



FFPD 2016 Annual Report

A Yearly Review of the Fairmount Fire Protection District

Coming up in 2017:

- Station 32 Open House — June 3rd (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Station 31 Open House — Sept 9th (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

The members of Fairmount Fire Rescue were true to our vision to provide the highest level of professional services to our community. They responded quickly and effectively to emergencies within the community and worked with our businesses and schools to provide education on life safety and fire prevention methods. We responded to over 700 incidents within the community.

The District is a quasi-municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State created for the purpose of providing fire suppression, fire protection, emergency medical, rescue, and hazardous materials services to its residents. 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.

The District is funded through a property tax levy.



The tax levy is the rate of tax applied to the assessed value of all the property within the District's boundaries. The annual levy generates tax revenue the District will use each year to pay for providing the various services to our residents. The current mill levy for the District is 11.939. With the anticipated increase

in the assessed value of property, the State will be lowering the residential tax rate due to the Gallagher Amendment. This coupled with the Tabor Amendment, may bring some financial challenges to the District in the future. For more information, go to <https://youtu.be/2cZgZL8Gj20>.

We truly have a great group of personnel that are dedicated to serving our community. We are often out in the community at events, training, completing inspections, checking hydrants, or even stopping at the store to purchase meals for the 48 hour shift. You are always welcome to stop us and say hello and ask questions, we would love to talk with you!

Support Services

Technology continues to advance in the emergency response service we provide. Each year the technology we use is evaluated and upgraded if it is cost effective and results in an enhanced capability to provide a faster and/or more efficient service response to a 911 caller.



In 2016, Fairmount Fire upgraded its aging two tone Motorola paging system to a new computer automated tone system. If you have ever been around a firefighter wearing that little black radio device on his belt that beeps loud when activated, that is part of the notification system we have in

place to alert some our responders of an emergency call. The dispatcher had to walk over to a 1990's era

console and push buttons to alert our responders. The console was replaced with a computer automated system that immediately sends call information to the pager when the dispatcher enters the address and type of call.

We also upgraded our fleet of handheld Motorola radios to a more advanced radio specifically designed for firefighters. The new radios have bigger screens, larger knobs for when wearing gloves, and Bluetooth that can interface with microphones and ear pieces imbedded in the breathing masks firefighters wear.



Training

The Training Division continues to benefit from the incredible wealth of knowledge and skill that our line personnel bring to the community every day. In a district that experiences lower call volumes like ours, staying sharp through training becomes even more important. Our personnel exhibit initiative and persistence as they strive to perfect our craft with over 11,300 training hours logged in 2016.

We are also committed to developing our people by encouraging opportunities to develop leadership skills. Leading and assisting with trainings and a variety of administrative duties provides significant personal and professional growth for the individual. Areas that the Training Division is currently receiving significant help with from our personnel are department trainings, academies and task books, re-certifications, Fairmount Training Center maintenance, peer support, and retention and recruitment.



Recruitment and retention are high priorities for Fairmount Fire. We continue to hire volunteers to compliment and provide depth to our career staff. Our newly developed probationary task book is helping to improve consistency in training and delivery of service to our community.

In 2016, members also achieved certifications for Driver Operator (12), DO Pumper (2), DO Aerial (2), Fire Officer-I (1), Fire Officer-II (1), Fire Instructor-I (1), Hazmat Technician (3), Firefighter-II (2), and Blue Card Command and Control (14).

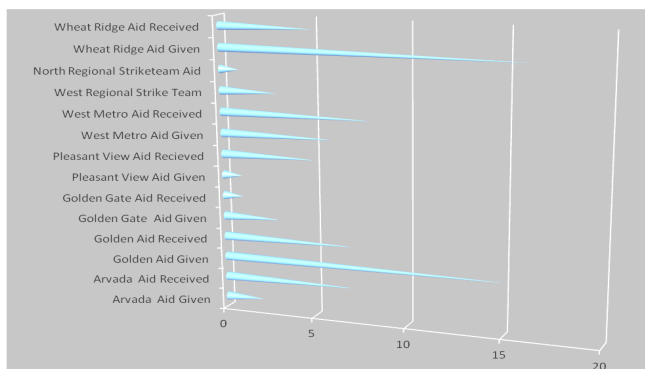
Operations Division

The District hired two engineers and two firefighters to replace vacancies. Staffing was fifty-one volunteer, twenty-four career and three civilian personnel.

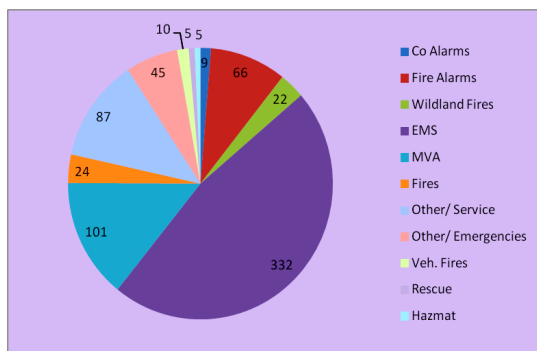
The Division completed a three phase nozzle and hose replacement program. Two new thermal imaging cameras were purchased along with two 5 gas monitors.

An emergency generator was installed at station 32. This allows that station to keep power for long periods of time during outages.

Auto & Mutual Aid Responses



706 Total Responses



In 2016, the District received a grant from the State of Colorado to replace 53 sets of structural firefighting personal protective equipment. In addition, the grant included two new washer extractors for stations 32 and 33.

We continued to develop relationships with neighboring departments through mutual and auto aid programs, including an enhanced mutual aid agreement with West Metro FD to provide additional resources to structure fires. These types of agreements have provided benefits to all agencies in the metro area. We continued to participate in the West Area Strike Team assisting with

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

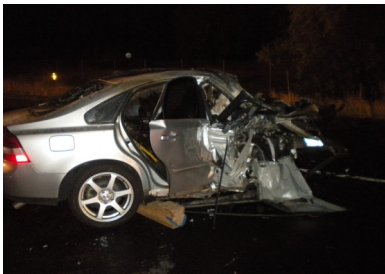
2016 saw a more active wildland fire season than did 2015, and our firefighters/apparatus responded to wildland fires in our district and elsewhere in Jefferson County. Our largest in-district wildland fire was on North Table Mountain and was successfully controlled by FFPD personnel and mutual aid resources. We also deployed to wildland fires within Colorado and three other western states. Deployments outside of the District provide our personnel with valuable experience that better prepares them to safely and efficiently manage wildland fires locally.

Twenty-three supplemental emergency responders on the FIRE Team were deployed to assist with wildland firefighting efforts on fifty-three 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)

Fairmount Fire Rescue responded to more than 450 EMS incidents during 2016. For each of those medical calls, competent and compassionate treatment was delivered by firefighters certified as EMT's, Paramedics, and First Responders. The EMS Division ensured each of those responders was prepared to deliver a high level of patient care by conducting proficiency training and evaluation of emergency medicine skills and knowledge.



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 in partnership with our medical director.

Updates were made to Fairmount Fire Protection District's medical protocols. These protocols are developed and approved by emergency physicians from the Denver Metro region and receive updates in January and July.

2016 was a year of strengthened relationships. Working with AMR ambulance service, crews from both the ambulance and fire engines enhanced their teamwork and communication by participating in frequent EMS trainings. AMR supports Fairmount Fire Protection

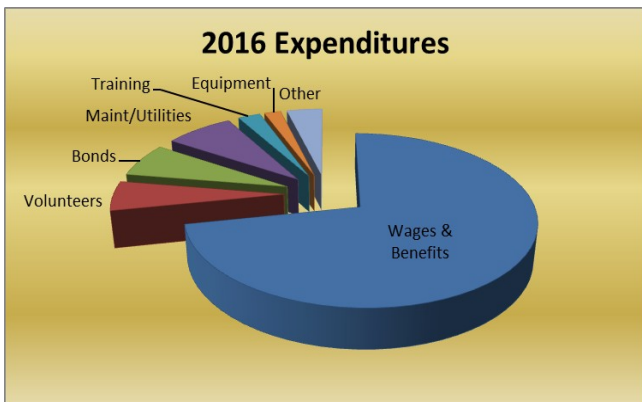
District's mission by staffing an ambulance 24/7 out of Station 31. This partnership has reduced the time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at the scene of a call.

Fairmount Fire Rescue continued to provide medical training to our community business partners. Forty-two civilian medical classes were taught during 2016. Approximately three-hundred members of the community received training in topics ranging from CPR to Emergency Medical



Financial

Property tax revenues did see an increase for 2016 due to the increase in assessed property values. With the anticipated increase in the assessed value of property, the State will be lowering the residential tax rate for 2017 due to the Gallagher Amendment. For more information, go to <https://youtu.be/2cZgZL8Gj20>.



The costs of providing services and personnel cost are expected to rise over the next few years. With improved revenues, the District must restore fund balances to fund capital projects and to prepare for future economic cycles. The District will maintain a stable and balanced financial condition, while continuing to provide professional fire protection and emergency services to the community.

Fire and Life Safety

Totals for the Year 2016

Plan Reviews/Permits
66

New construction Code Compliance Inspections
97

Existing Building Code Compliance Inspections
450

Construction Projects Evaluations
\$36,789,571.00

Fire Loss
\$544,500.00

Public Education & Community Event Contacts
5,742

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 2016



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Smoke Detector & HomeBox® Installations, and Home Fire & Life Safety Reviews
16
Preschools, Elementary, Middle and High School Educational Presentations
2,002
Colorado Railroad Museum Events x6 Attendee Contacts
3,221
Fairmount Fire Station Community Open Houses x3 Citizen Contacts
835
Car Seat Checks/Information Sharing
41
Bicycle Helmet Fitting and Giveaways
280

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean out the lint.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button

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Webpage:

www.fairmountfire.org

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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.

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

- Make an escape plan. Only one of every three American households has developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a long period of time or by a large amount of CO over a short period.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, & fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from the microwave oven

How to contact Fairmount Fire Rescue:

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Golden, CO 80403
Telephone: (303) 279-2928

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Station 32
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Golden, CO 80403

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Training Center
Unincorporated Jefferson County

Who to Contact:

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Fire Marshal:
Neil Rosenberger

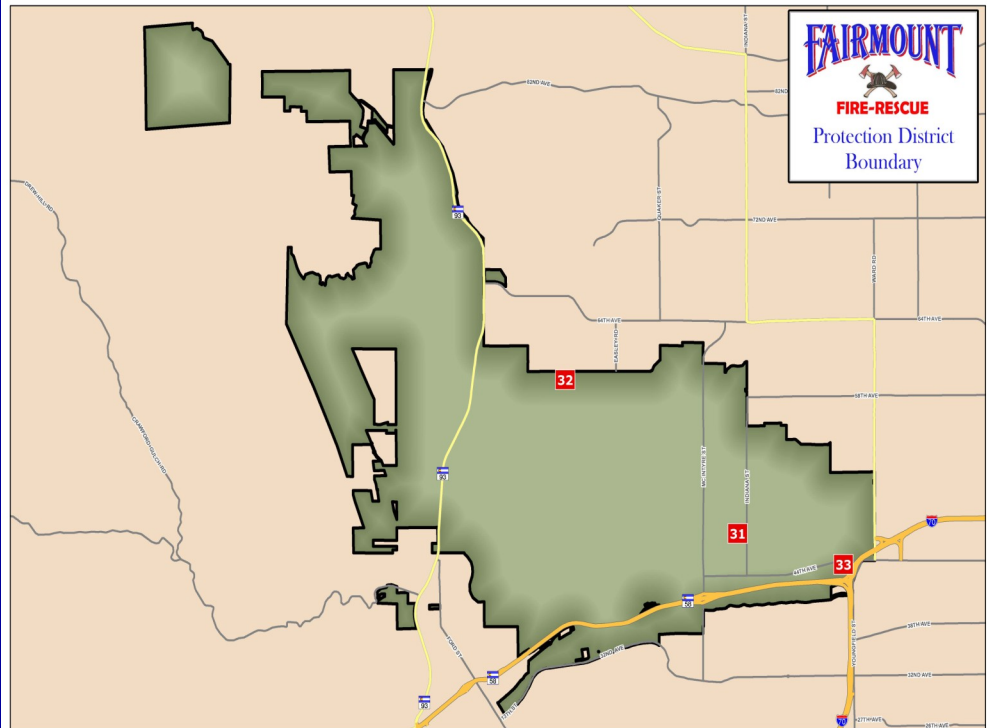
Office Manager:
DeAnn Boyles

Admin Assistant:
Melisa Marcum

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Russ Lewis

Fire/Life Safety Officer:
Robert Ipatenco

Facilities:
Rick Goodman



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