



# FFPD 2015 Annual Report

A Yearly Review of the Fairmount Fire Protection District

## Coming up in 2016:

- Station 32 Open House—May 7
- Station 33 Open House—July 13
- Station 31 Open House—Aug 27

For more upcoming events please visit our website:  
[www.ffpd.org](http://www.ffpd.org)

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### Mission:

To provide the highest level of professional services while preserving life, property and the environment by being proactive, progressive and responsive to our communities.

### Vision:

To excel in providing professional emergency services through innovation, partnering, responsibility, transparency, and continuous improvement.



## Message from the Fire Chief

The community of Fairmount is nestled in between the towns of Golden, Arvada, and Wheat Ridge on Colorado's Front Range. In the last decade, the community has grown rapidly and, in response to this growth, the fire district has grown, too. The total population is approximately 30,000, half being residential and the remaining commercial businesses and workers in the area. The Fairmount Fire Protection District is a combination department currently employing 24 career firefighters and staff, and over 50 volunteer firefighters, who graciously dedicate their time and efforts to the community.

The majority of volunteer firefighters live outside of the community and typically work 12 to 48-hour shifts each month. The District protects the community of unincorporated Jefferson County and areas within the City of Wheat Ridge, responding to fire, medical, hazmat, wildland, technical

rescue incidents, and providing fire prevention, inspection and public education programs.

The members of Fairmount Fire Rescue accomplished a great deal in 2015, from responding to



wildland incidents in Idaho and California, to quickly and effectively responding to emergencies within the community. We were able to hire five personnel from our volunteer force, ensuring a 24/7 response from Station 32 and Station 33. In addition, we added Medic 31, a 24-hour staffed paramedic ambulance provided by Rural Metro (now AMR

Ambulance), to Station 31 which has provided a more consistent response to medical emergencies and auto accidents. Some additional highlights for 2015 include, replacing our records management system, replacing over 20 sets of bunker gear and helmets, filling the Training Captain position, holding three fire department open houses, receiving a grant for ballistic vests and helmets, adding a new staffing program, and many personal accomplishments by our personnel.

We truly have a great group of personnel that are dedicated to serving our community. We are often out in the community at events, training, completing inspections, checking hydrants, or even stopping at the store to purchase meals for the 48-hour shift. You are always welcome to stop us and say hello and ask us questions, we would love to talk with you.

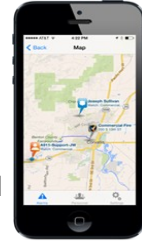
### Support Services

Our Fire District depends on digital and electronic technology for daily operations. Our Firefighters and Emergency Responders each have app based technology that aids in notifying our personnel and advise who is responding to the call. The smartphone technology helps in giving guided directions so our responders can get to the scene as quickly and as safely as possible.



In 2015, our Fire Stations were upgraded to station alerting technology that is connected directly to our 911 dispatch centers. When a 911 call is received, the station is immediately alerted with audio and visual alerts that notify personnel of the location and type of call, the information is also uploaded into the fire engines onboard computer that displays the location,

directions and call notes of the dispatcher that is speaking to the reporting party. Each station is equipped to support its volunteers with the technology and handle call response, duties and interactions public. Our computers are constantly monitored to keep up with today's and intrusions from



personnel and needed connections to delegated with the and network and upgraded cyber threats those that

could do harm to the way 911 and responders are dispatched.



### Training

The Training Division is committed to work within an inclusive culture striving to develop skills and capacity to deliver exceptional service to our community. Our plan is to continue empowering our people, creating ownership and confidence using innovative and accountable delivery methods.

“Committed to train, training to serve”.



Drafting, Relay Pumping, and Aerial Operations



Crew Boss Northup is leading the wildland firefighter students in a briefing prior to learning how to build fireline

In 2015, the members of Fairmount Fire trained over 11,000 hours focusing in the disciplines pertinent to the community such as: fire ground operations, medical, wildland fire, business pre-planning and inspections, hazmat, and technical rescue.

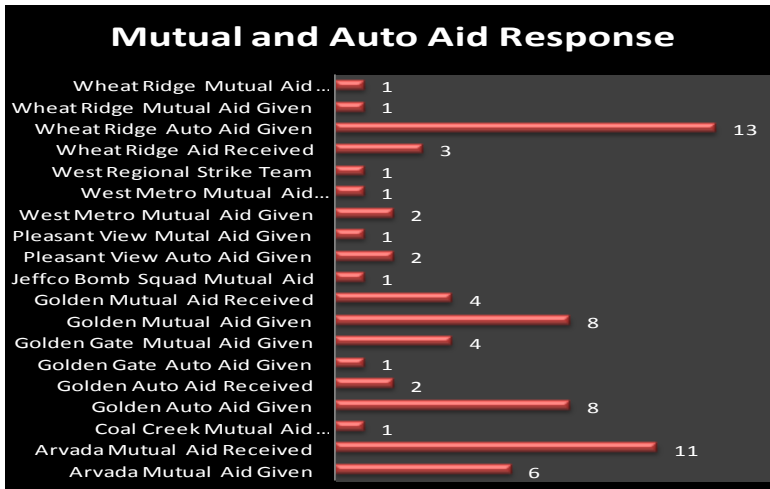
A number of our members also worked beyond the basics by achieving State certifications for Firefighter II (16), Driver Operator (11), Driver Operator-Aerial (3), Driver Operator-Pumper (1), Hazmat Technician (2), and Fire Officer I (1).

Thank you for letting us serve Fairmount!

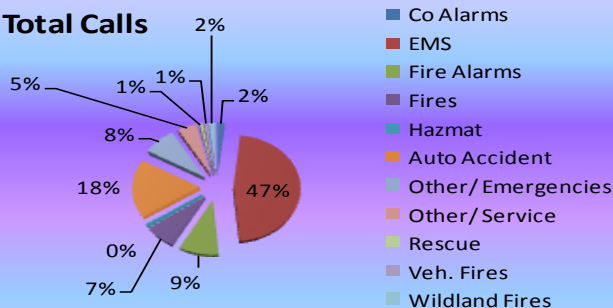
## Operations Division

In 2015 the District replaced a Battalion Chief, 2 Engineers, and hired 3 new Firefighters to offset vacations and sick leave. 2015 staffing was :55 Volunteers, 24 Career, and 3 Civilian. All staff is excited and dedicated to serve in 2016.

The Operations Division implemented a three phase nozzle and hose replacement program that will replace aging equipment that dates back to the early 80's. The program will be completed in 2017.



### 724 Total Calls



In 2015 the District received a grant from UASI to purchase 15 sets of ballistic vest and helmets to give proper protection for the firefighters participating in active shooter incidents. This year employees participated in multiple trainings with local law enforcement to provide this service to our communities.

In 2015 the District continued to develop relationships with our neighboring departments through mutual and auto aid programs. The District agreed to an auto aid agreement with Pleasant View FD to enhance resources to structure fires. These types of agreements has shown to be a big benefit to all agencies in

## Wildland

2015 was a relatively quiet wildland fire season in Colorado due to ample summer moisture. As a result, FFPD was able to provide a Type 3 engine and crew for deployment to California and Idaho for four weeks. Individual supervisory resources were also deployed to many other western states to assist with their wildland firefighting efforts. As with all national deployments, this provides invaluable hands-on experience that better prepares FFPD firefighters to safely and efficiently manage wildland fires in our district.

Ten firefighters graduated from the Wildland Fire Academy in May. These and other firefighters will be going through additional wildland fire training in 2016.



### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The Fairmount Fire Protection District responded to more than 500 calls in 2015 requiring Emergency Medical Services (EMS). For each of those medical calls, compassionate treatment was delivered by firefighters certified as Paramedics, EMT's, and First Responders. The EMS Division ensured those responders were prepared to deliver a high level of EMS care by providing proficiency training and evaluation of emergency medicine skills and knowledge.

The EMS Division maintained all EMS training records and patient care reports, and communicated training information to state and federal agencies for compliance verification. On a larger scale, this valuable information provided data for scientific, evidence-based studies into pre-hospital care.

Throughout 2015, updates and revisions were made to Fairmount Fire Protection Districts EMS Treatment Protocols. These protocols have been developed by the Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors. 2015 was also a year for increased

partnerships. Working with Rural Metro ambulance service, an agreement was reached to staff an ambulance with an EMT and Paramedic 24/7 at Fairmount Fire Station 31. This partnership has improved EMS training, enhanced Teamwork between the ambulance crew and firefighters, and reduced the time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at the scene of a call.

Fairmount Fire Protection District continued to provide medical training to our community business partners. Forty-one medical classes were taught during 2015.

Approximately four-hundred members of the community received training in topics ranging from CPR to Emergency Medical Responder.

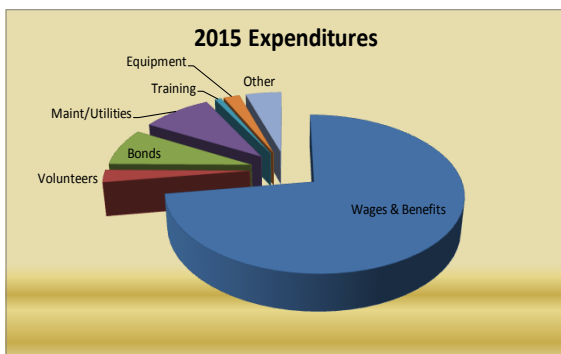


Medic 31



### Financial

The Fairmount Fire Protection District is a quasi-municipal government entity formed under Title 32 of Colorado law, and is controlled by a five member elected Board of Directors with full authority over all fiscal and administrative matters. The budget was prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting employing generally accepted accounting principles and GASB compliance.



Property tax revenues will see an increase for 2016 due to the increase in assessed property values. The District will continue to maintain a stable and balanced financial condition, while continuing to provide professional fire protection and emergency services to the community.

## Fire and Life Safety

### Totals for the Year 2015

Plan Reviews/Permits  
59

New construction Code  
Compliance Inspections  
67

Existing Building Code  
Compliance Inspections  
432

Construction Projects  
Evaluations  
\$66,959,886.00

Fire Loss  
\$62,000.00

Public Education &  
Community Event  
Contacts  
4,645

The Fire and Life Safety Division is tasked with providing the highest level of fire prevention to the community through community education, business education, business inspections, code enforcement and detailed plan review. Under the direction of the Division Chief/Fire Marshal, the Fire and Life Safety Division and Operations Division personnel strive to provide residents and businesses within the Fire District the most updated information available to safely protect their home or place of business from fire and other hazards. Fire prevention has proven to be the most effective way to reduce loss of life and property.

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Webpage: [www.fairmountfire.org](http://www.fairmountfire.org)

Nextdoor.com: [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)



Open House 2015

Preschools, Elementary, Middle and High  
School Contacts

1,196

Colorado Railroad Museum Event(s)

Support Contacts

2,531

Fairmount Fire Station Community Open  
House(s) Contacts

918

Car Seat Checks/Information Sharing

56

Bicycle Helmet Fitting and Give-Aways

165

### Fire Safety Facts

- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean out the lint.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



### Fire Safety Facts

- Make an escape plan. Only one of every three American households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a long period of time or by a large amount of CO over a short period.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, & fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from the microwave ovens.

**How to contact Fairmount Fire Rescue:**

**Administration**  
4755 Isabell Street  
Golden, CO 80403  
Telephone: (303) 279-2928  
Fax: (303) 278-1252

**Station 31**  
4755 Isabell Street  
Golden, CO 80403

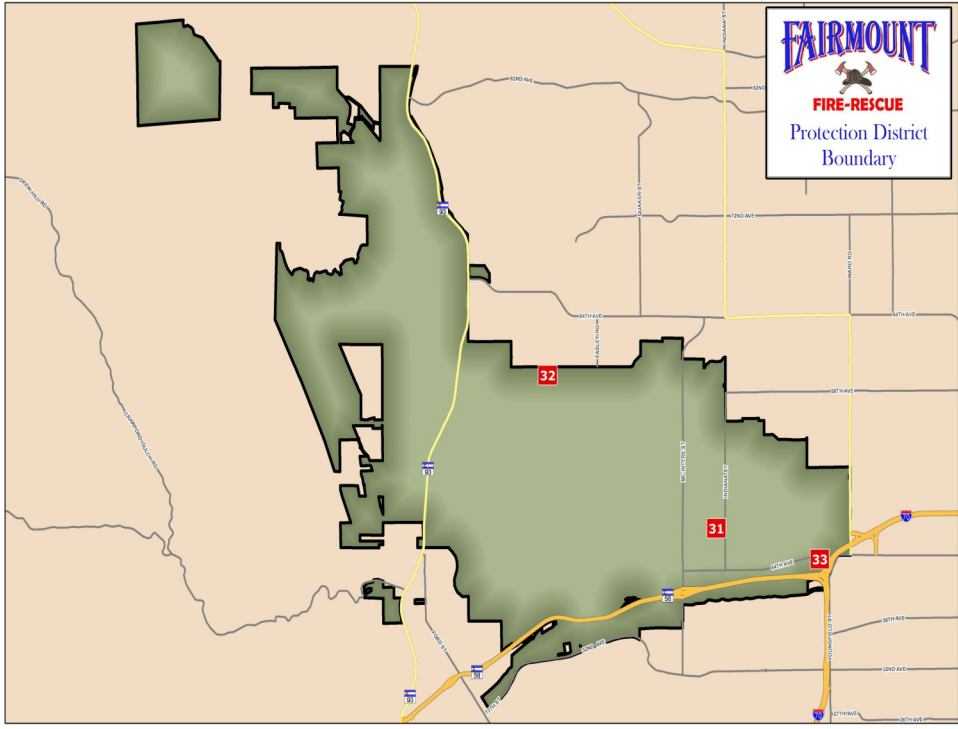
**Station 32**  
18208 W. 58th Drive  
Golden, CO 80403

**Station 33**  
12901 W. 43rd Drive  
Wheat Ridge, Co 80033

**Training Center**  
Unincorporated Jefferson County

**Who to Contact:**

- Fire Chief:**  
Alan F. Fletcher
- Assistant Fire Chief:**  
Joel Hager
- Fire Marshal:**  
Neil Rosenberger
- Office Manager:**  
DeAnn Boyles
- Admin Assistant:**  
Melisa Marcum
- Volunteer Coordinator/  
Training Captain:**  
Russ Lewis
- Fire Prevention Tech:**  
Robert Ipatenco
- Facilities:**  
Rick Goodman
- Information Technology:**  
Eric Simmons



**Fairmount Fire Board of Directors:**

- Craig Corbin (ccorbin@ffpdfire.org)
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The District is governed by a board of directors which, pursuant to the Special District Act, consists of five members. The members must be electors of the District as defined by state law and are elected to staggered four year terms of office at successive biennial elections.

Fairmount Fire Rescue offers Child Safety Seat services to our residents. To make an appointment, call (303) 279-2928. Please plan at least one week in advance.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact us at:  
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