



Events in 2022:

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

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Fairmount Fire Protection District 2021 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 pandemic continues to challenge us professionally and personally. We are hoping to return to more interaction with public events in 2022 while balancing the safety of our personnel and public. The members of the FFPD have continued to provide the highest level of professional services to our community. With constant uncertainty and challenges they manage to respond to every situation, take care of themselves, each other, and their families. I could not be prouder of their dedication, commitment, integrity, safety, and overall excellence they exhibit every day.

At the end of 2021 we completed a cooperative study with Pleasant View Metropolitan District and

Golden Fire Department. The study was favorable to merging the three organizations together. Although Golden has indicated that they would like to take a pause to further consider the study, Pleasant View and Fairmount will continue to evaluate the merits of the study and further evaluate if additional steps to merge are beneficial to the community, organizations, and employees. Specific areas of discussion will include – finances, management, staffing, facilities, apparatus, service delivery, support programs, and future strategies and opportunities. This process will continue throughout 2022 with a possible consolidation in 2023.

We welcome your comments and feedback re-

garding our services. To ask a question or provide comments, please visit our website or email us:
admin@fairmountfire.org

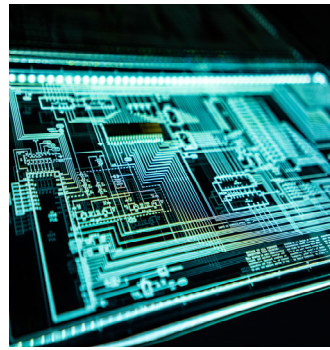


Support Services

In 2021 Fairmount Fire implemented HAAS alerting devices on our frontline apparatus as a proof of concept. HAAS devices provide situational awareness and safety to our community and our fire crews by notifying drivers that there is an emergency vehicle ahead or coming up from behind. Currently only certain makes and models of vehicles are notified, however more are being added every month. Drivers using the Waze application are notified as well.

During the 2021 pilot program, 4362 drivers in our community, were alerted by HAAS! We will continue to look for ways to increase public awareness and provide a safer community. Here is a link for additional information regarding the HAAS technology: <https://www.haasalert.com>.

Cybersecurity was once again a focus in 2021. Support Services focused on strengthening our security policy and educating staff on cyber awareness. Fairmount Fire is partnering with other state and local partners to combat cyber attacks and share valuable information.



In 2022, Support Services will continue to look for ways to help the Fairmount staff better serve our community.

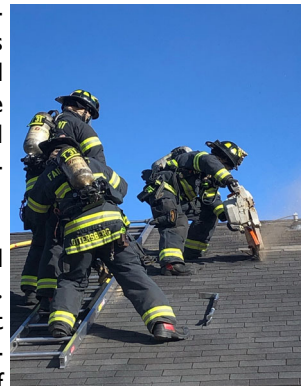
Training

Fairmount Fire is comprised of dedicated personnel committed to refining their ability to deliver all-hazard emergency services. The training division has the goal of achieving excellence through training and continuous improvement. Much of this growth occurs through scheduled district training. In 2021, district personnel completed close to 12,000 hours of documented training. Those many thousands of training hours illustrate Fairmount's commitment to the personal and professional growth of its firefighters.

Recruitment and retention of district members was a high priority in 2021. Numerous recruiting events were conducted to both market Fairmount and identify ideal candidates to join the district's team. Recruitment committee members did an excellent job navigating the challenges of delivering recruiting presentations through Zoom meetings. A comprehensive review of the recruiting process and volunteer program was conducted. The result of that assessment were 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.

2021 was a year of increased training with regional partners. FFPD participated in joint trainings with all of its neighboring agencies. The benefit of such training is improved relationships, enhanced communication, and equipment familiarization, all which translates to better delivery of emergency services to the communities we serve. The importance of interagency training can unfortunately best be illustrated by looking at the multi-agency response required at the Marshall Fire. Additional training is already scheduled for the upcoming year with FFPD's regional response partners.



Operations

In 2021, FFPD was staffed with 8 administrative fire staff, 21 paid firefighters, 31 volunteer firefighters, and 4 civilian administrative personnel. 2021 promotions or new hires: Matt Rettmer to Battalion Chief, Dave Gerald to Captain, Russ Lewis to Lieutenant, and Mark Chagnon to Engineer. Ivan Pagan was hired as a paid firefighter from the volunteer staff.

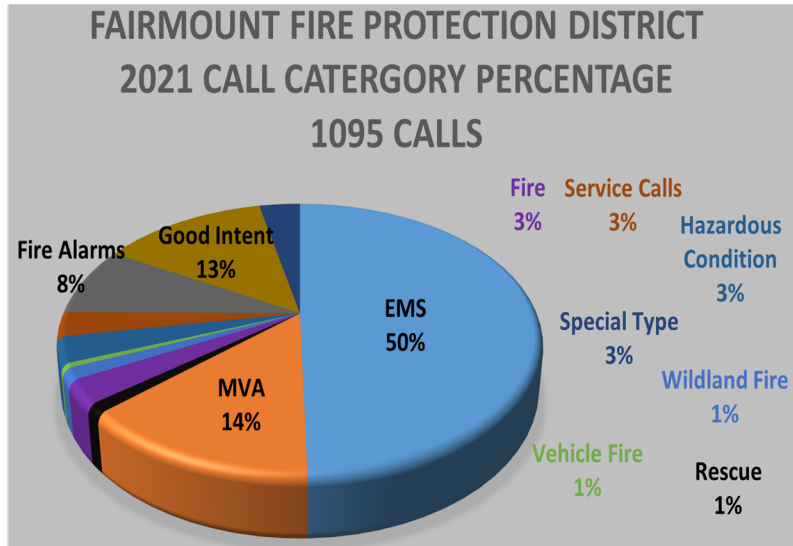
The District continued to ensure 24/7 staffing with three personnel at stations 31 and 32. A two person medic crew and ambulance were provided by Stadium Medical and housed 24/7 at station 33.

Operations (continued)

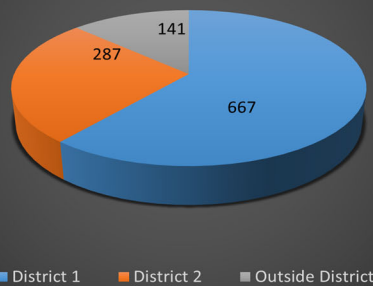
In 2021, FFPD experienced a 26% increase in call volume. This increase can be contributed to an increase in incidents in the district and in responses to neighboring agencies.

For the safety of our firefighters on larger incidents, FFPD receives aid from neighboring agencies. The FFPD also provides aid as needed to assist other agencies in the metro area.

In 2021, FFPD received mutual aid or auto aid from 6 agencies on 64 incidents. In return, we provided aid to 7 agencies on 141 incidents. These incidents included structure fires, wildland fires, specialized rescues, medical calls, and motor vehicle accidents. This cooperative interagency working relationship provides specialized resources to resolve emergencies in a safe and efficient manner.



Fairmount Fire Protect District
2021 Total Calls Per Zone



Wildland Eighteen firefighters from Fairmount, Golden, and Pleasant View fire departments 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 in a variety of on the Jefferson County All-Hazards Incident Management Team.



Our wildland fire crews responded to fires in our district and elsewhere in Jefferson and Boulder counties, including the Marshall fire. We also deployed for sixty-seven days on other fires in CO, WY, and CA. These deployments continue to provide our personnel with valuable experience that better prepares them to safely and efficiently manage fires within our fire district and neighboring agencies within Jefferson County. These individuals are also valuable members of our wildland instructor cadre for various courses and refreshers that FFPD hosts.

Twenty-six supplemental emergency responders on the **Fairmount Incident ResponseE (F.I.R.E.) Team** were deployed to assist with wildland fire response efforts on 127 incidents in eleven states for 458 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 650 incidents requiring medical care during 2021. 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 and conducting performance 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 2021, 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

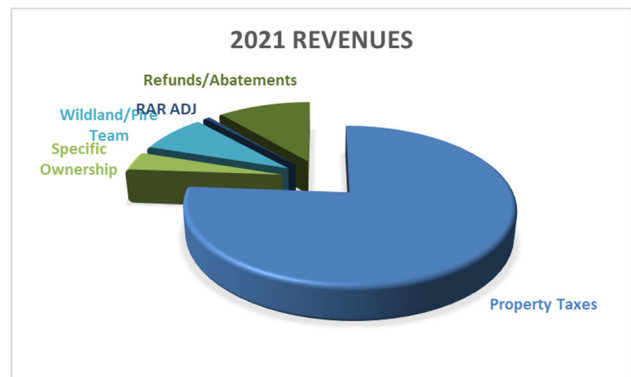


protocols occurred twice during 2021. While COVID-19 presented challenges to delivering EMS, daily communications with regional public health organizations ensured FFPD was prepared to safely serve those in need. District members did an exceptional job adapting to the everchanging COVID-19 guidance regarding the delivery of care and the protection of responders.

Financial

This document represents a realistic revenue and expenditures plan for the 2021 calendar and budget year. In 2021, the Fairmount Fire Protection District maintained a stable and balanced financial condition while continuing to provide professional fire protection and emergency services. The District is funded through property taxes with a mill levy rate of 13.765 for 2021.

The 2020 Certification of Valuation from Jefferson County was adjusted due to taxpayers being given refunds for taxes they had paid, or they were given abate-



ments for taxes originally charged to them due to errors made in their property valuation. The fire district was due the tax revenue and would have collected it through an adjusted mill levy if the valuation errors had not occurred. Since the fire district was due the revenue, it may levy, in the subsequent year, a mill to collect the refund/abatement revenue. An abatement/refund mill levy may generate revenues up to, but not exceeding, the refund/abatement amount. The fire district did not receive approximately \$800,000.00 and made the temporary mill levy adjustments for 2021.

Fire and Life Safety

Under the direction of the Division Chief / Fire Marshal, the Fire and Life Safety Division personnel strive to provide district residents and businesses 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 provides community education, business education, business inspections, code enforcement, and detailed plan reviews, which have proven to be the most effective ways to reduce loss of life and property.

The past year's specific challenges continued especially when it came to delivering Life Safety messages and education that before were done in person or through our open houses. Although we were able to do more in-person events we were still limited by COVID-19 restrictions. We will continue to use social media to get life safety education out to the community and our citizens.

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

Twitter.com:

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

Instagram.com:

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

Fire and Life Safety Totals for 2021:

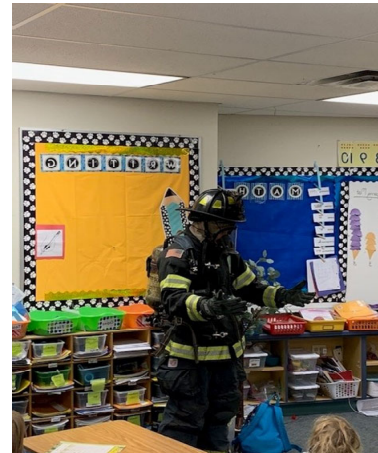
Plan Reviews/Permits = 54

New construction Code Compliance Inspections = 54

Existing Building Code Compliance Inspections = 329

Fire Loss = \$340,000

Public Education & Community Event Contacts = 32



What You Do Matters on **SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**, for
WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY



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

Operations Chief:
Joel Hager

Fire Marshal:
Robert Ipatenco

Training & EMS Chief:
Erik Lugenbill

**Planning & Risk Management
Chief:**
Joe Snyder

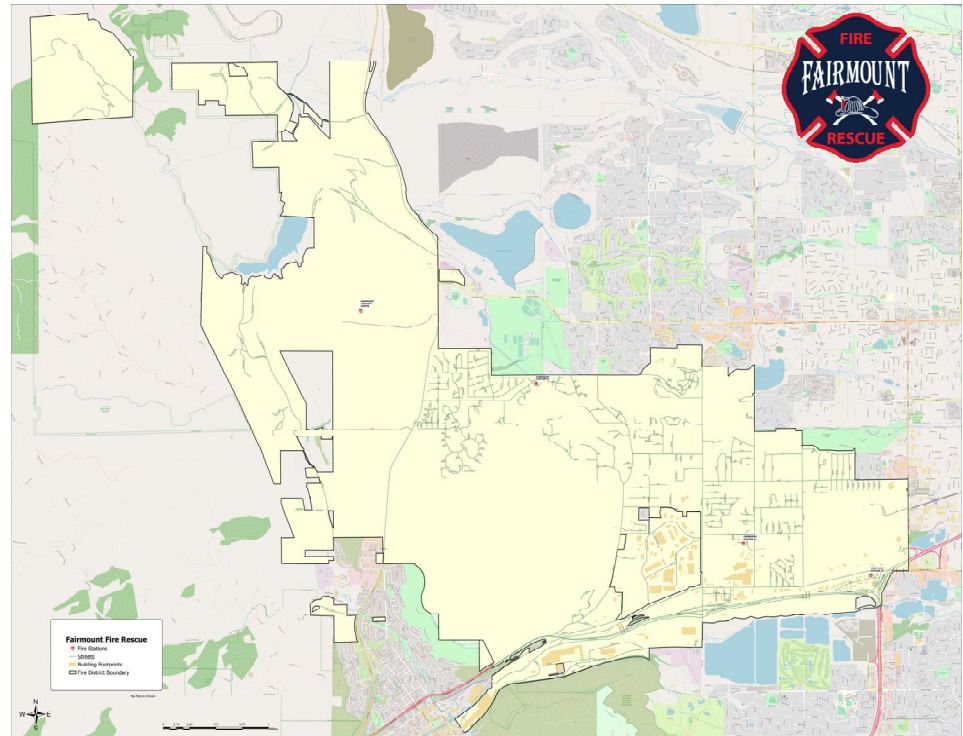
Office Manager:
DeAnn Boyles

Deployment Billing:
Nicole Rendon

Training Captain:
Dave Gerald

Fire & Life Safety Technician:
Brycen Hammer

Equipment & 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.

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