



### Events in 2020:

Due to the pandemic, all community open houses will be cancelled until further notice. Please see our web page for updates. [Fairmountfire.org](http://Fairmountfire.org)

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

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# Fairmount Fire Protection District 2019 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 2019, Fairmount Fire Rescue received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's self-assessment and accreditation program.



The FFPD is one of only 266 agencies which have achieved International Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE). This achievement of Accredited Agency status demonstrates the commitment of our agency to provide the highest quality of service to our community.

We have been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this agency and identify areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provide. This is truly a testament to the professionalism of our members, as well as their training and commitment to our community and area partners.

We were also proud to announce that we received a Class I rating from the Insurance Service Office (ISO). The rating scale is from 1-10, with 1 being the best rating. The Class I rating is the highest possible score that can be given to any fire department nationwide. Fairmount Fire Rescue previously received a Class 2 rating from ISO in January 2017.

The newest rating is due to the hard work and dedication by its members, Board of

Directors and the surrounding fire agencies that assist Fairmount Fire Rescue with additional resources when needed. Additionally, we credit the North Table Mountain and Valley Water Districts for providing a well-established and maintained water system to the area.

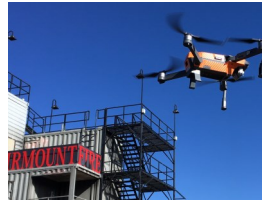
Our continuing mission in 2020 will be to continually evaluate and improve our services wherever possible to ensure we provide the highest level of professional services.

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



## Support Services

With Fairmount Fire Rescue's approval for international accreditation comes continued performance monitoring. In 2019, FFPD created tools to monitor Jeffcom911's ability to diagnose a 911 call or alarm, and assign Fairmount Fire's resources to the incident, along with tools to analyze other FFPD data as it pertains to incidents, such as turnout times, travel times and response times. Utilizing these data tool, FFPD analyzes the response data, sets benchmarks and works with Jeffcom911 and neighboring districts to work towards achieving these benchmarks. For example, upon recommendations from Fairmount Fire, Arvada Fire and West Metro Fire, Jeffcom911 implemented pre-alerting which reduced call handling times resulting in faster responses and better service to our districts.



In 2019, as is the new normal, cybersecurity continued to be an ever present threat. FFPD continued to improve threat monitoring implementing new hardware and software, along with cybersecurity awareness training in efforts to keep the threats out.

FFPD, in an effort to be more Eco-friendly we implemented electronic purchase order tracking, electronic time sheet tracking and time-off request for the administration staff. FFPD will continue to evaluate cost saving technologies that help our environment

## Training

Fairmount Fire is comprised of dedicated people that take fire and emergency services training very seriously. In 2019, eighty-six people trained over 10,868 hours. The constant commitment and positive attitudes to train and mentor each other is second to none!

In November of 2019 the District hired a new training captain to take over the vacated position. Captain Hartigan comes with many years of experience in Colorado and has a true passion for training. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to his service.

Continued effort towards recruitment and retention of our volunteer force occurred. Assessments to the volunteer program were completed and changes have been made to the program. Although the challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified firefighters continues to be problematic. The district will stay committed to developing new and creative ways to overcome this issue.



State Certifications obtained in 2019 include the following: Driver Operator (1), Driver Operator Pumper (2), , Driver Operator Tender (1), Firefighter-I (14), Firefighter-II (1), Hazmat Ops (17), Hazmat Technician (1), Fire Instructor-I (1), Live Fire Instructor (1), Rope Rescue Specialist-I/II (2), Incident Safety Officer-(1). In addition, a number of other certifications were obtained relating to wildland, EMS, fire/life safety, the CFAI program and National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer. In addition the district renewed 88 various certifications.

## Operations

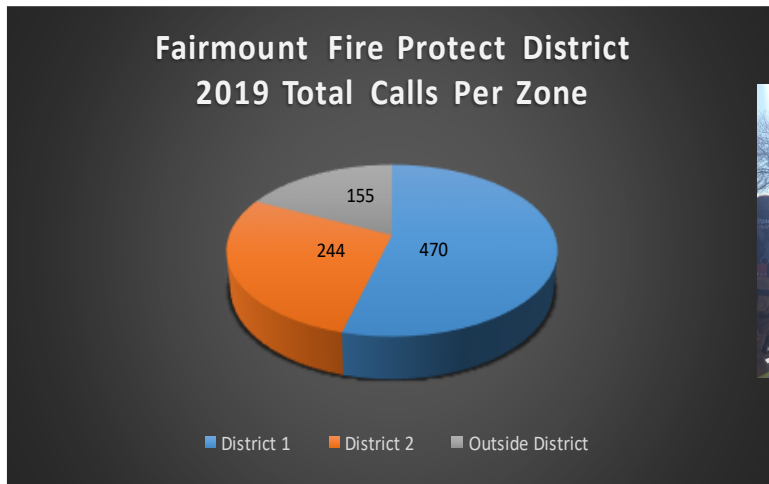
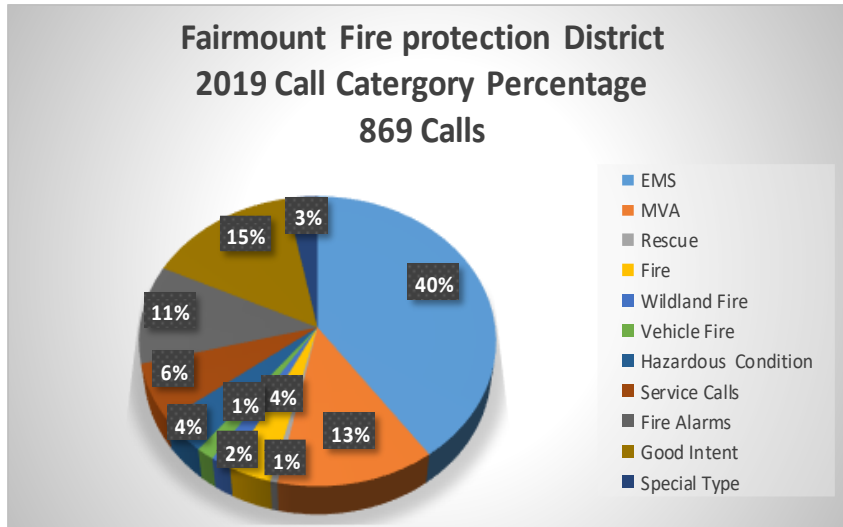
In 2019, FFPD was staffed with 27 paid firefighters, 41 volunteer firefighters, and 3 civilian administrative personnel. This staff logged over ten thousand hours of training and dozens of strategic meetings in preparing themselves to provide the highest quality of service for businesses and residences.

The District hired three additional firefighters to ensure 24/7 staffing with three personnel at both station 31 and 32. Both reserve and shift volunteers fill the fourth seat in the apparatus allowing the district to be staffed with a four person engine company and truck company.

### Operations (continued)

FFPD assisted 9 neighboring departments with mutual aid or auto aid on 155 incidents. These incidents ranged from structure fires, wildland fires, specialized rescues, EMS and motor vehicle accidents. We received aid from 5 different neighboring agencies on 51 incidents. This cooperative inter-agency working relationship provides high quality specialized resources to resolve emergencies within all of our communities.

In 2019 a three year project was started to replace HVAC units at stations 31 and 32. A new battalion chief vehicle was purchased and put in service along with a new set electric-hydraulic extrication tools were put in service on Truck 31.



**Wildland** Thirteen 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 a less active wildland fire season and our firefighters/apparatus responded to wildland fires in our district and elsewhere in Jefferson County. We also deployed for on wildland fires in California. 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.

Twenty-eight supplemental emergency responders on the Fairmount Incident Response (F.I.R.E.) Team were deployed to assist with response efforts, including hurricane responses, on 81 incidents in nine 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 460 incidents requiring medical care during 2019. For each of those medical calls, compassionate treatment was provided by Fairmount firefighters certified at the EMT or Paramedic level. FFPD ensured each of those responders was prepared to deliver exceptional patient care by providing



frequent medical training to all of its members.

The EMS Division reviewed all EMS training records and patient care reports, communicated training information to state and federal agencies for compliance purposes, and ensured each medical call was evaluated through a quality assurance process conducted under the guidance of FFPD's medical director.

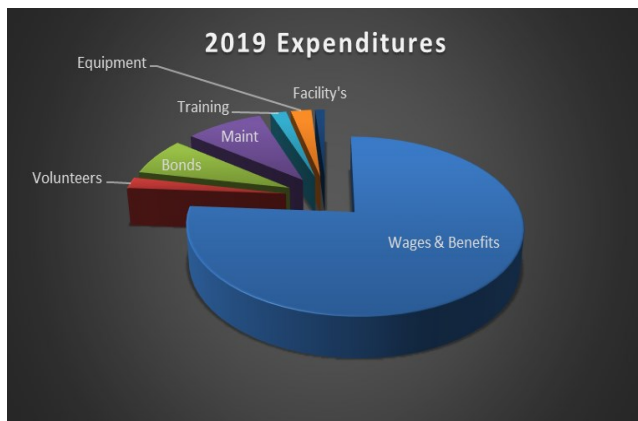
Throughout 2019, updates were made to FFPD's medical protocols. These protocols were developed and approved by emergency medical physicians from the Denver Metro region. Updates to the protocols occurred twice during 2019.

2019 was a year of continued inter-agency cooperation. EMS training was conducted with FFPD engine crews and AMR ambulance personnel. The result of such training was improved communication and teamwork. AMR supported FFPD's mission by staffing multiple ambulances, 24/7, for response within the borders of the FFPD. This partnership has enhanced FFPD's ability to provide exceptional and timely medical care to our residents.

FFPD provided medical training to our community business partners. 60 civilian medical classes were taught in 2019. Close to 350 participants attended these classes with topics ranging from CPR to Emergency Medical Responder.

## Financial

The FFPD Board of Directors (BOD) and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) provide direction in the budget and planning matters by establishing direction and providing policies when needed. The FFPD provides a balanced budget in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute Title 29-1-101 and the BOD oversees the budget process through monthly meetings and the annual budget planning process. The BOD, through



resolution, adopts the Budget annually and approves expenditures monthly.

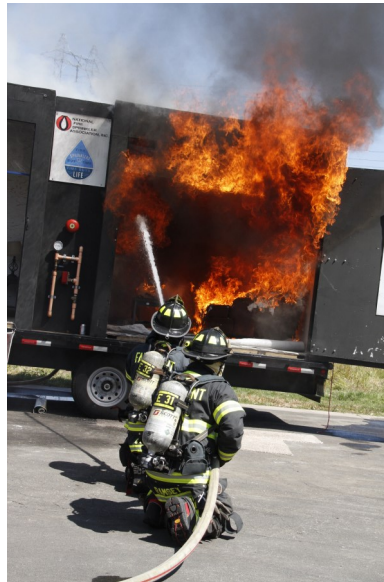
The District continued to maintained a stable and balanced financial condition, while continuing to provide the highest level of professional fire protection and emergency services to the community. The District is funded through property taxes with a mill levy rate of 11.849 for 2019.



## Fire and Life Safety

Under the direction of the Division Chief/ Fire Marshal, the Fire and Life Safety Division personnel strive to provide residents and businesses within the fire district the most updated safety information and education opportunities available.

The goal is to protect life and property from loss or damage due to fire emergencies. The division works within the community through community education, business education, business inspections, code enforcement and detailed plan review which has proven to be the most effective way to reduce loss of life and property.



### 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.



### Community Risk Reduction Totals for 2019:

Plan Reviews/Permits = 58

New construction Code Compliance Inspections = 80

Existing Building Code Compliance Inspections = 333

Fire Loss = \$261,000

Public Education & Community Event Contacts = 2,569



### Follow Fairmount Fire Protection District:

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

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

Twitter: [@fairmountFD](https://twitter.com/fairmountFD)

## How to contact Fairmount Fire:

### Administration

4755 Isabell Street  
Golden, CO 80403  
Telephone: (303) 279-2928  
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### 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:**  
Robert Ipatenco

**Office Manager:**  
DeAnn Boyles

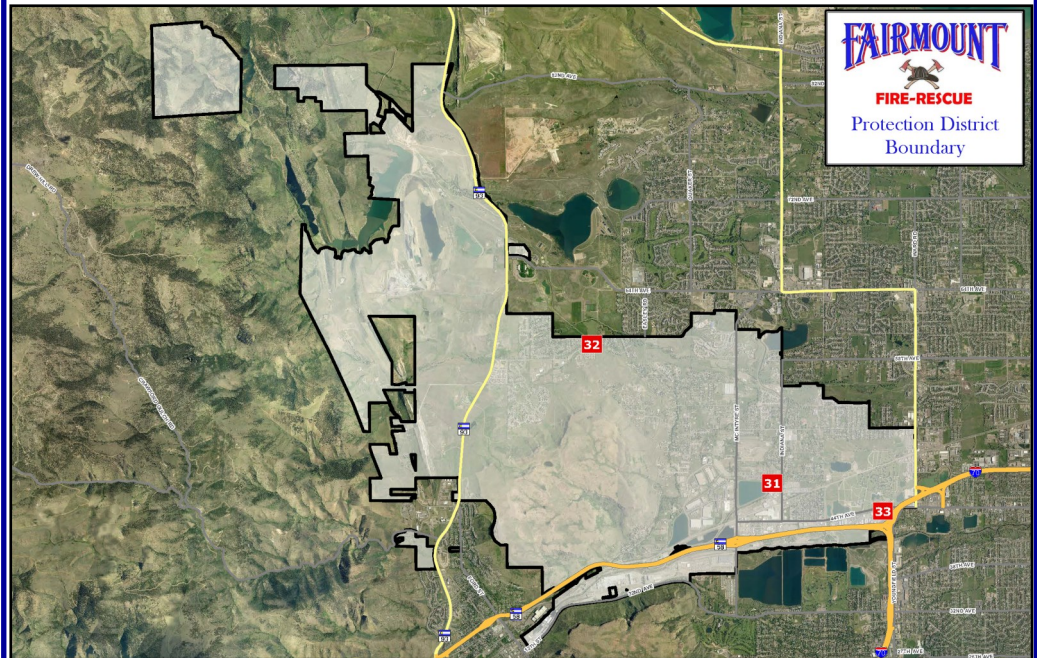
**Administrative Assistant:**  
Jaime Sklenar

**Deployment Billing:**  
Nicole Rendon

**Training Captain:**  
Paul Hartigan

**Fire/Life Safety Tech:**  
Brycen Hammer

**Equipment/Facilities:**  
Rick Goodman



## Fairmount Fire Board of Directors:

Robert Wilson II (rwilson@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.

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