



### Events in 2019:

- Community Open House at Station 32 April 27, 2019 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Community Open House at Station 31 September 14, 2019 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

For more upcoming events please visit our website:  
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# Fairmount Fire Protection District 2018 Annual Report

### 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 March of 2018, Fairmount Fire Rescue became part of the new Jefferson County Communications Center Authority (Jeffcom). Jeffcom is a newly consolidated communications center serving as a vital link between emergency services and the community in Jefferson County.

Jeffcom works with local fire, police, and emergency medical service providers to dispatch the appropriate emergency responders, as well as to provide support for public safety education. Now all emergency services are located within the same center, making notifications to nearby agencies more efficient. This has also allowed Fairmount to establish a more effective relationship between fire departments and increased our ability to receive and send emergency services between agencies when needed.

Thanks to the community, the fire district passed ballot initiative 6A. This has stabilized the amount the district receives in taxes and how much a resident will pay in taxes each year.

The fire district was able to purchase a replacement aerial apparatus that will serve the community for many years into the future (Truck 31). This is a primary response vehicle that, in addition to pumping water, is equipped with a 107' aerial ladder.

The department has worked for several years toward an internationally recognized accreditation model through

the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). In December of 2018, an accreditation team arrived to evaluate the department for accreditation. After several days of interviews, inspections and review of documentation, the peer team recommended Fairmount for accreditation. We will be going before the commission in March of 2019 at which time we hope to be confirmed. Nationally, there are currently only 258 agencies that have received this recognition. In Colorado, there are only 15 accredited agencies.



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@fairmountfire.org](mailto:admin@fairmountfire.org)



## Support Services

2018 was a busy year for Support Services, in addition to the everchanging requirements of cybersecurity, GIS mapping and data analytics were on the forefront.

Cybersecurity is or should be on everyone's mind in today's technology environment. 92% of malware attacks were delivered via email and now cryptomining and file-less malware are becoming the frontrunners outpacing ransomware attacks. In 2018, FFPD strived to ensure that all of the network devices and systems were kept up to date with current firmware and other software/hardware that protects the network and its users. Geofencing along with other technologies were used in this battle. FFPD will continue its efforts to remain on the cybersecurity forefront in 2019 and in the years to come.



GIS zone, demographics and other mapping along with incident data analytical projects were developed and utilized across FFPD departments for training and to analyze our services to the FFPD community.

ESRI Arc GIS Pro® and Tableau® are among the tools that were implemented and are used to generate our weekly reports, station dashboards as well as our data reports prepared for Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) accreditation. 2019 will bring new challenges, however these tools will help bring cost effective solutions to any challenge that arises.

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## Training

Fairmount Fire is comprised of dedicated people that take fire and emergency services training very seriously. In 2018, eighty-six people trained over 11,360 hours. The constant commitment and positive attitudes to train and mentor each other is second to none!

The goal of the Training Division is to support our responders that are directly responsible to provide service to our community. To do this, we encourage our members to take initiative to drive our training needs. They are where the knowledge is! In 2018, we enhanced our support of specialized trainings and certifications for individuals to become subject matter experts. Those individuals can then bring expertise to the rest of the organization to provide the right training, at the right time, with the right people!

In 2018, a major effort towards recruitment and retention of our volunteer force occurred. Identifying the changing and unique needs of volunteers is being assessed. Our dedicated volunteers are largely responsible for the depth we have as a fire department

and we are committed to evolve and create a mutually beneficial and sustainable relationship with them.

State Certifications obtained in 2018 include the following: Driver Operator (1), Driver Operator Pumper (2), Driver Operator Aerial (1), Driver Operator Tender (2),



Firefighter-II (14), Hazmat Technician (1), Fire Instructor-I (3), Live Fire Instructor (1), Rope Rescue Specialist-I/II (1). In addition, a number of other certifications were obtained relating to wildland, EMS, fire/life safety, and the CFAI program.

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## Operations

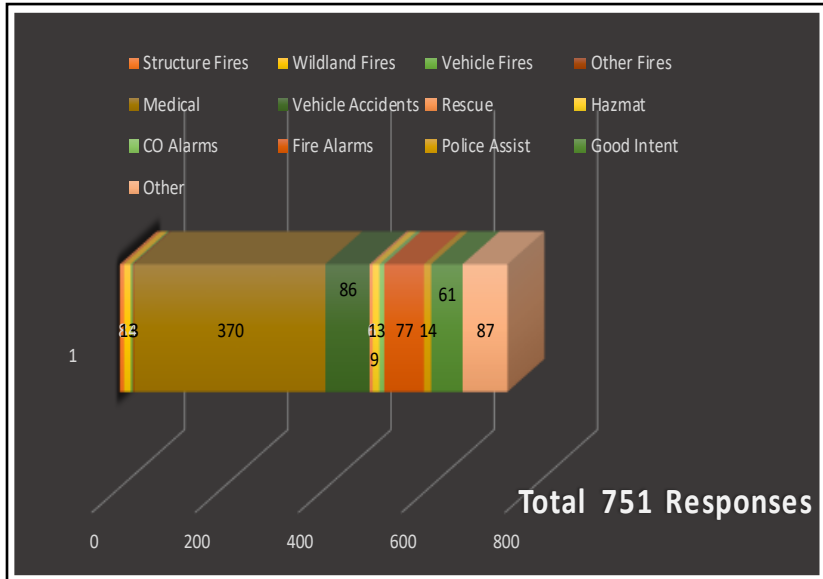
In 2018, FFPD was staffed with 24 paid firefighters, 48 volunteer firefighters, and 3 civilian members. This staff logged eleven thousand hours of training and dozens of strategic meetings in preparing themselves to provide the highest quality of service for businesses and residences.

The District added two more auto aid agreements with neighboring departments. These agreements ensure that there are sufficient personnel on scene of structure fires to keep the firefighters and residents safe from injury and to minimize property loss.

## Operations (continued)

FFPD is committed to being a qualified and fully prepared combination department. The volunteer reserve program has balanced the need for consistency in staffing and has resulted in minimum staffing of three firefighters at each station 24/7, 365. Many shifts even have staffing of four firefighters at each station.

FFPD assisted eleven neighboring departments with mutual aid or auto aid on 43 incidents. These incidents ranged from a large commercial fire to wildland fires and specialized rescues. We received aid from other agencies on 18 incidents. This cooperative interagency working relationship provides high quality specialized resources to resolve emergencies within all of our communities.



The end of 2018 saw the arrival of the department’s new 107’ Pierce Ascendant aerial apparatus. After over a year of hard work, the apparatus committee saw it put into service on December 31, 2018. The apparatus has a 107’ ladder with a 1200 gpm master stream, 1500 gpm pump, and carries a full complement of firefighting, EMS and rescue equipment. This allows the district to run a first due engine company and truck company to all structure fires.



This new aerial replaces a 1985 aerial which was sold at a reduced price to the Rocky Ford Fire Department in southeast Colorado. It will be able to provide a much needed service to their community.

In addition, all three stations were equipped with stand-alone power generators to maintain power at the stations during power outages resulting from natural disasters or other causes. This allows the department to be fully functional at all times to best serve the members of our community.

**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. Personnel also served on the Jefferson County All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

We had another active wildland fire season and our firefighters/apparatus responded to wildland fires in our district and elsewhere in Jefferson County. Our engines spent 65 days in Jefferson County working as initial attack resources on the Pike San Isabell National Forest. We also deployed for 36 days on wildland fires within Colorado and Wyoming. These deployments continue to provide our personnel with valuable experience that better prepares them to safely and efficiently manage wildland fires within our fire district and neighboring agencies within Jefferson County.



Thirty-one supplemental emergency responders on the **Fairmount Incident ResponseE (F.I.R.E.)** Team were deployed to assist with response efforts, including hurricane responses, on 91 incidents in many 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 525 incidents requiring medical evaluations during 2018. For each of those medical calls, compassionate and professional treatment was provided by firefighters certified as EMTs or Paramedics. FFPD 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.

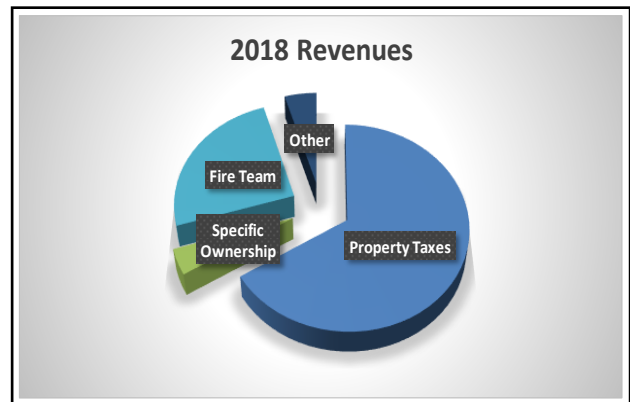
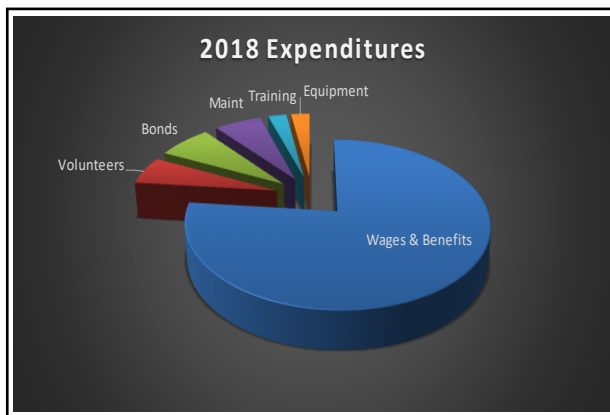
Throughout 2018, updates were made to FFPD's medical protocols. These protocols were developed and approved by emergency physicians from the Denver Metro region and FFPD received updates in January and July.

2018 was a year of continued inter-agency cooperation. EMS trainings were conducted with FFPD engine crews and AMR ambulance personnel which improved communication and teamwork. 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. 57 civilian medical classes were taught during 2018. Approximately 400 participants attended these classes with topics ranging from CPR to Emergency Medical Responder.

## Financial

In 2018, the citizens of the Fairmount Fire Protection District voted to approve Initiative 6A. This authorizes the fire district to increase its mill levy to keep property tax revenues it would otherwise lose if the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) is lowered in the future due to the Gallagher Amendment. This will stabilize revenues allowing the fire district to proportionally adjust its mill levy so that the equivalent amount of taxes will be collected each year.



In 2018, the District continued to maintain 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 11.849 for 2019.

## Fire and Life Safety

### 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

### Community Risk Reduction Totals for 2018:

- Plan Reviews/Permits = 51
- New construction Code Compliance Inspections = 75
- Existing Building Code Compliance Inspections = 315
- Construction Projects Evaluations = \$22,426,106
- Fire Loss = \$600,020
- Value of Property Preserved = \$17,000,000
- Public Education & Community Event Contacts = 5,864

### Follow Fairmount Fire Protection District:

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Our Webpage:

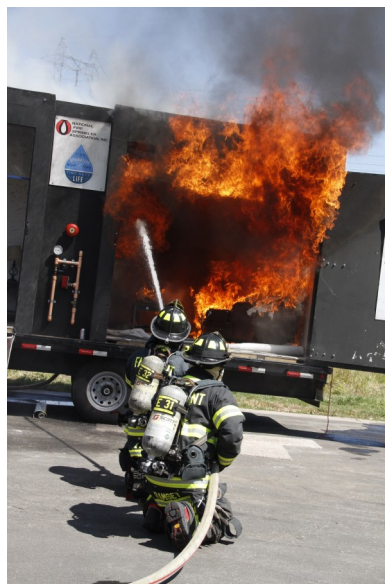
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### Fire Station Community Open Houses in 2018:



### Knox® HomeBox®:

We now participate in the Knox® HomeBox® Rapid Response Program. Please contact our office for more information about how this



program can save valuable time for our crews when responding to emergencies at your home.

### Fire Extinguisher Trainer:

A BullEx® Fire Extinguisher Trainer was purchased in 2018. The trainer utilizes modern laser technology and a high definition monitor as well as air driven fire extinguishers which look, feel, and operate the same as real fire extinguishers found in homes and businesses throughout the community. This sleek and efficient method for hands-on fire extinguisher training is available for area businesses, schools, homeowners associations,



community groups and service clubs. It will also be demonstrated at our community open houses on April 27th and September 14th of this year. For additional information please call our administrative offices at (303) 279-2928.

## How to contact Fairmount Fire:

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**Station 32**  
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**Training Center**  
Highway 93,  
Unincorporated Jefferson  
County

## Who to Contact:

**Fire Chief:**  
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**Assistant Fire Chief:**  
Joel Hager

**Fire Marshal:**  
Neil Rosenberger

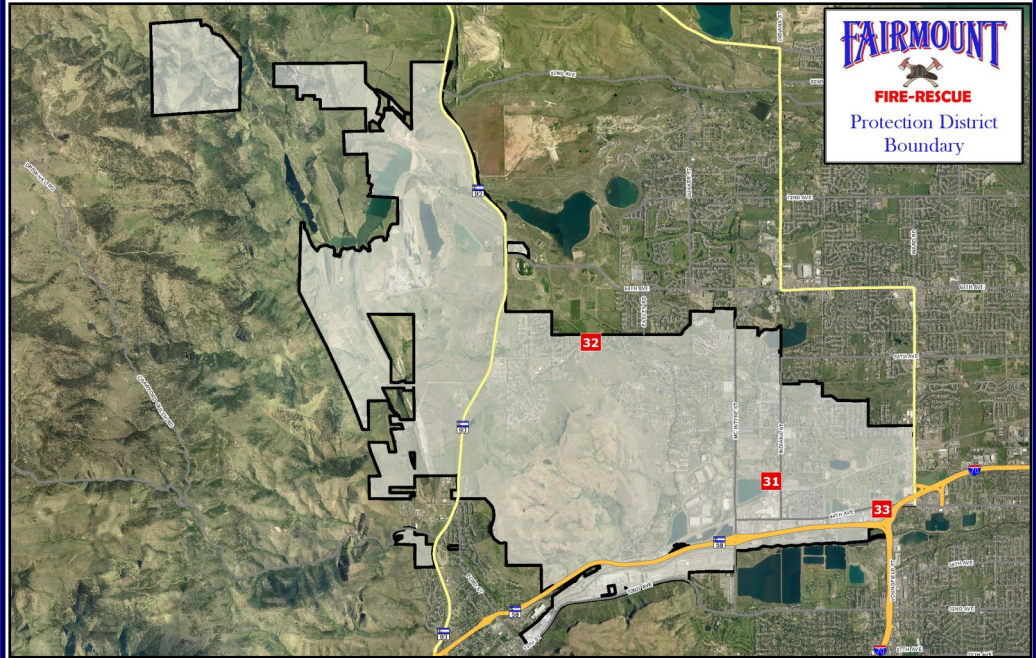
**Office Manager:**  
DeAnn Boyles

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Nicole Rendon

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Russ Lewis

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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: **(303) 279-2928**  
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