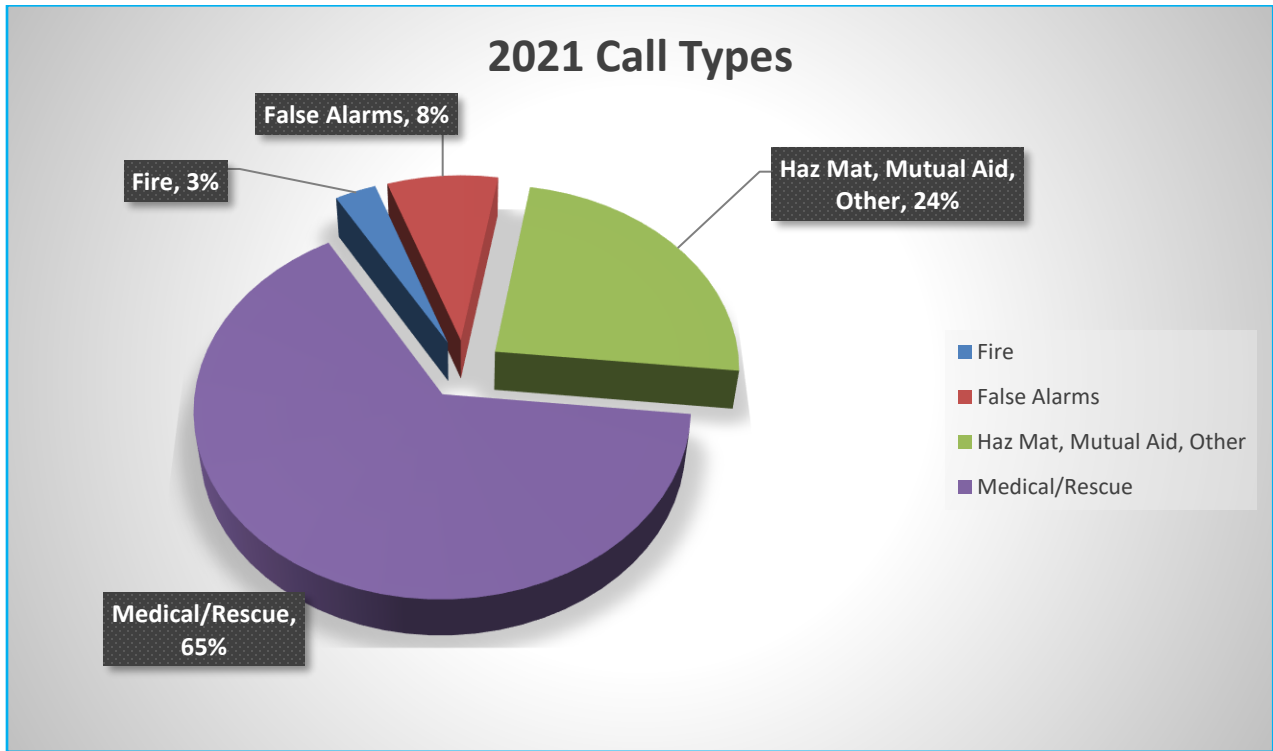


Tornado on the ground just north of Fort Lupton.



Fire at an oil and gas wastewater location.

Response Statistics





## Recruitment, Training, and Safety

The District has a strong commitment to maintaining an effective volunteer firefighting force while providing immediate response with an on-duty career crew. The District volunteers supplement the career firefighters and are required to complete 36 hours of shift time at the station monthly. In 2021, the eight District volunteers completed 2,829 hours of shift time at the station. This is compared to 4,070 hours in 2020. The number of shift hours provided by the District volunteers decreased by 1,249 hours in 2021 from 2020 as did the number of volunteer firefighters from 16 to 8. Many of these firefighters were hired in late 2020 in preparation for the opening of Station 3. The total number of shift hours provided by volunteers is equivalent to approximately 1.02 full time equivalent (FTE) firefighters working a full-time schedule of 2765 hours per year. The cost savings to the community drives this program for the District. However, volunteer firefighters are being hired at a record pace into career positions and the market is extremely competitive to keep volunteers. There are also rigorous training requirements and short-term commitments. The District, in an effort to improve recruitment and retention, offers volunteers a stipend, which pays each volunteer up to \$4,000.00 per year and on duty meals.

Applications for District volunteers are accepted throughout the year, and they must be certified as a Firefighter I with Hazardous Materials Operations. In 2021, the department hired two additional volunteer members. In 2021, one volunteer member resigned due to personal reasons and one retired with 10 years of service. Three career firefighters resigned in 2021. Two were hired by other fire agencies and one was asked to resign.



2021 Probationary Firefighters hired in 2021 for the opening of Station 3.

## Firefighter Training

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District’s training program was again impacted by COVID-19 restrictions on travel, masking, and social distancing in 2021. Although, District firefighters adapted to the challenge and rebounded to have a strong year. We were able to hold mutual and auto aid trainings outdoors with our surrounding partners, host a Firefighter II Academy, and send several firefighters to an 80-hour regional Driver/Operator-Pumper Academy as part of training exchange program with Southeast Weld Fire District. Another training we were able to sponsor was a full-day Trench Rescue Awareness course for each of our three shifts. The course was taught by members of Fredrick-Firestone’s Special Operations Team, part of the North Metro Technical Rescue Consortium, and educated our firefighters on what initial actions should be taken in the event a person is trapped in a trench collapse.

The District also hosted its first Rope Rescue Technician course through CMC Rescue. This week-long course was attended by sixteen students from all over the United States and included six of our career firefighters. A major accomplishment of the year was completing the orientation training of twelve new career firefighters that were hired to staff our recently constructed Station 3. The training consisted of two groups, with each group completing a four-week orientation academy. In total, the students and instructors in the orientation academies put in 2,113 training hours, which is 24.2% of the department’s training hours for 2021.

Despite the many training challenges and cancellations caused by the pandemic, every District firefighter-career and volunteer-retained or advanced their level of firefighting certification and exceeded the minimum required training hours. Each firefighter averaged 155 training hours, for a grand total of 8,729 training hours in 2021. This total was an increase of 1,955 (28%) training hours from 2020. The District supports ongoing fire and medical training to offer growth and development for our existing staff. This includes the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), attendance at the National Fire Academy (NFA), and other conferences/seminars. We also provide tuition reimbursement for professional development.



2021 Trench rescue awareness with FFFPD.



2021 Auto Aid training with Brighton Fire.

Professional Certifications

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District is committed to providing the highest level of training to provide a quality level of service to our community. These professional certifications ensure that each person has successfully completed the requirements and is capable of performing the job requirements at the levels they have been trained to.

Center for Public Safety Excellence Chief Fire Officer	1
CPR Certified	50
CPR Instructor	6
Arson Investigator-Fire Investigation Technician	2
Fireworks Display Operator Technician	1
International Code Council Fire Inspector I	2
International Code Council Fire Inspector II	3
National Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician	20
National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer	1
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Technician	3
State of Colorado Executive Fire Administrator	1
State of Colorado Youth Fire Setter Intervention Specialist	1
State of Colorado Fire Inspector I	2
State of Colorado Live Fire Instructor	2
State of Colorado Fire Inspector III/Plans Examiner	3
State of Colorado Driver/Operator Engine	17
State of Colorado Driver/Operator Utility	25
State of Colorado Emergency Medical Technician-Basic	43
State of Colorado Fire Instructor I	17
State of Colorado Fire Officer I	11
State of Colorado Fire Officer II	3
State of Colorado Firefighter I	39
State of Colorado Firefighter II	31
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Operations	47
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Technician	4
State of Colorado Testing Proctor	4
Ice Rescue Certification	34
Dive Rescue International Ice Rescue Instructor	2
Swift Water Rescue Certification	12

2021 Pictures



## Firefighter Safety

In 2021, there were two reported injuries for all employees and volunteers. One firefighter strained his back while working at a fire. One firefighter received minor radiant heat burns from a grass fire and scrapes to his arm/hand from a fall in the same incident. The back injury 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 2021, 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 2021, we had nine confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst staff. Most of these coming later in the year. Overall, we were able to keep staff healthy throughout the year with an aggressive and immediate quarantine process exceeding the CDC recommendations at the first point of any exposure or illness. The Omicron variant was much more easily transmissible, and staff experienced an increased number of cases in late December 2021. These cases were quickly brought under control with increased preventative measures and quarantine. The facilities were regularly disinfected, the District provided protective masks, hand sanitizer, limited close contact with staff, and all preventative steps were used to stop the spread. We now have the capability to rapid test our staff internally.

In 2021, the District improved the quality of our physicals and moved services to UC Health in Greeley. Eleven firefighters between the ages of 30 and 39 years of age completed a comprehensive physical and cancer screening in 2021. In 2022, firefighters who are age 40 and above, 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.



Workout room at Station 3.

## Apparatus



### 2601

#### **2014 Pierce Velocity Engine**

Seating Capacity: 6  
Pump Capacity: **1,500**  
Tank Capacity: **1,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **53,608** Hours: **6,136**



### 2602

#### **2018 Pierce Velocity Engine**

Seating Capacity: 6  
Pump Capacity: **1,500**  
Tank Capacity: **1,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **21,520** Hours: **1,987**



### 2603

#### **2020 Pierce Enforcer Engine**

Seating Capacity: 5  
Pump Capacity: **1,500**  
Tank Capacity: **1,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **12,476** Hours: **494**



### 2604

#### **2012 Pierce Velocity Engine**

Seating Capacity: 6  
Pump Capacity: **1,500**  
Tank Capacity: **1,000**  
Condition: **Good**  
Mileage: **59,816** Hours: **5,312**

## Apparatus



**2605**  
**2007 Pierce Dash 4 X 4 Engine**  
Seating Capacity: 6  
Pump Capacity: 1,250  
Tank Capacity: 750  
Condition: Excellent  
Mileage: 23,627 Hours: 1,807



**2616**  
**2004 Pierce Dash 100-foot Aerial/Platform**  
Seating Capacity: 6  
Pump Capacity: 2,000  
Tank Capacity: 300  
Condition: Excellent  
Mileage: 20,074 Hours: 2,511



**2630**  
**2018 Ford F-555 Brush**  
Seating Capacity: 2  
Pump Capacity: 500  
Tank Capacity: 400  
Condition: Excellent  
Mileage: 2,250 Hours: 170



**2631**  
**2005 Ford F-450 Brush**  
Seating Capacity: 4  
Pump Capacity: 500  
Tank Capacity: 400  
Condition: Good  
Mileage: 9,283 Hours: 1,020

Apparatus



**2632**  
**2015 Ford F-550 Brush**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **500**  
Tank Capacity: **400**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **12,202** Hours: **880**



**2633**  
**2017 Ford F 550 Brush**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **500**  
Tank Capacity: **400**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **6,535** Hours: **621**



**2634**  
**1999 Freightliner FL-70 Rescue**  
Seating Capacity: **3 + rear**  
Pump Capacity: **N/A**  
Tank Capacity: **N/A**  
Condition: **Good**  
Mileage: **35,703** Hours: **3,935**



**2640**  
**2017 Kenworth**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **500**  
Tank Capacity: **3,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **9,538** Hours: **579**



## Apparatus



**2641**  
**2002 Kenworth Tender**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **N/A**  
Tank Capacity: **3,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **11,336**



**2642**  
**2017 Kenworth Tender**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **500**  
Tank Capacity: **3,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **4,970** Hours: **511**



**2643**  
**2006 Kenworth Tender**  
Seating Capacity: **2**  
Pump Capacity: **N/A**  
Tank Capacity: **3,000**  
Condition: **Excellent**  
Mileage: **8,491**



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



Additional Apparatus Pictures



Hagglund BV-206



Battalion Chief's Tahoe



Pierce Engine 2603

## Additional Apparatus

**2650-2003 GMC Yukon, Staff Vehicle, 77,855 miles, Fair condition.**

**2651-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, Battalion Chief, 37,727 miles, Excellent condition.**

**2652-2021 Chevrolet Tahoe, Fire Chief, 3,820 miles, Excellent condition.**

**2653-2021 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Investigation Truck, 6,989 miles, Excellent condition**

**2654-2000 Chevrolet Suburban, 92,739 miles, Fair condition.**

**2655-2003 Chevrolet S-10, Maintenance Truck, 93,830 miles, Fair condition.**

**2656-2005 Chevrolet 1500, 52,005 miles, Excellent condition.**

**2657-2015 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Training Truck 58,895 miles, Excellent condition.**

**2658-2014 Chevrolet 2500 HD, Snowplow 6,685 miles, Excellent condition.**

**2659-2017 Chevrolet 1500, Maintenance Truck 26,373 miles, Excellent condition.**

**Rescue 26-1986 Hagglund BV-206 Tracked Rescue Vehicle 1,620 km, Excellent condition.**

**2021 TC-2 Bobcat Tool Cat Utility Work Machine with attachments. Excellent condition.**

**2021 TC-3 Bobcat Tool Cat Utility Work Machine with attachments. 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 Prevention week at RE-8 Schools.

## 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 2021, our firefighters who are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians, conducted a total of fourteen car seat inspections and installations. In 2022, Lt. Troy Norby will submit a \$1,000.00 grant to Walmart in Brighton to help fund our child safety seat program in 2022 for families who need a child safety seat but cannot afford one.**

## Fire Prevention Week

In 2021, fire safety education for elementary students was cautiously completed with proper precautions due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. This consists of a fire prevention class that includes viewing a presentation and demonstration of fire equipment from firefighters. Fire Pup talks with the students about fire safety.



Due to the ongoing support of the local businesses in the community, the Fire District was able to purchase fire prevention educational materials for the kids. Your donations sent to the National Fire Safety Council helped to provide educational materials for approximately 1,300 students. The materials were placed in bags and given to students at Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools and Little Trappers pre-school students after participating in fire prevention presentations and demonstrations of fire equipment from firefighters. Those students that participated in home schooling programs also received a bag of educational materials. The theme for 2021 Fire Prevention week was “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”. There were also fire prevention program educational materials provided for the preschool students at the rec center, and Many Blessings Day Care. Teachers and care providers were also sent short YouTube videos provided through the National Fire Protection Association, to share with the kids.

## School District

The Fire Marshal ensures that fire evacuation, lockdown, lockout, and tornado drills are completed monthly throughout the year at all schools. The Fire Marshal in conjunction with school staff and the community also enhanced safety in our schools in 2021 with the replacement of a leaking fire sprinkler line at the Fort Lupton Middle School. District staff also presents diverse types of fire prevention programs to 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

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 2021, crews installed two 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 2021, firefighters distributed fire prevention materials to over 600 adults and children at this event.**



Firefighters attended the 2021 National Night Out.

## Business Community

We offer fire extinguisher classes for business 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.

**The District has approximately 518 building occupancies at 351 businesses that we are responsible to inspect annually. In 2021, there were a total of 766 general inspections and re-inspections with 77% or 587 businesses in compliance on the first visit. Thirty percent or 179 of the businesses required a re-inspection. Only 26 businesses required a second, seven businesses required a third re-inspection, and four businesses required more than three re-inspections to ensure compliance with the 2012 International Fire Code. In 2021, there were 49 fire code plan reviews, 18 construction inspections, and 9 new business occupancies were completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau. In December 2021, the District Board, City Council, and Board of County Commissioners approved the enforcement of the 2018 International Fire Code for implementation in early 2022.**

## Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program

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



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a commercial location.

## Burn Permits

In 2021, 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

Coordinate the City of Fort Lupton's Annual Fireworks show.  
Regulate and oversee all permits for sales of legal fireworks outside the city limits.

## Gun Locks

To increase gun safety, free gunlocks are provided.

## Station Tours

Station tour information and scheduling please call 303-857-4603. All station tours were postponed in 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.



Ready for a call.



Community partnership with our Police.



Firefighters watch a tornado.



## 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 2021, they completed 187 work orders. They also completed annual pump certifications for our eight apparatus with pumps.

**Some other major projects completed in 2021 included the replacement of 700 square feet of concrete at Station 2, replacement of the 20-year-old SCBA Air Compressor at Station 2, upgrades to all the tornado siren radios, replacement of a fire pump in Engine 2604, addition of Station 1 bell tower lettering, and the purchase of two Bobcat Tool Cat utility vehicles and attachments to help with the increasing maintenance needs, snow removal, and grounds work at the District facilities.**

## Station 3 Construction Project

Station three Construction began with a small groundbreaking ceremony in July 2020. The project located at 2470 S. Rollie Avenue on a 6-acre site served by City water and sewer. The land was purchased in 2017 from the Villano family. The project was funded from the District's Capital Improvement reserves and a \$1 million grant from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant. The 13,700 square foot, three bay station that houses eight firefighters was designed by Brad Bonnet of Allred and Associates Architect Firm and Constructed by Golden Triangle Construction at a cost of \$5,563,200.00.

The new station will help the District to maintain a Class 2 ISO rating, reduce response times to a substantial portion of the District, and help to cover the adjacent industrial area and growth that the District is experiencing. The station was completed on June 7, 2021, and final Certificate of Occupancy was issued by the City of Fort Lupton. An open house welcomed the public on August 28, 2021. The Station formally opened, blessed, and operational on September 11, 2021.



## Station 3 Pictures

Photo Credits to Teri Fotheringham



Station 3.



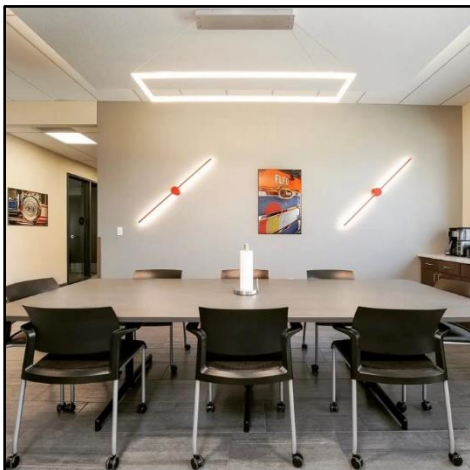
Apparatus floor.



Red accent lighting.



Sign honoring past and present volunteers and employees.



Dining area.



Sunset.

2021 Pictures



## 2021 List of Accomplishments

(Where applicable, most activities continued with proper precautions in place, although due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, in person meetings/trainings were conducted virtually.)

- January 1, 2021-Managed COVID-19 throughout the year. Eighty-six percent of staff vaccinated.
- January 1, 2021-Provide blood pressure checks every other week at the Recreation Center for the Senior group.
- January 1, 2021- Platte Valley Ambulance Services continues delivery of Continuing Medical Education on a monthly basis for recertification of EMT certifications.
- January 1, 2021-Met monthly at the Steering Committee with City Leaders to discuss impacts within the community.
- January 1, 2021-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, 2021- 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.
- January 1, 2021- Train at least quarterly on fire attack with our mutual aid and auto aid agencies to improve operations and communications. Currently this includes Brighton, Hudson, and Frederick/Firestone.
- January 8, 2021-Donated of Engine 2606 to the Hugo Fire Department along with some gear and equipment that was no longer in use by our agency.
- January 9, 2021-Recognized Fort Lupton Police Department on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- January 11, 2021-Took delivery of a stock unit 2020 Pierce Enforcer Engine 2603 for Station 3.
- January 13, 2021-Brighton Lowes Store donated a Weber Pellet Grill to the District.
- January 18, 2021-The Fort Lupton Community participates in the Weld County Public Hazard Mitigation Survey
- January 22, 2021-Crews completed Ice Rescue Training and recertification.
- January 31, 2021-The District responds to an explosion and fire at the Western Midstream gas plant on CR 21. No injuries and the fire was controlled by shutting the plant down.
- February 1, 2021-Updated all tornado sirens with new communication equipment.
- February 2, 2021-Annual Awards Banquet, Spouse Appreciation Night cancelled due to COVID-19. Moved to June 17, 2021.
- February 11, and 12, 2021-Completion of the District's Financial Audit by and independent auditor to ensure compliance with professional financial guidelines.
- February 12, 2021-Annual report for 2020 completed.
- February 27, 2021-The District Board approves the purchase of twelve sets of replacement bunker gear not to exceed \$36,000.00. The District is on a 5-year replacement plan. This completes the transition to black bunker gear.

## 2021 List of Accomplishments

- February 25, 2021- Lt. Troy Norby received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Brighton Walmart for the child safety seat program.
- March 2, 2021-Firefighters read to students at Butler Elementary School for Read Across America Day.
- March 11, 2021- Hired two new Volunteer Firefighter Members to the District.
- March 13, 2021-A large snowstorm hits Colorado and slows down travel and response due to large snow drifts and impassable roadways.
- March 30, 2021- District crews participated in the memorial procession for Boulder Police Officer Talley who was killed while responding to an active shooter.
- April 13, 2021-Attended the memorial service for Retired Volunteer Firefighter and Colorado State Trooper Tom Nash who passed away April 7, 2021.
- April 21, 2021-Recognized Allyson and Rayna for their exemplary work on Administrative Professionals Day.
- May 5, 2021-Responded with Brighton Fire to an oil and gas fire on CR 27 just south of CR 6. Assisted in extinguishing the fire with Southeast Weld Fire.
- May 24, 2021-Chief Phil Tiffany received the Chamber of Commerce President's Award.
- June 7, 2021-Tornado touches down north of Fort Lupton in the Platteville. There were no damage or injuries reported in our District. Several homes were destroyed in Platteville.
- June 9, 2021-Crews refresh their skills in swift water rescue at the South Platte River.
- June 10, 2021-Met with Union Colony Insurance to review all insurance coverages for the District.
- June 14, 15, and 16, 2021-Firecat Hose Testing Company completed annual pressure testing of all fire service hose to ensure safety at the scene of emergency incidents.
- June 17, 2021- Denny Mintle Adam I Community Service Award was not presented in 2020.
- June 17, 2021- Maintenance Lead Nick Monares was selected as the Employee of the Yr.
- June 17, 2021- Firefighter Howard Johnson and Lt. James May (10 years) were presented with leather helmets as awards for their length of service to the community.
- June 17, 2021- Executive Secretary Allyson Tkadlec and Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin, each with 20 years of service were presented with a gift for Allyson and a leather helmet as awards for their length of service to the community.
- June 17, 2021-Bryce Stutler was recognized as Career Firefighter of the Year and Nick Rauch was recognized as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.
- June 17, 2021-Acting Lieutenant Nick Spendlow was recognized as Officer of the Year.
- June 22, 2021-Completed a joint Firefighter II Academy with LaSalle and Southeast Weld Fire.
- June 26, 2021-Assisted the Past Chief Ron Ceretto Family with a Memorial Service at Station 2.
- June 27, 2021-Change 4 Change provided a First Responder Breakfast for our crews at the Odd Fellows.

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- June 30, 2021-District Audit presented to the District Board with no significant findings or recommended changes.
- July 4, 2021-The State of Colorado and Weld County approved the 4<sup>th</sup> of July City Celebration, and the fire department presented the annual Fireworks Show for the community. The location was behind Safeway.
- July 9, 2021-Hired seven Firefighters to begin four weeks of in-service training for the opening of Station 3.
- July 9, 2021-All ground ladders were certified during their annual recertification testing.
- July 12, 2021-All staff complete Workplace Sensitivity training presented by Julie Pate of Employment Compliance Solutions.
- July 13, 2021-Staff taught at the 2021 Aims Explore Program for teens in the fire service.
- July 21, 2021-Donated AED to the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.
- July 30, 2021-Badge Pinning for those promoted and hired during COVID-19. Live streamed.
- August 7, 2021-A foursome played in the Fort Lupton Wrestling Program golf tournament.
- August 2, 2021-Engineers Bodnar and Melendez attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indiana to learn the latest information and practice their skills.
- August 3, 2021-Participated in the National Night Out Community event for the community.
- August 10, 2021-Completed annual radio maintenance with Weld County Public Safety Radio group.
- August 17, 2021-Five new Firefighters were hired and begin employment with 4 weeks of in-service training.
- August 22, 2021-Attended the Fall Festival at the Catholic Church.
- August 22, 2021- Firefighters assisted with rescuing a litter of kittens from the drain system of a local business.
- August 25, 2021-Purchased a refurbished Hagglund all-weather rescue unit.
- August 26 and 27, 2021-Completed budget-planning meeting with staff for the 2022 budget.
- August 28, 2021-Celebrated the Grand Opening of Station 3 with an open house and community event.
- August 31, 2021-Attended First Responder Night at the volleyball game.
- September 4, 2021- Lt. May organized the MDA Fill the Boot Campaign and the department members collected \$20,000.00 for MDA.
- September 4, 2021-Promoted 4 Lieutenants (VanBeber, Steiner, Melendez, and Spendlow) and 1 Engineer (Alm) for the opening of Station 3.
- September 4, 2021-Volunteer Firefighter David St. Pierre retires with ten volunteer pension years.
- September 10, 2021-Sponsored foursome at the Annual Chamber Trapper's Day Golf Tournament.

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- September 10, 2021-Badge Pinning for those promoted and hired during COVID-19. Live streamed.
- September 10, 2021-Fire Marshal Tamlin and Captain Walt Adams coordinated a Fireworks show at the golf course to kick off the Trappers Day celebration.
- September 11, 2021-All our apparatus were washed and waxed for the Trapper's Day Parade. The Fire District was selected as Co-Grand Marshals along with the Fort Lupton Police Department.
- September 11, 2021-All crews completed basic trench rescue training with Frederick Firestone Fire Protection District.
- September 11, 2021-Station 3 is formally opened for service to the community.
- September 13, 2021-Small opening ceremony and blessing for crews and staff at Station 3. Blessing from Deacon Louis Arambula.
- September 19, 2021-Participated in County Wide Emergency Training Exercise coordinated by Weld County Office of Emergency Management.
- September 20, 2021-Crews attended Auto X Extrication Training.
- September 21 and 22, 2021-Nick Monares and Jacob Margheim completed pump testing for our Engines and Ladder Truck.
- September 29, 2021-Hosted weeklong CMC Rope Rescue Technician Class at the training center.
- September 30, 2021-Update Administration, Station 1, and Station 2 with First In Alerting System to improve in house communications and emergency notification of firefighters for responses.
- October 1, 2021-Hired new Part Time Administrative Assistant Virginia Shull.
- October 2, 2021- Flu shots provided for employees and volunteers.
- October 5 through October 11, 2021-Fire Marshal 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 12, 2021-Completed a joint training exercise at the DCP Spindle Plant.
- October 14, 2021- Assisted Hudson Fire on a large fire at the Platte Valley Airpark.
- October 19, 2021-Crews completed auto aid training with Brighton Fire.
- October 28, 2021-Ordered 55 Scott SCBA masks with integrated Bluetooth radio communications to replace the previous masks.
- October 28, 2021-Radio Station Jammin 101.5 and T-Mobile stopped by to recognize our Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Firefighters on National First Responders Day. They brought a cake and goody basket to crews.
- October 31, 2021-Participated in the Drive Trick or Treat Street event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

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- November 1, 2021-With help from the State of Colorado, all flammable liquid foam that was hazardous to the environment was replaced with an environmentally friendly foam called Nova Cool. The State reimbursed the District \$58,000.00 to purchase the new foam and took back the hazardous foam for proper disposal.
- November 7, 2021-Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer attended the funeral for Joes Volunteer Firefighter Larry Wyant who was overtaken by fire and perished in the line of duty.
- November 7, 2021- Battalion Chief Paramedic Mark Smith of Platte Valley Ambulance Service passed away early this morning at PVMC. He was a 30-year veteran of the EMS Field and an instructor who helped train our staff in fine tuning their EMT skills. He will be missed by many first responders.
- November 10 to 14, 2021-Fire Marshal Tamlin and Chief Tiffany attend the Symposium in the Sun Leadership Conference in Clearwater, Florida.
- November 13, 2021-Attended and participated in the ceremony for the Field of Honor at Pearson Park. The second year for the event and honored to have flags in honor of the firefighters, volunteers, and deceased members. Two firefighters, Yuma Volunteer Fire Department Captain Darcy Stallings and Joes Volunteer Firefighter Larry Wyant who were killed in the line of duty were honored at the ceremony.
- November 17, 2021-The District continues to battle the spread of COVID-19 with stringent guidelines due to new variants of Delta and Omicron which are spreading fast. Eighty-six percent of the staff are immunized and in the process of obtaining their booster vaccine. Mask wearing, distancing, and cleaning guidelines continue.
- November 18, 2021-The District Board of Directors approved the 2022 budget that includes: The purchase of a replacement mid mount 100-foot tower at a cost of \$1.7 million dollars. Due to a decline in the oil and gas production, the District saw a decrease of revenues of approximately 26% or \$3.4 million.
- November 23, 2021-Our Fire Prevention Team started a campaign to visit our local construction sites and educate construction crews on trench safety. We have a large amount of construction throughout the District, and it is imperative proper procedures are followed in below grade open trenches.
- December 8, 2021-Lt. Melendez and his Station 2 crew helped with the tree lighting and decorations for the community Christmas Tree at the Bank of Colorado Operations Center.
- December 8, 2021-Participated in the Parade of Lights.
- December 10, 2021-Completed inclusion of four properties that were annexed into the City of Fort Lupton.
- December 10, 2021-Completed five-year review of ISO Evaluation.
- December 16, 2021-District Board approves the purchase of a 2022 Pierce 100-foot mid mount tower to replace a 20-year-old unit.
- December 21, 2021-Annual Fire Department Christmas Party was cancelled due to potential spread of COVID-19.
- December 25, 2021-Purchased a holiday gift card of \$100.00 for all staff.



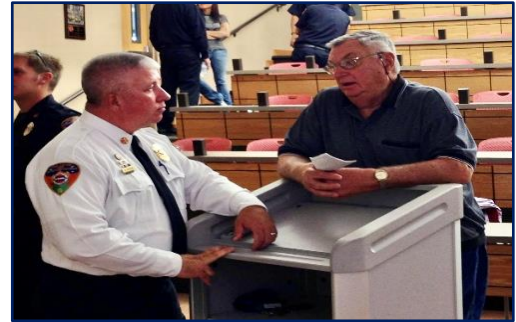
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- December 31, 2021-A crew of Lt. Spendlow, and Firefighters Martinez, J. Pfeifer, and Brungardt respond to the Marshal Fire to support Mountain View Fire. The fire, driven by 100 mph winds traveled across Superior, Louisville, and Boulder County destroying over 1,000 homes and killing three people. It left a path of destruction that was the most destructive fire in Colorado history.
- December 31, 2021-Firefighter Rand Sheldon continues serving on the Pension Board (2022 and 2023) and Lieutenant Josh Tapia to serve another term (2021 and 2022). Volunteer Firefighters Nick Rauch and Josh Tapia will fill a term (2021 and 2022) on the Hogelin Memorial Committee.
- December 31, 2021-The total calls increased by 13% for the year from 1407 in 2020 to 1592 in 2021.

District Board of Directors



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



In memory of Retired Volunteer Firefighter/District Board Member Tom Nash and Retired Chief/District Board Member Ron Ceretto. Your presence and memories will be greatly missed.

## 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.



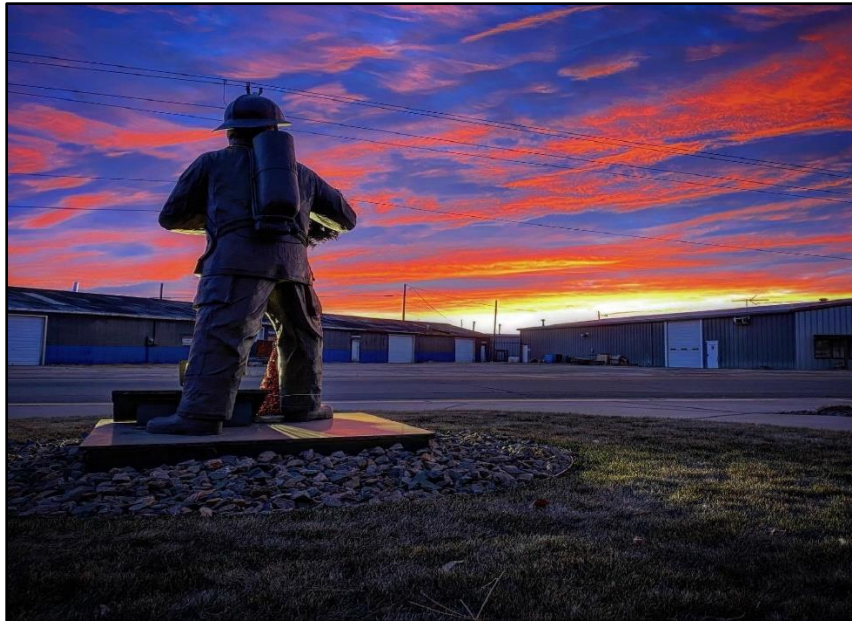
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