

FORT LUPTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Fire Chief

District Board and Community Members,

It is again with great honor that I present the community and the District Board of Directors the Annual Report of District operations and activities in 2019. The purpose of this report is to keep the community informed of the improvements and accomplishments of our agency over the past year of service. We continue to strive to provide the most efficient and quality level of emergency services to our citizens.

In 2019, there were several major highlighted accomplishments made to improve the quality of service provided to the community. The District partnered with Banner Ambulance to provide a second ambulance in Fort Lupton, Med Evac Helicopter stands by at Station 2 eight hours per week for call response, we took delivery of a new 2018 Pierce Engine, we hired a Battalion Chief level position to oversee the Training Division, staff completed active shooter training, the District entered into an agreement with Weld County for the use of a shared fuel depot at CR 31, we upgraded the outdoor emergency siren activation system, we replaced the security fence at Administration, we donated an AED to St. Williams Catholic Church, the District partnered with RE-8 Schools to assist with the Career Explore Program, we hired a replacement Maintenance Technician Lead, design of Station 3 completed, we received a one million dollar Energy and Mineral Impact Grant from DOLA for the construction of Station 3, and the District Board approved an enhanced employee benefits and wages plan for all employees of the District in 2020. Construction of Station 3 will begin in Spring 2020 and completed in early 2021.

We want to thank the community for their ongoing support and reaffirm our commitment to you by providing the highest level of public safety possible through the appropriate number of well-trained personnel and suitable equipment to achieve our public safety mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Tiffany

Fire Chief



2019 District Staff

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Fire District Overview

The fire department is considered a combination agency and is comprised of 24 career firefighters, three (3) administrative staff, two (2) office personnel, two (2) maintenance personnel, and 17 District volunteer firefighters. There are eight firefighters on duty to provide 24-hour coverage with response from two stations. We are also entering into the planning phase to build Station 3 on CR 8 in 2020 and completion in 2021. New volunteer members of the department are recruited year-round and are required to complete a fire academy, hazardous materials operations course, and Emergency Medical Responder training. They must also complete a one-year probationary period while successfully completing driving and pump operation skills, CPR, and complete at least 36 hours of ongoing training yearly. 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 Service Paramedic 11 is located 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 began day basing at Station 2 for up to 32 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.



Response Statistics

In 2019, the fire department responded to 1,407 incidents, which was a decrease of 84 calls (1,491) or 5.63% from 2018. 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 2019, the average reaction time from the dispatch to enroute time was 64 seconds, which decreased by 4 seconds from 2018, which was 68 seconds. In 2019, the average response time from dispatch to arrival was 6 minutes and 13 seconds. This is compared to data from 2018 where the average response time from dispatch time to arrival time was 6 minutes and 15 seconds. The average response time decreased in 2019 by 2 seconds from 2018. The fire district experienced “overlapping” incidents on 144 responses or 10.23% of the time. 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 2019, the City of Fort Lupton accounted for 65% (934) of the total calls for the District, 30% (424) calls, were the in the rural areas outside of the city limits, and 5% (52) were outside of the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District including mutual and auto aid. There were three reported residential or commercial structure fires for City of Fort Lupton. There was a total of 14 structure fires that resulted in \$798,080.00 in fire losses for the District. The estimated fire losses for major fires inside the City Limits was \$368,281.00. There were 10 highway vehicle and other non-structure/non-vehicle fires with estimated losses of \$75,275.00. Other fires resulted in \$25,000.00 in losses. The total fire losses for the fire district in 2019 were estimated at \$898,355.00. In 2018, total fire losses were estimated at \$548,103.00. There were no fire related fatalities in 2019.

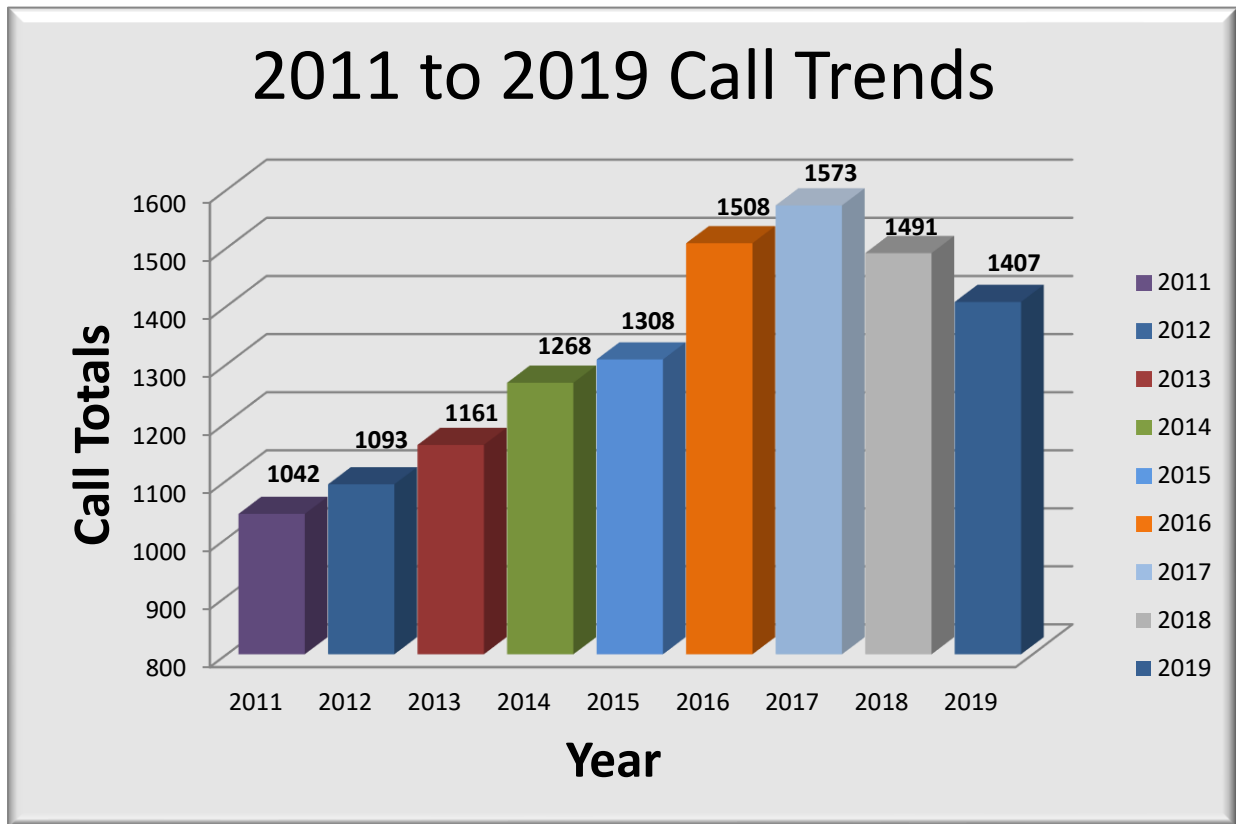
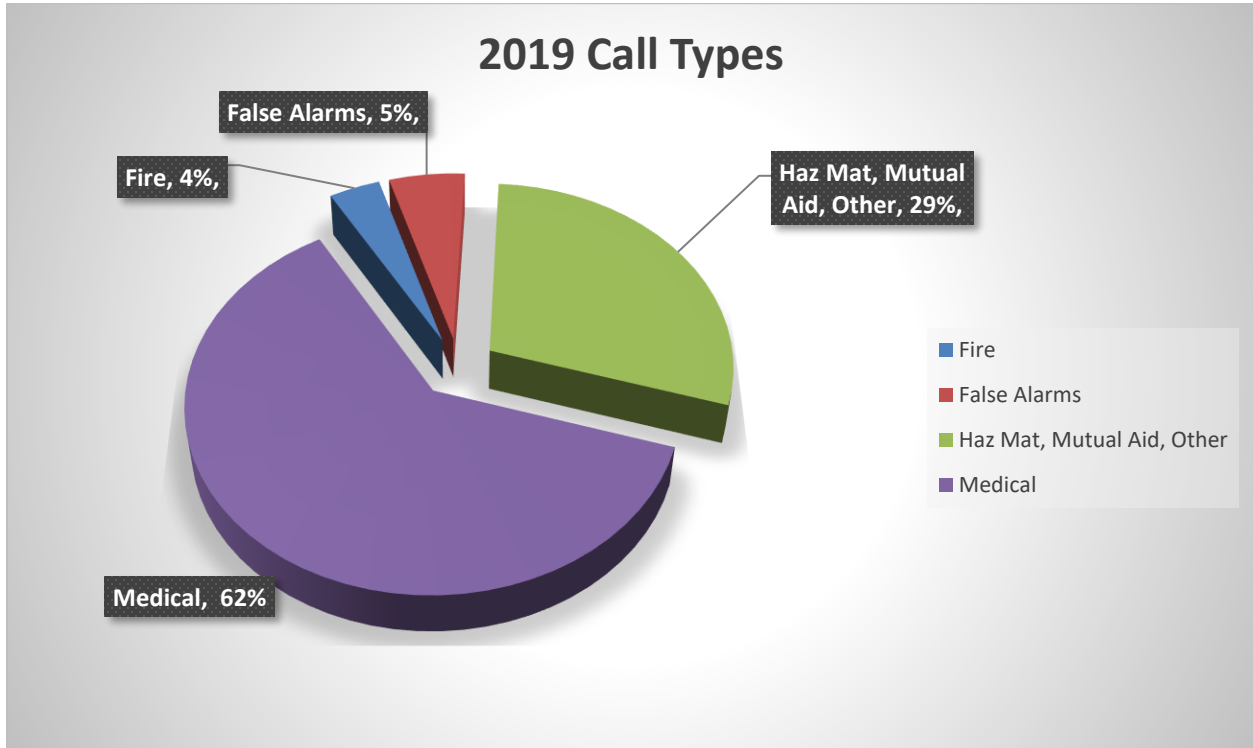


Fire at a commercial building.



Traffic accident with a party trapped.

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 on a monthly basis. In 2019, the 25 District volunteers completed 8,659 hours of shift time at the station. This is compared to 7,889 hours in 2018. The number of shift hours provided by the District volunteers increased by 770 hours in 2019 from 2018. The total number of shift hours provided by volunteers is equivalent to approximately 3.13 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, the challenge of recruiting and retaining quality volunteers is ongoing. The Fire District, in an effort to improve recruitment and retention, offers volunteers a stipend, which pays each volunteer up to \$4,000.00 per year.

Applications for District volunteers are accepted throughout the year. In 2019, the department hired 9 new volunteer members. In 2019, seven volunteer members resigned. Four resigned due to being hired into a career position, one resigned to leave the fire service, one resigned due to a pre employment injury, and one resigned due to move out of state. Two volunteers retired with 10 or more qualified pension years. Five career firefighters resigned in 2019. Four went to larger departments in the Denver metro area and one was promoted to Captain at a different agency. All of those positions were replaced through a hiring process and subsequent hiring list.



2019 Fire Academy group picture.

Firefighter Training

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District conducted a Spring Fire Academy in 2019 with five trainees from Fort Lupton and two from Southeast Weld. Retired Chief Hub Albrandt was hired part time to oversee the academy in 2019. This was the 16th Fire Academy conducted by District personnel. Each student completed over 250 hours of training. All students successfully completed the academy. Due to the demands placed on staff and the increased job duties, the District will no longer conduct an in-house Firefighter I Academy beginning in 2020.

There were 7,660 training hours completed by both career and volunteer firefighters during 2019. Each firefighter is required to complete a minimum of 36 hours of training annually. Most firefighters will complete well over 100 hours per year. Joint trainings are completed with auto and mutual aid companies from neighboring districts on a quarterly basis. 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. A majority of the local training classes are provided at the training center and open to outside agencies.



2019 Fire Academy training on hose line advancement.

Professional Certifications

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District is committed to providing the highest level of training in order to provide a quality and the safest level of service to Fort Lupton and surrounding rural communities. 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. Below you will find a breakdown of the professional certifications possessed by the active members of the District:

Center for Public Safety Excellence Chief Fire Officer	1
CPR Certified	53
CPR Instructor	5
Fire Suppression System Inspector	2
Fireworks Display Operator Technician	2
International Code Council Fire Inspector I	4
International Code Council Fire Inspector II	3
National Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician	24
National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer	1
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Technician	3
State of Colorado Executive Fire Administrator	1
State of Colorado Fire Inspector I	4
State of Colorado Live Fire Instructor	3
State of Colorado Fire Inspector III/Plans Examiner	2
State of Colorado Driver Operator Engine	17
State of Colorado Emergency Medical Technician-Basic	47
State of Colorado Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	1
State of Colorado Fire Instructor I	19
State of Colorado Fire Officer I	13
State of Colorado Fire Officer II	5
State of Colorado Firefighter I	46
State of Colorado Firefighter II	27
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Operations	52
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Technician	9
State of Colorado Testing Proctor	5
Ice Rescue Certification	43
Ice Rescue Instructor	2
Swift Water Rescue Certification	12

Firefighter Safety

During 2019, there was one reported injury for all employees and volunteers. The firefighter suffered a back strain during a fire. The injury resulted in lost time due to rehabilitation. In 2018, there were five reported injuries. 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 in order to eliminate preventable injuries. In 2020, a goal will be to reduce firefighter and employee injuries to zero. Safety is a very important commitment for all personnel within our agency.

In 2019, nine firefighters at the age of 40 and above completed a comprehensive physical and cancer screening. In 2020, firefighters who are between the ages of 18 and 29 years of age will complete a comprehensive physical to assess their health and wellness for firefighting duty fitness. Annual flu shots, Hepatitis B vaccinations, organized sports activities, and workout equipment are a few of the additional health and wellness incentives offered by the fire district. To reduce cancer risks to firefighters, particulate hoods that block out 99% of harmful contamination from smoke were purchased for all personnel and a new policy was implemented that requires on scene decontamination of gear and firefighters with decon wipes after every fire. We also provide decontamination kits for apparatus that were purchased and placed on the trucks. A Health and Wellness committee distributes a quarterly newsletter about healthy lifestyles and wellness.



Firefighters complete a strenuous drill in full gear.

Apparatus



2601
2014 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **40,115** Hours: **4,576**



2602
2018 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **7,851** Hours: **671**



2603
2012 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **57,796** Hours: **4,928**



2605
2007 Pierce Dash 4 X 4 Engine
Seating Capacity: **6**
Pump Capacity: **1,250**
Tank Capacity: **750**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **22,084** Hours: **1,679**

Apparatus



2606
1991 Pierce Dash Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: 1,250
Tank Capacity: 750
Condition: **Fair**
Mileage: 52,820 Hours: 4,308



2616
2004 Pierce Dash 100-foot Aerial/Platform
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: 2,000
Tank Capacity: 300
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: 17,977 Hours: 2,191



2630
2018 Ford F-550 Brush
Seating Capacity: 2
Pump Capacity: 500
Tank Capacity: 400
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: 1,006 Hours: 22



2631
2005 Ford F-450 Brush
Seating Capacity: 4
Pump Capacity: 500
Tank Capacity: 400
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: 8,603 Hours: 965

Apparatus



2632
2015 Ford F-550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **9,900** Hours: **677**



2633
2017 Ford F 550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **4,392** Hours: **405**



2634
1999 Freightliner FL-70 Rescue
Seating Capacity: **3 + rear**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **N/A**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **32,081** Hours: **3,586**



2640
2017 Kenworth
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **4,288** Hours: **358**

Apparatus



2641
2002 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: 2
Pump Capacity: N/A
Tank Capacity: 3,000
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 11,063



2642
2017 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: 2
Pump Capacity: 500
Tank Capacity: 3,000
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 3,179 Hours: 289



2643
2006 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: 2
Pump Capacity: N/A
Tank Capacity: 3,000
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 8,002



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

2650-2003 GMC Yukon, Staff Vehicle, 71,995 miles, Good condition.

2651-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, Fire Chief, 25,777 miles, Excellent condition.

2652-2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, Training Vehicle, 107,914, Fair condition.

2654-2000 Chevrolet Suburban, 91,208 miles, Fair condition.

2655-2003 Chevrolet S-10, Maintenance Truck, 80,518 miles, Fair condition.

2656-2005 Chevrolet 1500, 44,523 miles, Excellent condition.

2657-2015 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Investigation Truck 50,843 miles, Excellent condition.

2658-2014 Chevrolet 2500 HD, Snowplow 5,276 miles, Excellent condition.

2659-2017 Chevrolet 1500, Maintenance Truck, 13,147 miles, Excellent condition.

2005-Yamaha ATV with snow plow.

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 haz mat equipment, decon 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. The District enforces the 2012 International Fire Code. We place a significant responsibility to not only responding to emergencies but also preventing them. Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin is responsible for carrying out our fire safety commitment with the community.



A Firefighter meeting with kids at a local church.

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 2019, our firefighters who are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians, conducted a total of 28 car seat inspections and installations. Through a Colorado Department of Transportation Mini Grant, the fire district is able to provide a child safety or booster seat to families who are in need of a child safety seat but cannot afford one. We are currently working on grant funds for 2020.

Fire Prevention Week

In 2019, 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. Fire Pup talks with the students about fire safety. Each student received educational materials to improve fire safe habits at home.



In 2019, approximately 1,250 students, at Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools attended a fire prevention program at each school during Fire Prevention Week. The theme for 2019 Fire Prevention week was “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape”. There were also fire prevention programs provided for the preschool students at the rec center, Healthy Lifestyles at Twombly, the end of year celebrations at both Butler and Twombly, and the 9 Health Fair. At these events, there were contacts with 800 adults and over 1,300 children.

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. The Fire Marshal in conjunction with school staff and the community also enhanced safety in our schools in 2018 during the construction projects by installing sprinkler systems in all schools and through installation of Emergency Responder Radio Systems to enhance radio communications. District staff also presents various types of fire prevention programs to a range of students as requested during the school year.

For Aging Adults

Provide classes for Aging Adults and events to educate them on how to be fire safe in their homes.

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 2019, crews installed 4 smoke and 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 2019, firefighters distributed fire prevention materials to over 650 adults and children at this event.



Children get a tour of the ambulance and fire truck during a local safety event.

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 2012 International Fire Code in 2014.

The District has approximately 551 building occupancies at 330 businesses that we are responsible to inspect annually. In 2019, there were a total of 677 general inspections and re-inspections with 69% or 468 businesses in compliance on the first visit. Twenty-six percent or 176 of the businesses required a re-inspection. Only 25 businesses required a second, seven businesses required a third re inspection, and one business required more than three reinspections to ensure compliance with the 2012 International Fire Code. In 2019, there were 155 fire code plan reviews, 85 construction inspections, and 13 new business occupancies were completed by the fire prevention bureau.

Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program

Complete juvenile fire setter risk surveys for court ordered fire setters and their families.

Burn Permits

In 2019, 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.



Firefighter training at the Fire Academy.

Fireworks Program

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



Firefighter training.



Engineer Cooper at Butler Elementary for Read Across America.

Gun Locks

To increase gun safety, free gunlocks are provided.

Station Tours

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

Pictures



Med Evac Pilot explains the helicopter to students from the FLHS Career Explore Program.



Firefighters give the students from the FLHS Career Explore Program a tour of the truck.



Fire and EMS Crews assist the FLHS with the Every 15 Minutes Program.

2019 List of Accomplishments

- January 1, 2019-Moody's Investors Service has upgraded Fort Lupton Fire Protection District, CO's general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) rating to A1 from A2. The upgrade affects approximately \$2.3 million of rated general obligation debt.
- January 1, 2019-Along with other agencies and the Colorado Department of Transportation participated in the planning for a Traffic Incident Management Plan for Highway 85 from CR 2 to the Wyoming border.
- January 1, 2019-Provide blood pressure checks every other week at the Recreation Center for the Senior group.
- January 1, 2019-Platte Valley Ambulance Services continues delivery of Continuing Medical Education on a monthly basis for recertification of EMT certifications.
- January 1, 2019-Met monthly at the Steering Committee with City Leaders to discuss impacts within the community.
- January 1, 2019-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, 2019-Participating member of the South Weld Hazardous Materials Training Group for Haz Mat Technicians with Frederick/Firestone, Brighton, and Mountain View on a quarterly basis.
- January 1, 2019-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, Hudson, Platteville, and Frederick/Firestone.
- January 7, 2019-Work begins on the traffic control light at CR 18 and Highway 85.
- January 9, 2019-Recognized Fort Lupton Police Department on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- January 9, 2019-Firefighters attended the funeral of Retired Volunteer Firefighter Larry Thiesen.
- January 17, 2019-Conducted a Shift Captain Assessment Center for an open Shift Captain position.
- January 19, 2019-Hosted a Retiree Breakfast for the retired and active Firefighters. The event was well attended by 42 current or retired firefighters who exchanged stories of the past and present.
- January 28, 2019-Hosted a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician Course at the Fire District Training Center.
- January 29, 2019-Met with Architect Brad Bonnet and Brittany Crouch from Allred and Associates to begin planning of Station 3.
- January 29, 2019-Met with other Weld County fire agencies to discuss forming the Northern Colorado Firefighter Recruitment Consortium for firefighter testing.
- January 31, 2019-Completed a Community Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspection Station at Safeway.
- January 31, 2019-Engineer Mark Williams and Firefighter Bryce Stutler were sworn in by Board President Larry Leinweber at the District Board Meeting.

2019 List of Accomplishments

- January 31, 2019-District signs final agreement with Banner to add second ambulance to the District and housed at Station 1. Also, North Colorado MedEvac will day base 32 hours per month with the helicopter at Station 2.
- February 1, 2019-Firefighters attended a Certified Emergency Vehicle Operations course with Banner Ambulance.
- February 2, 2019-Lieutenant Walt Adams was promoted to Shift Captain.
- February 7, 2019-Firefighters read to students at Butler Elementary School for Read Across America Day.
- February 8, 2019-Tower 2616 and Fire Crews responded to Brighton and assisted at the Ottensen Grain Mill fire located on North Main Ave. They remained on scene for several hours.
- February 8, 2019-Met with Tiffany Hettinger of Med Trans and Director Pam Howes of North Colorado Med Evac to discuss the day basing plans for North Colorado Med Evac at Station 2.
- February 8, and 9, 2019-Completion of the District's Financial Audit by and independent auditor to ensure compliance with professional financial guidelines.
- February 9, 2019-Held the annual Awards Banquet, Spouse Appreciation Night at the Armory Performing Arts Center in Brighton.
- February 9, 2019-Hogelin Memorial Award was presented to Dale's Pharmacy owner Huy Duong.
- February 9, 2019-Denny Mintle Adam I Community Service Award was presented to Lieutenant Troy Norby.
- February 9, 2019-Lieutenant Kenny Rosales was selected as the Employee of the Year.
- February 9, 2019-Firefighter Jerry Bangert, Firefighter Rand Sheldon, Engineer Wade Seely, and Captain Walt Adams (10 years) were presented with leather helmets as awards for their length of service to the community.
- February 9, 2019-James May was recognized as Career Firefighter of the Year and Ian Samide was recognized as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.
- February 11, 2019-Engine 2602, a 2018 Pierce Velocity goes into service.
- February 14, 2019-Firefighters attended the Fort Lupton Middle School Career Fair.
- February 15, 2019-Met with Weld County Regional Communications Center staff and Banner Assistant Chief Wagy to discuss the partnership with Banner Ambulance and radio communications.
- February 16, 2019-Retired Mountain View Chief Hub Albrandt started the 16th Fire Academy with six candidates from Fort Lupton Fire Protection District and two candidates from Southeast Weld Fire District.
- February 18, 2019-Completed the 2018 Annual Report of achievements for the District.

2019 List of Accomplishments

- February 17, 2019-The District Board entered into an agreement with Banner Health to add a second ambulance in the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District. There will be an ambulance based at Station 1 and a second ambulance at Station 2. In conjunction with this agreement, MedEvac will also have a helicopter day based 32 hours per month at the Station 2 helipad that will be available for Southern Weld County. The helicopter began their day basing on March 19, 2019. This community-based partnership is the culmination of over a year of discussions with Banner/NCMC and will greatly enhance EMS services for southern Weld County. Thank you, Banner Health, MedEvac, and Med-Trans!
- February 21, 2019-Assisted the FBI with a law enforcement event.
- February 22, 2019-Attended Healthy Lifestyles Program at Twombly Elementary School.
- February 24, 2019-Crews from FLFD and Banner Paramedics stop by and assist our local Girl Scouts with their cookie sales and to help them earn a badge.
- February 25, 2019-Firefighter Eric Bockrath and Training Battalion Chief Rob Jones begin employment orientation with the District.
- February 28, 2019-The District Board approves the purchase of 12 sets of replacement bunker gear not to exceed \$36,000.00. The District is on a 5-year replacement plan. This continues the transition to black bunker gear.
- March 1, 2019-Twombly Elementary students took a tour of Station 1.
- March 5, 2019-Met with Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Chief Durkee to discuss the addition of their ambulances to the system and how they will be resourced.
- March 5, 2019-Fire Crews responded to Brighton on CR 4 and assisted with a commercial structure fire. They remained on scene for several hours.
- March 13, 2019-The “Bomb Cyclone” weather brought heavy snow and winds to Weld County. Many roads were impassable and the storm caused power outages and stranded motorists. Colorado State Trooper Corporal Daniel Groves was struck and killed by a motorist on I76 during the storm while assisting other motorists.
- March 27, 2019-Training Chief Jones and Firefighter Sykes attend the Aims Community College Public Safety Recruitment Day on the Windsor campus.
- March 29, 2019-The District Board President Larry Leinweber swears in Battalion Chief of Training Rob Jones at the District Board Meeting.
- April 2, 2019-Conducted a Shift Lieutenant Assessment Center for an open position.
- April 9, 2019-Met with Adams County Dispatch, Weld County Regional Communications Center, and Brighton Fire in Fort Lupton to discuss the challenges of communication between the agencies and centers. Very productive discussions.
- April 10, 2019-Entered into an agreement with Weld County for shared use of their fuel depot located on CR 31 between CR 16 and CR 18. District vehicles will now begin fueling at this location and purchasing bulk fuel at a reduced cost to the District.
- April 11, 2019-Met with the Weld County Sheriff’s Office to schedule Active Shooter Training for District Staff. Sergeant Holmen will facilitate the training.
- April 14, 2019-The District recognizes the Dispatchers from Weld County Regional Communications Center for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and being vital to public safety in our community.

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- April 18, 2019-Conducted an Engineer Assessment Center to fill two open positions.
- April 19, 2019-Met with the City to discuss Trappers Day Fireworks.
- April 22, 2019-Firefighters Melendez and Cooper attend a two-week driver/operator course at Frederick Firestone Fire.
- April 24, 2019-Recognized Allyson and Rayna for their exemplary work on Administrative Professionals Day.
- April 25, 2019-The District Board President Larry Leinweber completed the oath of office for Captain Walt Adams, Lieutenant Mark Williams, Lieutenant James May, Engineer Marc Steiner, Firefighter Eric Bockrath at the District Board Meeting with family and friends in attendance.
- April 25, 2019-Greeley Firefighter Kuzik was struck and killed on his motorcycle as he rode to work. Crews paid tribute to him, Greeley Fire, and his family by attending his funeral on May 3, 2019.
- April 27, 2019-Engineer Mark Williams is promoted to Training Lieutenant and remains on shift but will work a modified schedule to enhance training for all crews and still respond to calls.
- April 27, 2019-Engineer James May is promoted to Shift Lieutenant.
- April 27, 2019-Firefighters Steiner and Bodnar are promoted to Engineer.
- April 27, 2019-Fire and Paramedic Crews attended and participated in the 9 Health Fair at the Fort Lupton High School.
- May 1, 2019-First Responder Crews from all disciplines assisted with “Every 15 Minutes” Program for our High Schoolers. The program is designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving.
- May 4, 2019-The Bank of Colorado recognized the Fort Lupton Firefighters on Firefighter Appreciation Day.
- May 4, 2019-The fire academy hosted family day at the fire academy. Families were able to observe activities and training of the fire academy and share a meal with the instructors and students.
- May 4, 2019-Purchased water and Gatorade for the After-Prom Party for the Fort Lupton High School.
- May 6, 2019-Firefighter Cooper attends a two-week technical rescue course at West Metro Fire Training Center.
- May 6, 2019-Tested the Outside Warning Devices for the District.
- May 7, 2019-Crews responded to Frederick with an Engine and the Tower to assist with a fire at the St. Teresa’s Catholic Church. They assisted for a couple of hours.
- May 7, 8, and 11, 2019-Completed Active Shooter Training with the Weld County Sheriff’s Office.
- May 9, 2019-Captain Mike Dittman received his Managing Officer Program Certificate from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is a two-year intensive mid-level supervisor program.

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- May 9, 2019-Fire Chief Phil Tiffany appointed to a third term on the Colorado Fire and Training Certification Board.
- May 13, 2019-Participated in the Butler Carnival.
- May 13 to 16, 2019-Fire Marshal Tamlin attended a Plans Examiner Course in Nashville to complete his certification as an ICC Plans Examiner.
- May 13 to 16, 2019-Completed pressure testing of all fire service hose to ensure safety at the scene of emergency incidents.
- May 17, 2019-Attended the Twombly and Butler Elementary School Field Days.
- May 23, 2019-Donated an AED to St. Williams Catholic Church and met with Trustees Mark Grajeda and Joe Hogelin to present the AED to the Church and Father Gregory.
- May 24, 2019-After 8 years of employment, Maintenance Technician Lead Andy Rutkosky retired from the District and moved to Empire. Had a nice luncheon with employees. Andy will be missed.
- May 26, 2019-Fire crews attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Hillside Cemetery.
- May 27, 2019-Tornado sirens sounded as a funnel cloud was sighted over Lochbuie.
- May 29, 2019-Met with Workmen Compensation Provider field representative from Pinnacle Assurance to review the District's safety policies and procedures.
- June 8, 2019-Crews attend a welcome home event for our Vietnam War Veteran's at the Rec Center.
- June 8, 2019-Crews received National media attention for rescuing a dog from a ditch on CR 23.
- June 10, 2019-Completed annual certification of all ground ladders and the aerial device.
- June 10, 2019-Met with Union Colony Insurance to review all insurance coverages for the District.
- June 11, 2019-Crews perform technical rope rescue for a victim that had fallen 30 feet below grade in a concrete pit at Golden Aluminum.
- June 12, 2019-Engineer and CO Task Force One Member Wade Seely participated in a training in Indiana
- June 13, 2019-Fire Academy Graduation for the 16th fire academy with 5 new recruits from Fort Lupton Fire District. Volunteer Firefighters Chris Loveridge, Tasha Rasmussen, Evan Wilson, Randy Cleveland, and Jacob Margheim, complete the Fire Academy. Volunteer Firefighter Chris Blohm also received his badge and took his oath of position. Two Southeast Weld Firefighters also graduated. The oath was administered by Weld County Court Judge Charles Unfug.
- June 19, 2019-Firefighters attended the MDA Summer camp.
- June 21, 2019-Crews battle a large hay stack fire at CR 18 and CR 21.
- June 27, 2019-District Audit presented to the District Board by CPA Feis and Co. with no significant findings.
- July 4, 2019-Participated in the 4th of July City Celebration and presented the annual Fireworks Show for the community. The location was behind Safeway.
- July 9, 2019-Met with Fort Lupton High School Career Explore Coordinators Nikki Chima and Griff Werth to prepare for Fall 2019 program.

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- July 16, 2019-Firefighter Chris Blohm, Tyler Martinez, Mark Shirley and Allison Belsterling begin work as career firefighters for the District.
- July 24, 2019-Completed pump testing for Engine 2601, 2602, 2605, and Ladder 2616 at the Windsor Aims Emergency Vehicle Technician Training.
- July 15 to 19, 2019-Firefighters instructed at the Aims Young Men and Women's XPLORE Fire Academy in Windsor.
- July 20, 2019-Crews were offered a very unique opportunity to do heavy lifting and extrication operations on a semi-tractor and semi-box trailer over a passenger car at Scott's Diesel and Farm Services and Big Tow.
- July 22, 2019-Administration rear lot had 10,000 square feet of asphalt removed and replaced, crack sealed, and spray coated.
- July 25, 2019-Security fence replaced along the east and south sides of the back lot. Automatic gate added to enhance security and safety.
- July 27, 2019-A foursome played in the Fort Lupton Wrestling Program golf tournament.
- July 31, 2019-Annual radio service and programming completed by Weld County.
- August 2, 2019-Truck Safety and Equipment Check software and iPads from PS Trax added to District.
- August 2, 2019-Captain McCann, Lieutenant May, and Engineer Bodnar were competitors at the Boulder Ironman 70.3 where they swam 1.2 miles, biked 56 miles, and ran 13.1 miles. All finished successfully.
- August 2, 2019-Reviewed benefit plans for the District Employees.
- August 6, 2019-Participated in the National Night Out Community event.
- August 7, 2019-Met with Feis and Co. CPA Firm and completed the audit wrap up meeting.
- August 17, 2019-Engineer James Mayor was promoted to Lieutenant.
- August 17, 2019-FLFD and Banner Ambulance Crews enjoyed attending the St. Williams Catholic Church Fall Festival this weekend to hand out goodies and let everyone see the trucks and ambulance.
- August 19, 2019-Completed a joint Haz Mat Training with Weld OEM.
- August 20, 2019-Firefighters TJ Melendez and Sarah Cooper were promoted to Engineers.
- August 22 and 23, 2019-Completed budget-planning meeting with staff for the 2020 budget.
- August 28, 2019-Met with parents and partners of the Career Explore Program at Fort Lupton High School.
- August 29, 2019-Lt. Mayor, Engineer Bodnar, Firefighters Belsterling, Blohm, Martinez, and Shirley received their oath of position and badge pinning ceremony at our District Board meeting.
- September 3, 2019-Captain Staughton McCann and Captain Dittman organized the MDA Fill the Boot Campaign and the department members collected \$11,550.24 for MDA.

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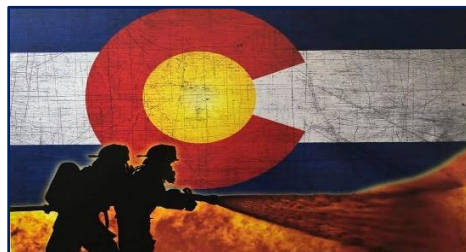
- September 5 and 6, 2019-Chief Phil Tiffany attended the Fire Service Behavioral Health Symposium in Denver. The objective of this meeting is to raise awareness and to support knowledge transfer of best practices related to behavioral health programs in the fire service.
- September 5, 2019-All apparatus washed and waxed for the Trapper's Day Parade.
- September 6, 2019-Sponsored foursome at the Annual Chamber Trapper's Day Golf Tournament.
- September 6, 2019-The District coordinated a Fireworks display to help kick off Trapper Days night at Coyote Creek Golf Course. Thanks to Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin and Captain Walt Adams.
- September 7, 2019-Chief of the Department Phil Tiffany was named the Grand Marshal of the Trapper's Day Parade for his 32-years of service to the community.
- September 7, 2019-Participated in the Annual Trapper's Day Parade.
- September 7, 2019-Fire Marshal Tamlin presented a fire Sprinkler demonstration at the Trapper's Day event in conjunction with the National Fire Sprinkler Association and Rob Geislinger.
- September 9, 2019-Replaced the air conditioning unit at Station 1 for the firefighter rooms and day room.
- September 10, 2019-Met with Allred and Associates for the kickoff meeting for the design and construction of Station 3.
- September 11, 2019-Ten firefighters from Fort Lupton participated in the September 11 Memorial Stair Climb of 110 stories at the Qwest building in Denver to honor those who lost their lives in the twin towers on September 11, 2001.
- September 15, 2019-Participated in the Northern Colorado Honor Flight to honor our veteran's headed to Washington DC to visit the war memorials.
- September 18, 2019-Completed the budget Workshop with the District Board for the 2019 Budget.
- September 25, 2019-Attended the Bon Fire for Homecoming Week.
- September 25, 2019-Completed pre application meeting with the City of Fort Lupton on the proposal of Station 3.



Station 3 design.

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- September 26, 2019-At the District Board Meeting Crews were recognized for their actions On June 11, 2019 at 2043 hours, Engine 1, Engine 2, and Paramedic 11 responded to the report industrial accident of male worker who had slipped and fallen approximately 30 feet into a concrete pit at Golden Aluminum 1405 E. 14th Street. On arrival, Command Officers quickly recognized that the victim was in medical distress from his injuries and was confined in a narrow concrete pit approximately 30 feet below ground. Banner Paramedics and members of the Fire Department immediately entered the pit after checking the quality of air and rendered medical treatment. Other members prepared technical rescue equipment to extricate the victim using a fixed crane at the location. Using a stokes basket, pulley/ropes, and haul system the victim was lifted to safety in a concerted effort at transported at 2132 hours. For displaying their training, dedication, and determination during this event, Captain Staughton McCann, Lieutenant Troy Norby, Engineers James Mayor, Wade Seely, Firefighters Chris Blohm, Sarah Cooper, Cody Grein, Tasha Rasmussen Bryce Stutler, Adam Valentin, Banner Paramedics Heidi Walker and Adam Peabody are recognized with a Unit Citation.
- September 26, 2019-Great day for a field trip! Today we hosted 46 students and staff from the FLHS Career Explore Program. This gives Juniors and Seniors at FLHS the opportunity to explore career paths. We look forward to working with them throughout the school year. Thank you to our partners at Banner Ambulance and Med Evac for participating in the presentations.
- September 26, 2019-Med Evac takes delivery of new helicopter and paint scheme featuring red, white, and blue. Visits Fort Lupton Station 2.
- September 27, 2019-Participated in the Homecoming Parade and Football game.
- October 1, 2019-All outside warning devices/sirens activation upgraded to 700/800 trunked system by Avtech and Weld County Public Safety Radio Services.
- October 2, 2019-Flu shots provided for employees and volunteers.
- October 4, 2019-Circulation fans installed in Station 2 to improve heating and cooling efficiency in the bay areas.
- October 5, and 6, 2019-Hosted Weld County Oil & Gas Seminar for Emergency Responders.
- October 6 through October 12, 2019 Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin 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 7, 2019-Training Battalion Chief Rob Jones attends the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland as a family escort.



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- October 11, 2019-Fire Marshal Tamlin Travels to the State Capital promoting fire safety and prevention. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control hosted an event in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!", including a live burn/fire sprinkler demonstration. The event was across the street from the Colorado State Capitol Building in Denver, Demonstrations of the use of drones in fire prevention and inspections, display of fire trucks and equipment from across the State, informational booths from various Colorado fire jurisdictions and fire safety professionals.
- October 14, 2019-Completed an orientation for new Volunteer Firefighter David Dunn and Career Firefighters Sam Gambia, Michael Amoroso, and Tanner Alm.
- October 16, 2019-Participated in the Aims Campus Emergency Services Recruitment Day.
- October 17, 2019-Attended the funeral of Past Volunteer Firefighter and United Power Lineman Art Pollard.
- October 17, 2019-Crews from Banner Paramedics and Fort Lupton Fire attend First Responder Appreciation night at the Varsity Volleyball Game and are recognized before the game.
- October 23, 2019-Station 3 Construction Planning Committee Meeting started the design of Station 3.
- October 10, 2019-Engine 2601 assist Butler Elementary with Walk to School Day ensuring the kids are safe and offer encouragement for a healthy lifestyle.
- October 12, 2019-Complete annual pump certification and testing at our facilities for Engine 2603 and 2606.
- October 31, 2019-Participated in the Trick or Treat Street event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- November 1, 2019-Met with All West Surface Prep to inspect Station 1 Bay Floors.
- November 5, 2019-DJ Basin Safety Council meeting held at the Training Center.
- November 5, 6, and 7, 2019-Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant Presentation in Alamosa to request \$1,000,000.00 in Grant Funds from the State of Colorado for the construction of Station 3.
- November 6, 2019-Hosted Regional Training for Industrial Firefighting Intro and Basic Tank Firefighting Tactics at the Training Center.
- November 12 and 13, 2019-Provided CPR and First Aid Training for the FLHS Students in the Career Explore Program.
- November 13, 2019-Two representatives from the Fort Lupton Library dropped off some small gift boxes made by the children in their reading groups. They had one for each of the Station 1 duty crew including the ambulance. The gifts were made as part of their World Kindness day.
- November 13 to 17, 2019-Chief Tiffany attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs Leadership Training Symposium in the Sun in Clearwater, Florida.
- November 14, 2019-Brighton Fire Chief Mark Bodane Retires and we assist with coverage during the retirement party.

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- November 19, 2019-Met with Computer IT Company CMIT to discuss replacement of District Computer Server and plan for replacement in 2020.
- November 19, and 20, 2019-Hosted ICS 300 training at the Training Center.
- November 21, 2019-The District Board of Directors approved the 2020 budget that includes: resurfacing of Station 1 bay floors, Station 3 construction, server replacement, plan review/desk system, battery operated Hurst Extrication tools for Engine 2603, replacement of two 4-wheel drive vehicles/equipment, Station 2 Cascade system replacement, and Outside Warning Device additional unit.
- December 1, 2019-Stand by with a crew for Frederick Firestone Fire for their annual holiday banquet.
- December 2, 2019-FLPD Sergeant Christopher Pelton was shot in the line of duty while responding to a disturbance on Ponderosa Place.
- December 6, 2019-Participated in Fort Lupton Police Department critical incident de briefing regarding FLPD Officer involved shooting.
- December 6, 2019-Stand by with a crew for Brighton Fire for their annual holiday banquet.
- December 6, 2019-Received notification that we had been approved to receive a State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant for \$1,000,000.00 to help fund the construction of Station 3.
- December 6, 2019-Met with UBS Financial to set a strategy for investments for 2020.
- December 7, 2019-Delivered Santa to the City of Fort Lupton Winterfest.
- December 10, 2019-Met in a joint meeting with E911 and Weld County Communications Boards.
- December 13, 2019-Participated in the services honoring Summit County Fire and EMS Firefighter Jones who perished in the line of duty while working to control a structure fire at Copper Mountain.
- December 13, 2019-Participated in the 2019 LULAC Parade of Lights and Christmas Tree Lighting.
- December 17, 2019-Annual Fire Department Christmas Party organized by Executive Secretary Allyson Tkadlec and Administrative Assistant Rayna Martinez, the Officers, and their spouses for the families of the fire department.
- December 17, 2019-Participated in the ORCUS Fire & Risk -Risk/Performance Based Fire Protection – Oil & Gas Drilling, Processing, and Storage Facilities training.
- December 25, 2019-Purchased a holiday gift card of \$100.00 for all staff.
- December 31, 2019-Enhanced benefit plans for employees by paying for 80% of the spouse and family health premium while the employee pays 20% and also approving an 11% increase in the wages budget line item.
- December 31, 2019-The District supports RE-8 FLHS Mock Trial Team from September through February by providing a facility for their preparation for state competition.
- December 31, 2019-The District provides a meeting space for the 4-H Tail Twisters.

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- December 31, 2019-Firefighter Rand Sheldon continues on Pension Board (2019 and 2020) and Lieutenant Josh Tapia to serve another term (2019 and 2020). elected to the Hogelin Memorial Committee. Volunteer Firefighters Nick Rauch and Josh Tapia will fill a term (2019 and 2020) on the Hogelin Memorial Committee.
- December 31, 2019-Volunteer Firefighters Amy Burke and Michio Watanabe retire.
- December 31, 2019-The total calls decreased by 5.63% for the year from 1491 in 2018 to 1407 in 2019.



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



Lt. Norby at the Aims Career Day.



Door patch.

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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Colorado evening on the training ground.