



Events in 2021:

Due to the pandemic, all community open houses will be cancelled until further notice. Please see our webpage for updates.

Please visit our website for updates and additional information:
www.fairmountfire.org

Inside this Report:

Support Services	2
Training	2
Operations	2-3
Wildland	3
EMS	4
Finance	4
Fire and Life Safety	5
How to Contact Us	6

Fairmount Fire Protection District 2020 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

The continuing pandemic has challenged us as an agency, professionally and personally. The lack of public events, open houses, and day to day interactions with our citizens has been difficult. The stress on our community, family, friends, and schools has been overwhelming at times.



Through all of this, the members of the FFPD have continued to provide the highest level of professional services to our community. Facing constant uncertainty and challenges, they managed to respond to every situation, take care of themselves, each other, and their families. I could not be prouder of the dedication, commitment, integrity, safety, and overall

excellence they portray every day. We look forward to the possibility of more normalcy in the coming months.

This year marks our 60th year of service to the community of Fairmount. The department has seen many changes since the beginning in 1961 as a farming community to the urban residential and commercial area of today. The original vision statement of the Fairmount Improvement Association describes the community in part as an enclave with a strong sense of community—a quieter transitional region in the midst of surrounding municipalities. Although the area has seen tremendous growth, Fairmount remains a quieter community set amidst the hustle and bustle of today.

Our vision statement says, “To excel in providing professional emergency services through innovation, partnering, responsibility, transparen-

cy, and continuous improvement”. As a way of partnering in 2021, the FFPD will be working with a contractor to study cooperative ways we can work more effectively with our neighbors, Pleasant View Fire Department and Golden Fire Department. We will have recommendations presented by mid-year for the agencies to consider moving forward.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding our services. To ask a question or provide comments, please visit our website or email us:

admin@fairmountfire.org



Support Services

In 2020 Fairmount Fire Support Services spent much of the time working with staff to automate and streamline business processes and data reporting. In addition, Support Services migrated email and other services to the cloud, utilizing Microsoft 365® and of course cybersecurity is always on the forefront in Support Services.

2020 brought the roll out of Office 365® for the district. Office 365® allows for team project collaboration, more efficient training and communication with the Fairmount staff as well as the surrounding districts, by providing a platform for virtual hosted meeting and live training events. Office 365® provided staff with the ability to use cloud storage and Support Services was also able to offload mission critical services such as email and Share-

Point®, thus prolonging the life of our on-premise technology infrastructure.

Cybersecurity was once again a Support Services focus in 2020. Support Services continued to educate staff and implement/maintain security hardware and software.



In 2021 Fairmount Support Services will continue to look for ways to help the Fairmount staff better serve the community.

Training

Fairmount Fire is comprised of dedicated personnel committed to refining their ability to deliver all-hazards emergency services. Much of this improvement occurs through participation in training. In 2020, 108 people completed approximately 10,000 hours of documented training. FFPD is committed to the personal and professional growth of its firefighters.

In July of 2020, the District created the position of Division Chief of Training and EMS. Battalion Chief Lugenbill was promoted to this new role. The Training Division is now led by a chief officer and training captain that direct the efforts of the division. Subject matter experts from within the organization serve as training coordinators for topics ranging from technical rescue to hazardous materials operations.

Recruitment and retention of district members remains a high priority. In 2020, several recruiting events were conducted to identify ideal candidates to join the Fairmount team. A comprehensive review of the recruiting process and volunteer program was conducted. The

result was an enhanced lateral volunteer firefighter program and improvements to the new member training program. The District remains committed to exploring and developing new and creative ways to address the national trend of decreased volunteerism.



2020 was a year of increased training with regional partners. FFPD participated in joint trainings with our neighboring agencies. The benefit of such training is improved relationships, enhanced communication, and equipment familiarization, all of which translates to better delivery of emergency services to the communities we serve.

Operations

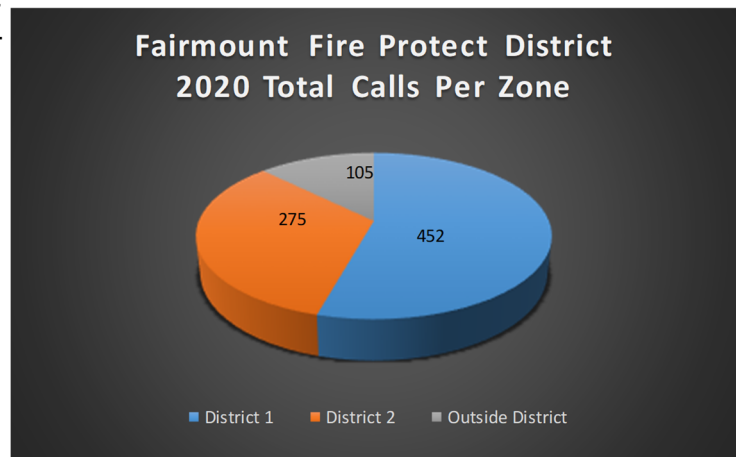
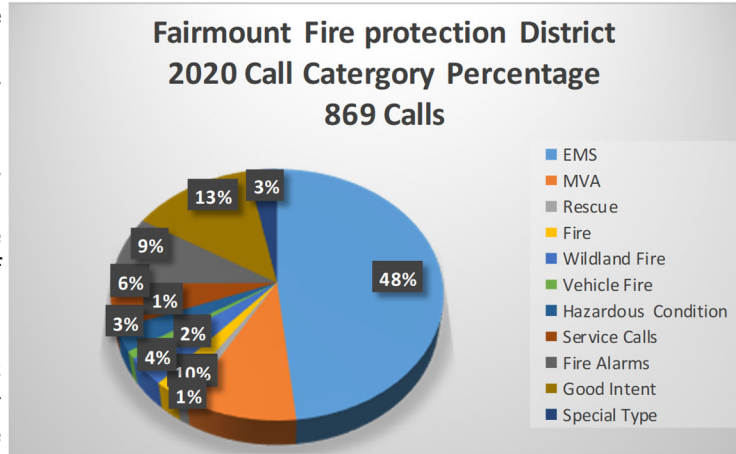
In 2020, FFPD was staffed with 29 paid firefighters, 46 volunteer firefighters, and 4 civilian administrative personnel. 2020 saw the promotions of Matt Gold to Battalion Chief, Dillon Carson to Lieutenant, as well as Sung Lee and Scott Compertore to Engineer. Kyle Varney and Brycen Hammer were hired from the volunteer firefighter ranks.

The District remained committed to ensuring minimum staffing of three personnel 24/7 at stations 31 and 32. Reserve and shift volunteers filled 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 10 neighboring departments with mutual or auto aid on 83 incidents. These incidents included structure fires, wildland fires, specialized rescues, EMS, and motor vehicle accidents. We received aid from 5 neighboring agencies on 32 incidents. These cooperative interagency working relationships provide high quality specialized resources to effectively manage emergencies within our communities.

In 2020, station 32 had both HVAC units replaced and three units were replaced at station 31. The parking lots at all three stations were repaired and seal coated. A new operations chief vehicle was purchased and put in service. Brush 33 was converted into a squad truck to be used for technical rescue incidents. A set of electric hydraulic extrication tools was purchased for engine 32. Various sizes of dated fire hose were replaced and the third phase of nozzle replacements was completed. Multiple pieces of technical rescue equipment were also replaced.



Wildland 13 firefighters graduated from the FFPD Wildland Fire Academy. Firefighters also attended classes and acquired advanced certifications at the Colorado Wildfire and Incident Management Academy as well as in Florida. Personnel on the Jefferson County All-Hazards Incident Management Team responded on the Elephant Butte fire in Evergreen as well operating a COVID-19 testing site for first responders.



2020 was a very active wildland fire season and our firefighters/apparatus responded to wildland fires in our district and 10 other incidents in Colorado. We also responded to wildland fires in California. In total, 16 fire department members were deployed on incidents for 111 days. These deployments provide our personnel with valuable experience that better prepares them to efficiently and safely operate on wildland fires within our fire district and neighboring agencies within Jefferson County.

28 supplemental emergency responders on the **Fairmount Incident Response (F.I.R.E.) Team** were assigned to wildland fires and COVID-19 support on 127 incidents in 10 states for a total of 1513 days. 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 450 incidents requiring medical care during 2020. For each of those medical calls, compassionate treatment was provided by Fairmount firefighters certified at the EMT or Paramedic level. The FFPD ensured each of those responders was prepared to deliver exceptional patient care by providing frequent medical training and conducting evaluations.

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 2020, 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 2020.

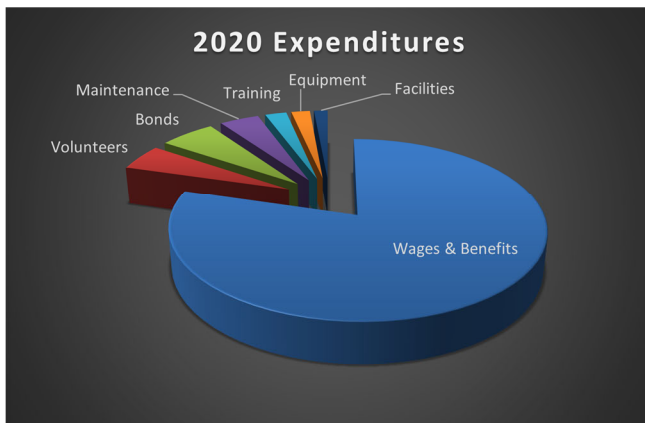
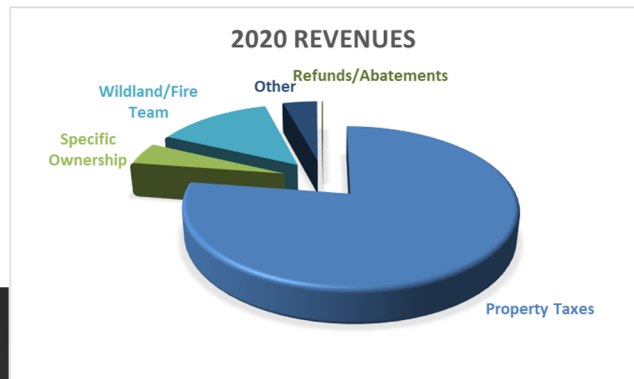
2020 was a year of new partnerships and enhanced interagency cooperation. FFPD identified a need for

increased advanced life support (ALS) ambulance coverage. After a comprehensive evaluation process, Stadium Medical was selected to be FFPD's new partner for patient care and ALS transportation. Stadium supports FFPD's mission by staffing three 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.

While COVID-19 presented challenges to delivering EMS, daily communications with regional public health organizations ensured FFPD was prepared to safely serve those in need.

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 (BOD) 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. The BOD, through resolution,



adopts the Budget annually and approves expenditures monthly.

The budget represented a realistic revenue and expenditures plan for 2020. 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 and had a mill levy rate of 11.68 for 2020.

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 educational opportunities available.

The goal is to protect life and property from loss or damage due to fire emergencies. The division works within the district to provide community education, business education, business inspections, code enforcement and detailed building plan review. These services have proven to be the most effective at reducing loss of life and property.

The past year presented some challenges especially when it came to delivering life safety messages and education that were done previously in person or through



our open houses. We were able to conduct a few in person events before pandemic restrictions went into effect. We explored other ways, especially using online content, to get life safety education out to the citizens and businesses in our community.

We invite you to check us out and look for educational information on our multiple social media platforms.

Follow Fairmount Fire Protection District:

Our Webpage:

www.fairmountfire.org

Nextdoor.com:

www.nextdoor.com

Facebook.com: [Fairmount Fire Protection District](https://www.facebook.com/FairmountFireProtectionDistrict)

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

Instagram.com:

[fairmountfirerescue](https://www.instagram.com/fairmountfirerescue)



The FFPD partnered with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) to kick off the Colorado Fire Prevention Week 2020 campaign to raise public awareness regarding home kitchen fire safety. Chief Fletcher, DFPC Director Mike Morgan and many other DFPC personnel were in attendance at this important event.



“Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™” emphasized the importance of exercising appropriate precautions when cooking, as unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires.



FFPD personnel created several live fire demonstrations at our fire training center for this event.

Please see the video link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIbXUGuzuHY>

Fire & Life Safety Totals for 2020:

Plan Reviews/Permits = 62

New Construction Code Compliance Inspections = 62

Existing Building Code Compliance Inspections = 284

Fire Loss = \$219,000

Public Education & Community Event Contacts = 45

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

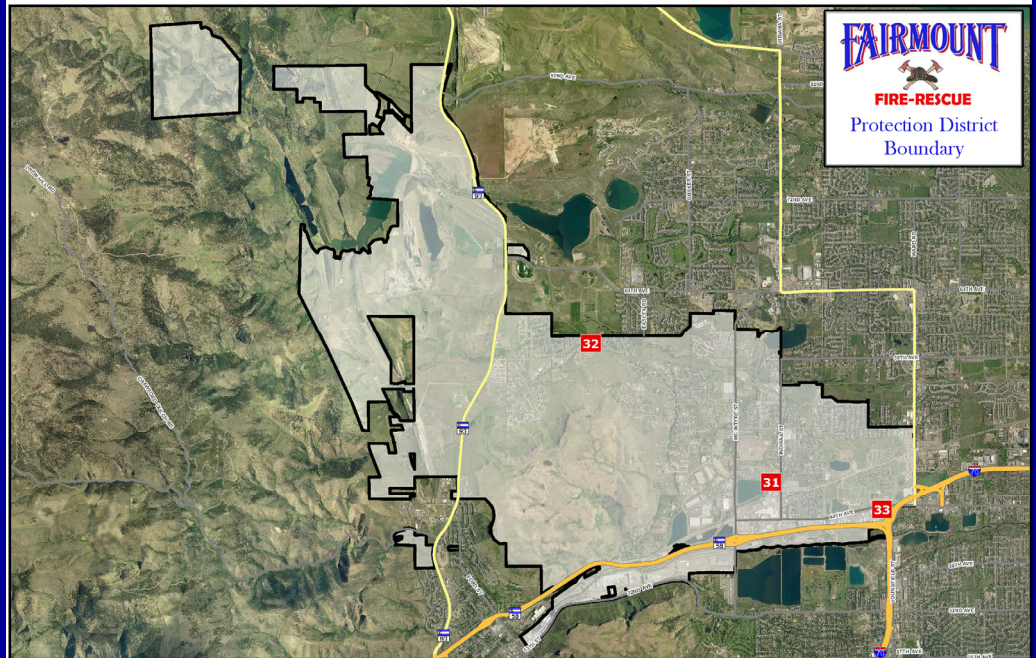
18208 W. 58th Drive
Golden, CO 80403

Station 33

12901 W. 43rd Drive
Wheat Ridge, Co 80033

Training Center

Highway 93, Unincorporated
Jefferson County



Who to Contact:

Fire Chief

Alan F. Fletcher

Assistant Fire Chief — Operations

Joel Hager

Division Chief — Fire and Life Safety

Robert Ipatenco

Division Chief — Planning and Risk Management

Joe Snyder

Division Chief — Training and EMS:

Erik Lugenbill

Training Captain

Paul Hartigan

IT and Communications Manager

Dean Brewer

Equipment and Facilities

Rick Goodman

Office and HR Manager

DeAnn Boyles

Administrative Assistant

Jaime Sklenar

FIRE Team Coordinator and Deployment Billing

Nicole Rendon



Fairmount Fire Board of Directors:

Robert Wilson II (rwilson@ffpfire.org)

Tom Young (tyoung@ffpfire.org)

Craig Corbin (ccorbin@ffpfire.org)

Steven Shimeall (sshimeall@ffpfire.org)

Mark Chenoweth (mchenoweth@ffpfire.org)

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
www.fairmountfire.org

