



Fairmount Fire Protection District 2017 Annual Report

Coming in 2018:

- Community Open House at Station 31
June 2, 2018
(10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Community Open House at Station 32
September 8, 2018
(10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

For more upcoming events please visit our website:
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

In December of 2017, FFPD received exciting news from the Insurance Service Office (ISO) that effective April 1, 2018, the District's Public Protection Classification (PPC) will move from a Class 4/5 rating to a Class 2 rating. The rating scale is from 1-10, with 1 being the best rating. The ISO's PPC program accurately measures the effectiveness of public fire protection for structures in 48,000 fire districts across the country. Our Class 2 rating is in the top 3% in the U.S. and in the top 10% in Colorado. As a result, residences and businesses within the District may see insurance cost savings.

We successfully lowered the rating due to the hard work and dedication of our members, Board, surrounding fire departments and a great water system provided by North Table Mountain and Valley Water Districts.

In addition, the District refinanced its \$1.606 million loan of the Series 2006 General Obligation Bonds. The original Bonds had an



outstanding average interest rate of 4.4%. The financing in 2006 provided the funding to construct a fire station, training center, and purchase new District equipment.

The new general obligation loan was refinanced at a fixed interest rate of 1.84% providing for a present value savings of \$189,906. In addition to the savings realized through the refinancing, we were able to structure the refinancing so that the debt is paid off

four(4) years earlier than originally planned.

As we move into 2018, the District will continue to monitor the effects of the adjustment in the residential tax assessment rate which was reduced to 7.2% and continue to work with our neighboring agencies to provide the highest level of professional services to our community.

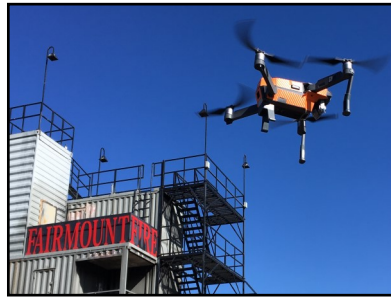
We are fortunate to have a great group of volunteers and paid staff that serve this community. Each member completes hundreds of hours of new training and continuing education each year to make sure we provide the highest level of professional services. We always welcome your comments and feedback regarding our services. To ask a question or provide any comments, please visit our web page or email us at admin@fairmount.org

Support Services

With today's ever-changing technologies, Fairmount Fire Protection District (FFPD) continues to strive for cost effective ways to improve emergency services to the persons and properties in our district.

In 2017, we updated half of our aging computers. The new computers are used by support staff, battalion chiefs, lieutenants, engineers and firefighters. These computers will help us to strive for the best possible community support and response.

We launched an exciting new drone program in 2017, called FAST (Fairmount Aerial Support Team). The FAST program is in its early design and test stages to ensure that it is beneficial to the district. We



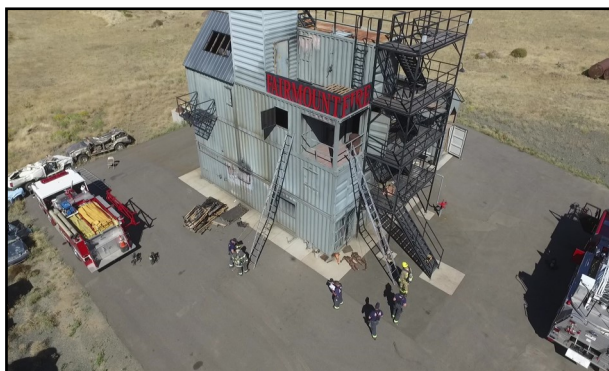
feel the FAST program will be an important support tool for fire emergencies, search and rescues, and fire pre plans.

In addition, we are preparing for the transition of our dispatching services to Jeffcom911 during the 1st quarter 2018. The Jeffcom911 transition should allow for better communications and response to and from FFPD and surrounding agencies.

Training

The Training Division continues to benefit from the incredible wealth of knowledge and skills that our line personnel bring to the community every day. In a district like ours that experiences lower call volumes, staying sharp through training becomes even more important. Our personnel exhibit initiative and persistence as they strive to perfect our craft with over 11,900 training hours logged in 2017.

We are also committed to developing our people by



encouraging opportunities to develop leadership and training skills. In 2017, 8 volunteers, engineers, and firefighters obtained the Fire Instructor-I certification in an effort to deliver the best training to our members. In turn, this will enhance the quality of service we provide to our community.

Sometimes we focus so much on the community we forget to take care of ourselves. In 2017, the members of the Training Division made a huge leap in developing wellness and peer support programs. Focusing on our people will only bring benefit to the community with retention of personnel and increased discretionary productivity.

In 2017, members also achieved certifications for Driver Operator (5), DO Pumper (2), DO Aerial (3), Fire Officer -I (1), Fire Instructor-I (8), Live Fire Instructor (10), Hazmat Technician (5), Firefighter-II (3), Firefighter-I (6), Hazmat Operations (7), Blue Card Command and Control (1), Peer Support (4), Car Seat Tech. (3), Fire Inspector (1), Fire Explosion and Investigator (1), Basic Wildland (8), and State Proctor (1).

Operations

In 2017, FFPD was staffed with 24 paid firefighters, 46 volunteer firefighters, and 3 civilian members. This dedicated and highly trained staff was committed to providing the highest quality of service for businesses and residences.

The District entered into an inter-governmental agreement with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) to provide an additional type 6 engine with personnel for the district between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm four days a week. The District hired one firefighter for this program and DFPC is supplying the engine and two firefighters. This engine is staffed with highly qualified wildland personnel with the goal to have them

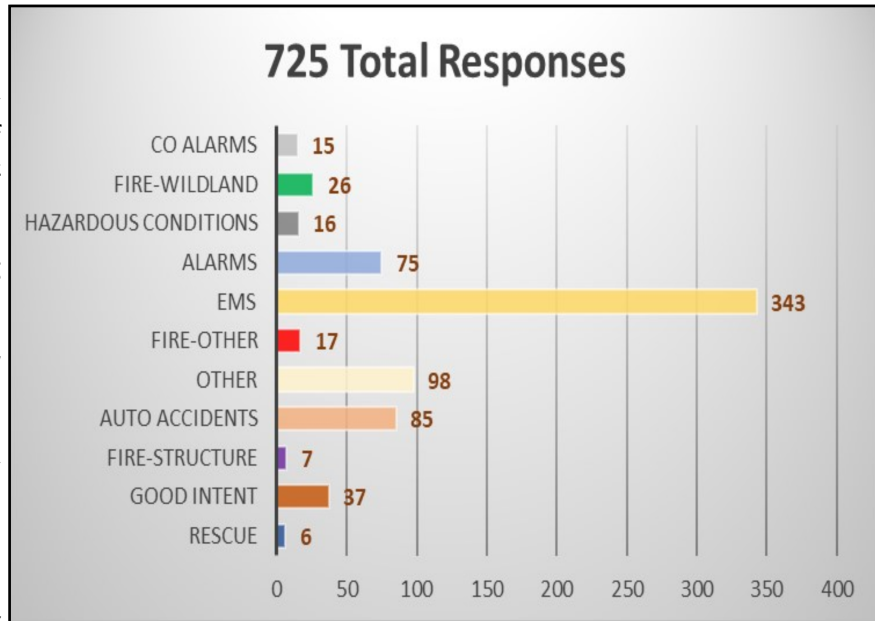
Operations (continued)

certified to respond to all-hazards incidents by the summer of 2018.

In an effort to reduce emergency response time to the citizens of the district, crews located at station 33 were relocated back to a more central location at station 31. The kitchen and living quarters were remodeled to accommodate the crew and the battalion chief. The training/operations divisions and DFPC crews were relocated to station 33. In addition, an emergency generator was installed at station 31 to keep the station powered during outages.

We started a reserve volunteer

program and ten volunteers were selected to participate. These ten volunteers cover one firefighter position 24/7, 365 days a year. This has allowed FFPD to improve guaranteed minimum engine crew staffing to three personnel. Additionally, we were able to use shift volunteers to more frequently increase engine staffing to four personnel.



An order was placed for a Pierce 107 foot aerial apparatus with a 1500 gpm pump to replace the aging 1985 75 foot aerial. This will be delivered in late 2018 and will be placed into service at station 31 in 2019.

Cancer has been recognized as a major cause of work related deaths and illnesses in firefighters. The critical areas of exposure were found to be the face, head and neck. We purchased new hoods to help protect against the transmission of carcinogens to these areas of the body.

Wildland Eight firefighters graduated from the FFPD Wildland Fire Academy. Firefighters also attended classes and acquired advanced certifications at the Colorado Wildfire and Incident Management Academy.

2017 was a very active wildland fire season and our firefighters/apparatus responded to wildland fires in our district and elsewhere in Jefferson County. Our largest in-district wildland fire was on South Table Mountain and was successfully controlled by FFPD personnel and mutual aid resources. We also deployed to wildland fires within Colorado, three other western states, and Georgia/Florida. Deployments outside of the District provide our personnel with valuable experience that better prepares them to safely and efficiently manage wildland fires locally.

Twenty-nine supplemental emergency responders on the Fairmount Incident Response (F.I.R.E.) Team were deployed to assist with response efforts, including hurricane responses, on eighty-eight incidents in sixteen different states. Several of these individuals also donated their time and expertise to assist with projects for the FFPD.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

FFPD responded to approximately 500 incidents requiring some aspect of medical evaluation during 2017. For each of those medical calls, competent and compassionate treatment was delivered by firefighters certified as EMTs, Paramedics, or First Responders. The EMS Division ensured each of those responders was prepared to deliver a high level of patient care by delivering frequent training and conducting recurrent evaluations of each provider's medical skills and protocol competency.

The EMS Division reviewed all EMS training records and patient care reports, communicated training information to state and federal agencies for compliance verification, and ensured each medical call was



evaluated through a quality assurance process conducted under the guidance of FFPD's medical director.

Throughout 2017, updates were made to FFPD's medical protocols. These protocols were developed and approved by emergency physicians from the Denver Metro region and received updates in January and July.

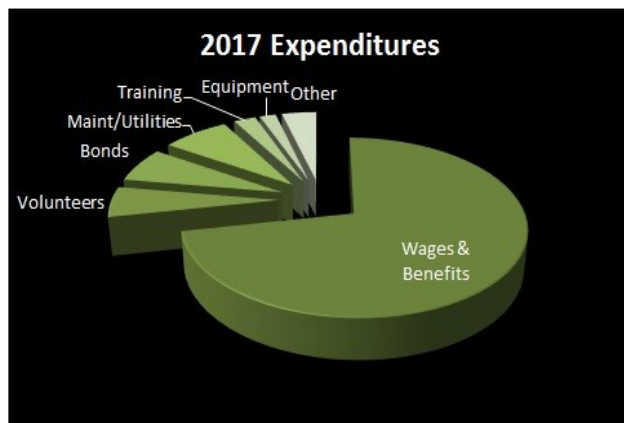
2017 was a year of continued partnerships. Working with AMR ambulance

service, crews from both the ambulance and fire engine enhanced their teamwork and communication by participating in frequent EMS training. AMR supported FFPD's mission by staffing multiple ambulances 24/7 in the Golden area. This partnership has reduced the time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at the scene of a call.

FFPD provided medical training to our community business partners. 61 civilian medical classes were taught during 2017. Almost 400 participants attended these classes with topics ranging from CPR to Emergency Medical Responder.

Financial

The State lowered the residential tax rate for 2018 from 7.9% to 7.2% due to the Gallagher Amendment and an increase in the property assessment rates. The District was still able to see financial growth as a result of new construction, however, future growth may be reduced because the residential tax rate can not be raised due to the Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR). For more information, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26XNSVyKubU>.



In 2017, the District maintained a stable and balanced financial condition, while continuing to provide the highest level of professional fire protection and emergency services to the community. The District is funded through property taxes with a mill levy rate of 11.795 for 2018.

Fire and Life Safety

Totals for 2017

Plan Reviews/Permits
52

New construction Code
Compliance Inspections
64

Existing Building Code
Compliance Inspections
419

Construction Projects
Evaluations
\$16,408,164

Fire Loss
\$1,755,000

Value of Property
Preserved
\$9,000,000

Public Education &
Community Event
Contacts
5,321

Fast facts about fire:

- ⇒ 50 percent of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- ⇒ 25 percent of home fire deaths are caused by bedroom fires.
- ⇒ 25 percent of home fire deaths are caused by fires that start in the living room, family room or den.
- ⇒ 3 out of 5 home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- ⇒ On average, 7 people die in U.S. home fires per day.
- ⇒ Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment.
- ⇒ Smoking materials are the leading cause of home fire deaths.

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.



Open House

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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.



Smoke Detector & Carbon
Monoxide Detector Installations,
and Home Fire/ Life
Safety Reviews

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Sharing

74

Bicycle Helmet Fitting and
Giveaways

218

Home fire sprinklers:

- ⇒ If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.
- ⇒ Sprinklers reduce direct property damage by about 70 percent per fire.
- ⇒ Research shows that when sprinklers were present during a fire, the fire is kept to the room of origin 97 percent of the time.
- ⇒ Roughly 85 percent of the time, just one sprinkler operates during a fire.
- ⇒ Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to go off when it senses significant heat change.
- ⇒ Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.

How to contact Fairmount Fire:

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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
Highway 93,
Unincorporated Jefferson
County

Who to Contact:

Fire Chief:
Alan F. Fletcher

Assistant Fire Chief:
Joel Hager

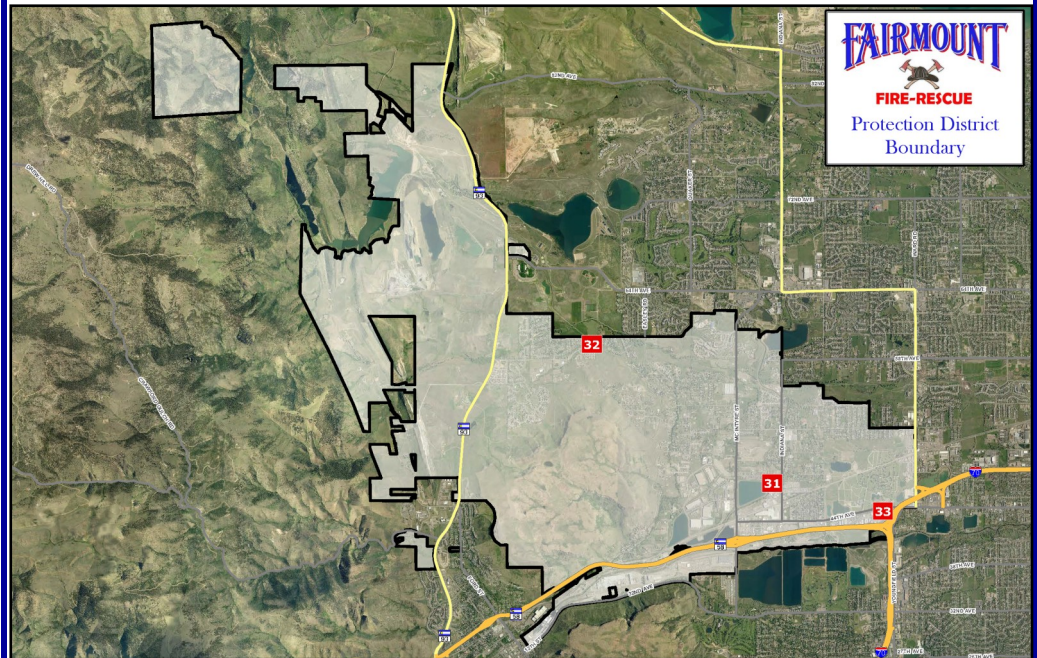
Fire Marshal:
Neil Rosenberger

Office Manager:
DeAnn Boyles

Training Captain:
Russ Lewis

Fire/Life Safety Officer:
Robert Ipatenco

Facilities:
Rick Goodman



Fairmount Fire Board of Directors:

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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.

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