



PROTECTION DISTRICT

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Fire Chief

District Board and Community Members,

This is the twelfth year of our Annual Report of operations and activities. I hope you find it helpful. We continue to strive to provide the most efficient and quality level of emergency services to our citizens.

In 2020, obviously the COVID-19 Pandemic stole the spotlight and impacted how we had to conduct business to help protect the community and our staff. We took very aggressive steps to ensure our response was effective to an unprecedented and ongoing situation. At the end of 2020, I was very pleased to report that we had only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the organization. We did have a second positive test of a firefighter, although that individual as asymptomatic. While the office and stations were closed to the public, we continued to provide the essential services to the community through email and virtual meetings. We provided all the essential decontamination supplies and personal protective equipment for staff throughout the event. We were able to participate in drive by birthday celebrations, “Be the Light” with RE-8 Schools, the Class of 2020 Graduation Parade, numerous agencies and citizens participated in a community support parade to pay respects to the family in the passing of Retired Volunteer Firefighter Randy Semroska. Accomplishments in 2020 included the ground breaking and start of construction on Station 3, the purchase of a new fire engine for Station 3, the resurfacing of the Station 1 apparatus floors, partnering with the Fort Lupton High School on the Career Explore Program, the passing of Ballot Measure 6D regarding the Gallagher Amendment, all radio devices for the tornado sirens were updated, we received a \$68,000.00 grant from the State of Colorado for COVID-19 relief, and the honor to participate in the Field of Honor. 2020 was undoubtedly a tough year, but the District Staff stood strong during trying times. I am very proud of their commitment to our service. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support.



Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Tiffany

Fire Chief

2020 District Staff

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Fire District Overview

The fire department is considered a combination agency and is comprised of 29 career firefighters, four (4) administrative staff, two (2) office personnel, two (2) maintenance personnel, and six District volunteer firefighters. There are eight firefighters on duty to provide 24-hour coverage with response from two stations. Station 3 located at 2470 S. Rollie Avenue is projected to open in Fall 2021. New volunteer members of the department are recruited year-round and are required to complete a fire academy, hazardous materials operations course, and Emergency Medical Responder training. They must also complete a one-year probationary period while successfully completing driving and pump operation skills, CPR, and complete at least 36 hours of ongoing training yearly. Specialized training for members includes Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Technician, high and low angle rope rescue, ice rescue, swift water rescue, advanced vehicle extrication, and incident command training.

The Fire District provides Basic Life Support (BLS) services for immediate life-threatening emergencies. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) response units are Banner Health Ambulance Service Paramedic 11 is located in Fort Lupton at Fire Station 1 and Paramedic 12 is located at Station 2. There is always a Paramedic and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) staffed on each ambulance. Med Evac Helicopter began day basing at Station 2 for up to 32 hours per month. They transport patients to the nearest appropriate hospital for diagnosis and treatment. When Banner Health Ambulance Service is not available, we partner with Platte Valley Ambulance, Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District Ambulance, and Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Ambulance to provide supporting backup ALS services for one another. Two helicopter transport agencies provide air transport. They are Air Life Denver stationed in Frederick and Med Evac based in Greeley.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) sets the Public Protection Class (PPC) rating for properties within the District's jurisdiction based upon an evaluation every five years. This is how your insurance rates are assigned. Class 1 being the highest and Class 10 the lowest rating. The Fire District has a Class 2/10 rating. This means that any property within 5 miles of a station, no hydrant required, is classified as a Class 2 and any property, beyond the five (5) road miles is a Class 10.



COVID-19 Report

In early 2020, concerns of a possible pandemic and virus were beginning to hit the news media and medical field. On February 28, 2020, the District posted the first information on social media regarding COVID-19. On March 5, 2020, the first presumptive case in Colorado was discovered as reported in a press release by the Governor. On March 13, 2020, we took steps to close the stations, the training center, while our Administration Offices remained open, and we encouraged our community to contact us by phone or electronically. The administration offices were subsequently closed to the public on March 16, 2020 and staff began working remotely.

We also modified our response plans to include full pandemic protective gear and sending in a reduced number of personnel to contact the patient. We began decontaminating clothing, apparatus, equipment, facilities, and personnel after every call. Staff began wearing masks in the station and social distancing to prevent the potential for additional cases. Staff trades were discontinued and vacations were monitored closely as a need to ensure that we would have the proper number of staff to respond to calls in the District in case of a spike in cases or requirement for quarantine of multiple staff members if COVID-19 infected multiple personnel. Regular staff briefings were conducted with staff virtually to address our response to COVID-19. Managing this pandemic was uncharted territory for emergency responders in Fort Lupton, across the state, and nation.

On March 26, 2020, a Stay-at-Home Order went into effect for the state to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Community members donated disinfecting materials to the District to keep our crews safe as we ran low due to high demand and shortages in the supplies, which resulted in limited availability. This included hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, and disinfectant spray. Open burning was restricted due to health and lung concerns. Political unrest added to the strain of the Pandemic as tempers flared and opinions differed. Wearing a mask became a political issue rather than a public health issue.

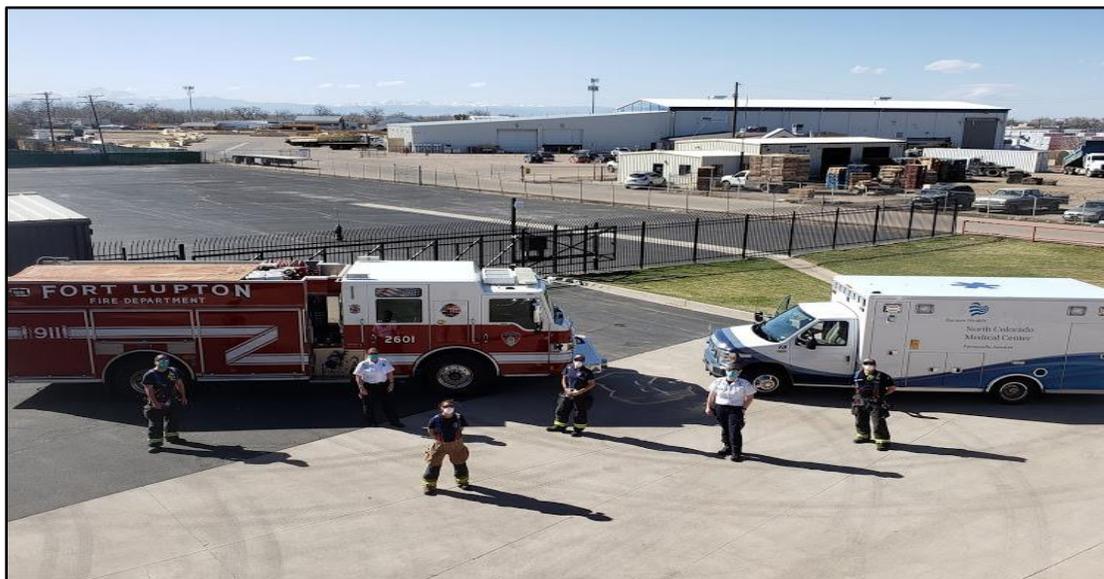


In April 2020, the District Board Directors Declared a Local Disaster Emergency for the District due to the pandemic. Our call load remained steady, and uneasiness grew in the community as well as across the state. We requested and received a \$68,000.00 grant for COVID-19 relief funds from the State of Colorado. These funds assisted us with unplanned financial impacts of the pandemic.

District personnel participated in several apparatus parades at Platte Valley Medical Center, North Colorado Medical Center, and UC Health to pay tribute and thank our Frontline Healthcare Professionals. During the first week of April, we started participating in Drive by Birthday Parades for those families at home and unable to celebrate with family or friends. This was a very popular event that celebrated past Fire Chiefs, retiring teachers, past District employees, adults, kids, and War Veterans. It was a nice departure from the stress of the pandemic for staff to help provide a sign of hope, even in the most difficult times.

One of those difficult times was the passing of Retired Volunteer Firefighter Randy Semroska on April 11, 2020. On May 5, 2020 the District, community, supporting law, and fire agencies participated in a Drive by Remembrance for Randy and the family. It was not only a sign of strength for the family but the entire community as our emergency lights lit up the town as we drove down Denver Avenue and in front of the Retired Firefighters Semroska's residence to honor him and the family.

The Air Force Thunderbirds flew across the Front Range, we received sidewalk chalk messages, donated face masks, painted rocks with inspirational messages were left at stations, gift cards sent, donations, candy, and all the other positive support from our community kept us going.



On May 23, 2020 we were able to help coordinate a special day for the FLHS Class of 2020. Their Graduation Parade through the community. What a success! Many other events in 2020 were cancelled and others went on but looked very different due to limitations on gatherings, social distancing, and spikes in the virus. District Board meetings were conducted electronically. We trained and met virtually to enhance safety for our staff.

Our firefighters participated in virtual story time with the High Plains District-Fort Lupton and Public-School Library, supported our community restaurants with curb side take out, and shopping at our local stores. That is the best thing about this community! We thank all of the people in our community who keep it going: UPS, Fed Ex, Postal Service, delivery drivers, Safeway, all the local restaurants, the Food Bank, Change for Change, Bank of Colorado, United Power, Xcel, Doctors, Nurses, RE-8 Teachers/Administration, Aims, Weld County, City of Fort Lupton, Public Works, Fort Lupton Police, Century Link, Banner, Med Evac, Air Life, Platte Valley Medical Center, all service providers, churches, the oil/gas industry, and all the essential workers that I may have not mentioned by name!

All in all, we adapted and although we are not done with COVID-19 yet, we have and will continue to overcome the challenges. As of this writing in late January 2021, 78% of our staff have been vaccinated and the virus spread seems to be stable at this time. We count our blessings as the department members remain healthy and we pray for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. I do not know what normal will look like in the future or if there will ever be a normal, but I know we will be continuing to get on the fire engine and respond to our community needs every day. Our hearts go out to those who were laid off, small businesses that suffered, furloughed employees, or for all those who experienced some type of loss during these unprecedented times. It breaks my heart because we support this community.

This has been a difficult year for me personally and without the support of a community, my family, the best District Board of Directors around, and the best employees it could have been a lot worse. It is a year that I will never forget. There is something to be said for the entire community of Fort Lupton and the frontline workers who are my true heroes!

Thank you!

Phil Tiffany, Fire Chief



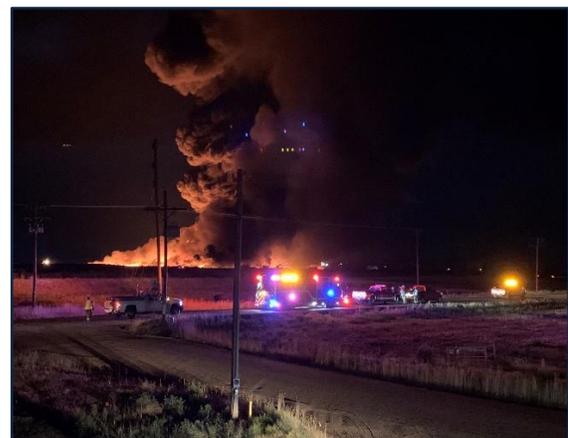
Response Statistics

In 2020, the fire department responded to 1,407 incidents, which was the equivalent total as 2019. The types of calls included fire, EMS, and other calls for service such as hazardous materials and smoke odor investigations. During the height of the pandemic, calls slowed down significantly as fewer numbers travelled the highways and ventured out. The in-service goal from time of dispatch to the first truck in service is 90 seconds. In 2020, the average reaction time from the dispatch to enroute time was 73 seconds, which increased by 9 seconds from 2019, which was 64 seconds. In 2020, the average response time from dispatch to arrival was 5 minutes and 56 seconds. This is compared to data from 2019 where the average response time from dispatch time to arrival time was 6 minutes and 13 seconds. The average response time decreased in 2020 by 17 seconds from 2019. The fire district experienced “overlapping” incidents on 152 responses or 10.80% of the time. This identifies that the demand for service of multiple calls continues to increase each year and could potentially delay personnel from responding to the second call. The Fire District has auto aid agreements with Brighton, Frederick/Firestone, Platteville/Gilcrest, and Hudson Fire Protection Districts for response to fires.

In 2020, the District provided automatic or mutual aid on 23 calls were outside of the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District and received auto or mutual aid from outside agencies on 39 calls. There were three reported residential or commercial structure fires for City of Fort Lupton. There was a total of eight structure fires that resulted in \$77,000.00 in fire losses for the District. There were five highway vehicle and six other non-structure/non-vehicle fires with estimated losses of \$28,145.00. Other fires resulted in \$200.00 in losses. The total fire losses for the fire district in 2020 were estimated at \$105,345.00. In 2019, total fire losses were estimated at \$898,355.00. There were no fire related fatalities in 2020.

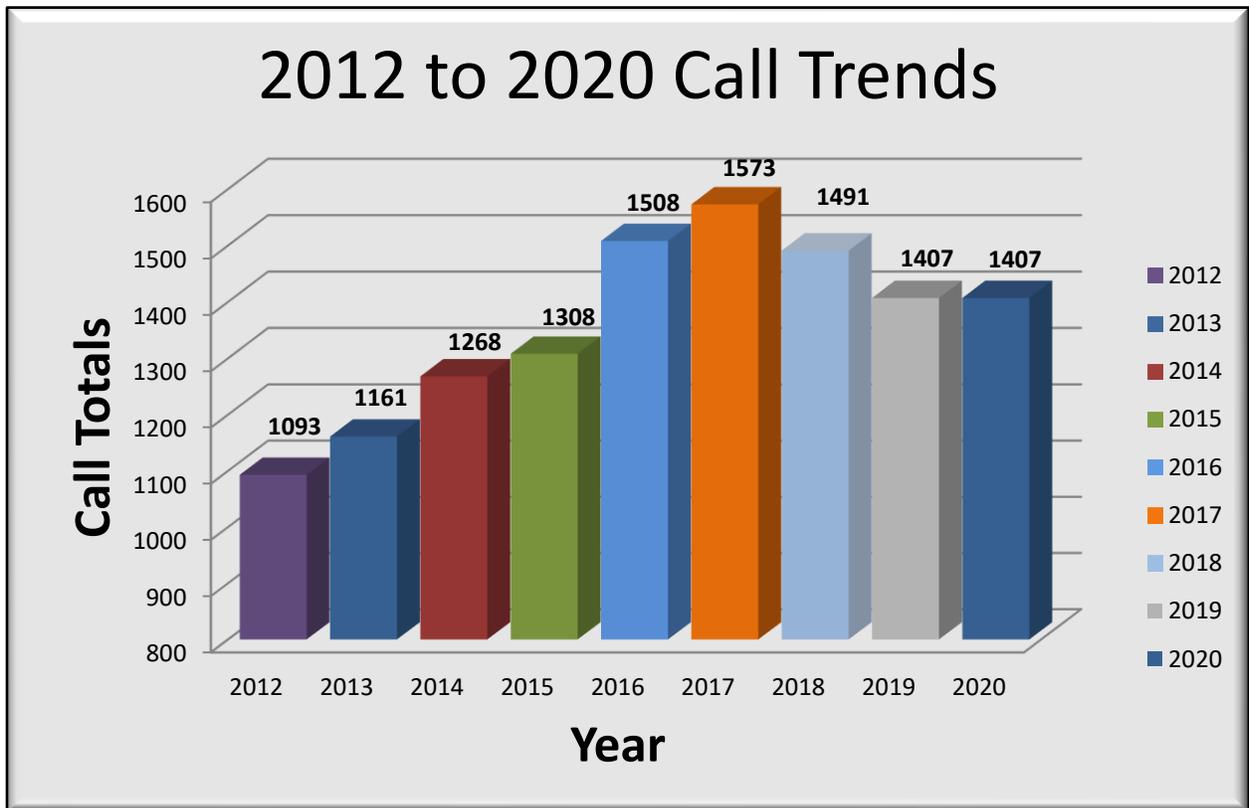
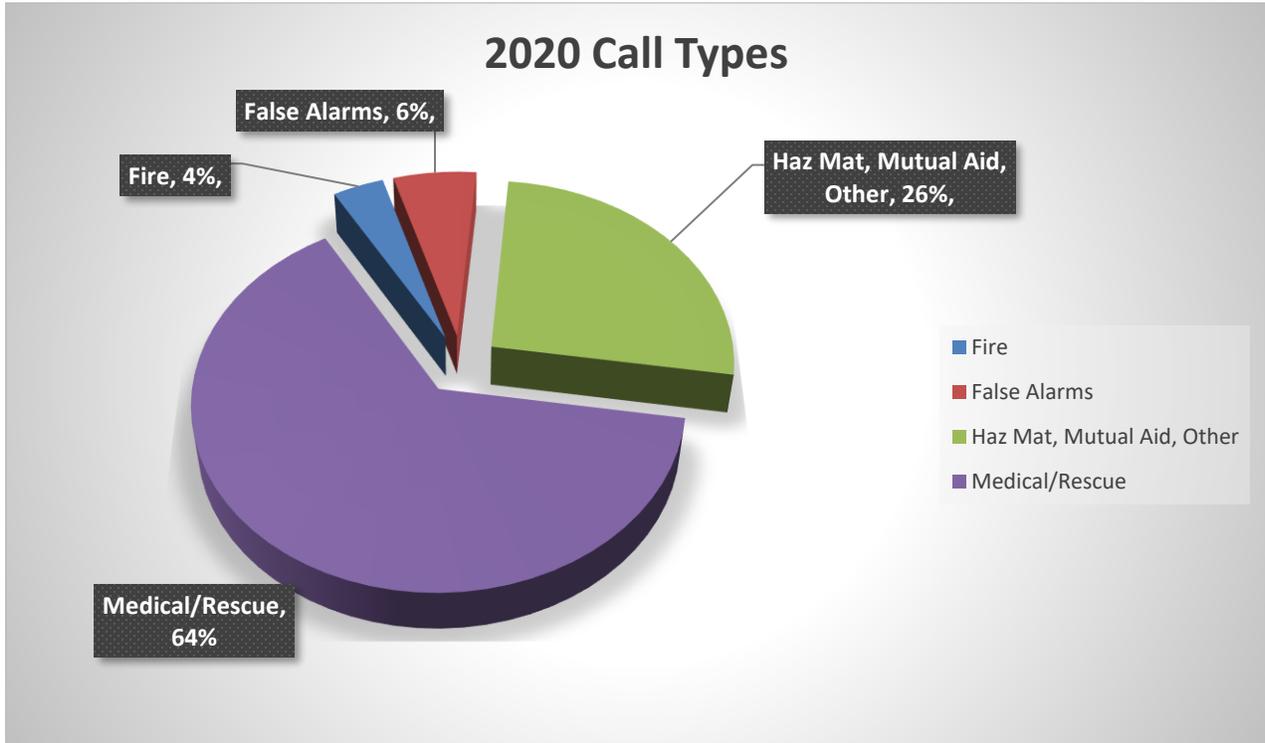


Fire at an industrial location.



Tire Mountain fire.

Response Statistics



Recruitment, Training, and Safety

The District has a strong commitment to maintaining an effective volunteer firefighting force while providing immediate response with an on-duty career crew. The District volunteers supplement the career firefighters and are required to complete 36 hours of shift time at the station on a monthly basis. In 2020, the 17 District volunteers completed 4,070 hours of shift time at the station. This is compared to 8,659 hours in 2019. The number of shift hours provided by the District volunteers decreased by 4,589 hours in 2020 from 2019 as did the number of volunteer firefighters. The total number of shift hours provided by volunteers is equivalent to approximately 1.66 full time equivalent (FTE) firefighters working a full-time schedule of 2765 hours per year. The cost savings to the community drives this program for the District. However, the challenge of recruiting and retaining quality volunteers has become a challenge. The cost of hiring, training, and retaining volunteers that are retained for longer than two years is very difficult. This is due to the rigorous training requirements and short-term commitments. The Fire District, in an effort to improve recruitment and retention, offers volunteers a stipend, which pays each volunteer up to \$4,000.00 per year.

Applications for District volunteers are accepted throughout the year. In 2020, the department hired 2 new volunteer members. In 2020, three volunteer members resigned due to being hired into a career position at another agency. We hired seven of our District volunteers into career positions. Two volunteers retired with 10 or more qualified pension years. We added a Fire Prevention Officer. Four career firefighters resigned in 2020. Three were hired by other fire agencies and one moved to care for his elderly mother and father out of state.



2020 Recruits recently hired from the volunteer completing in-service training.

Firefighter Training

Fort Lupton Fire Protection District’s training program was also significantly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions on travel and social distancing best practices, which led the District to reduce multi-company drills, training sessions with mutual aid partners, and travel to out of area conferences/seminars. District firefighters adapted to the challenge by participating in virtual and online trainings whenever possible, including online programs offered by the National Highway Institute, International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Security and Emergency Response Training Center. The District was able to host a Firefighter II Academy and sent three firefighters to an 80-hour regional Driver/Operator-Pumper Academy, as part of training exchange program with Southeast Weld Fire District.

Despite the many training challenges and cancellations caused by the pandemic, every District firefighter-career and volunteer-retained or advanced their level of firefighting certification, and exceeded the minimum required 36 hours of training. Each firefighter averaged 142 training hours, for a grand total of 6,774 training hours in 2020. The District supports ongoing fire and medical training to offer growth and development for our existing staff. This includes the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), attendance at the National Fire Academy (NFA), and other conferences/seminars. We also provide tuition reimbursement for professional development.

Approximately 3% of the District’s annual training hours were conducted at an “acquired structure,” located at 806 Denver Avenue, which local business owner, Tom Gray invited the District to train in prior to its’ demolition. Crews were able to practice a wide variety of skills like searching, laddering, and conducting emergency bailouts in an unfamiliar and ultrarealistic setting - which is hard to replicate in traditional fire department training burn buildings. The District also hired a new Training Officer in 2020. Lieutenant Ryan Pfeiffer comes to us from Aims Community College, where he served as the college’s Fire Science Program Coordinator.



2020 Firefighter II Academy training.



2020 Firefighter II Academy training.

Professional Certifications

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District is committed to providing the highest level of training in order to provide a quality level of service to our community. These professional certifications ensure that each person has successfully completed the requirements and is capable of performing the job requirements at the levels they have been trained to.

Center for Public Safety Excellence Chief Fire Officer	1
CPR Certified	49
CPR Instructor	8
Arson Investigator-Fire Investigation Technician	1
Fire Suppression System Inspector	1
Fireworks Display Operator Technician	1
International Code Council Fire Inspector I	4
International Code Council Fire Inspector II	3
National Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician	20
National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer	1
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Technician	3
State of Colorado Executive Fire Administrator	1
State of Colorado Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist	1
State of Colorado Fire Inspector I	5
State of Colorado Live Fire Instructor	2
State of Colorado Fire Inspector III/Plans Examiner	3
State of Colorado Driver/Operator Engine	17
State of Colorado Driver/Operator Utility	25
State of Colorado Emergency Medical Technician-Basic	41
State of Colorado Fire Instructor I	19
State of Colorado Fire Officer I	11
State of Colorado Fire Officer II	4
State of Colorado Firefighter I	37
State of Colorado Firefighter II	32
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Operations	44
State of Colorado Hazardous Materials Technician	8
State of Colorado Testing Proctor	7
Ice Rescue Certification	32
Dive Rescue International Ice Rescue Instructor	2
Swift Water Rescue Certification	12

Firefighter Safety

During 2020, there were four reported injuries for all employees and volunteers. One firefighter was scratched on the hand while rescuing a cat. Three firefighters were struck in the leg by a 20-foot section of five-inch hose that burst during pressure testing of the hose. There were no lost time injuries. In each incident, the circumstances were reviewed for causal factors and the necessary changes were implemented to reduce the possibility of similar incidents.

Each month, a safety program was presented to the department to address firefighter safety and increase situational awareness in order to eliminate preventable injuries. In 2020, a goal will be to reduce firefighter and employee injuries to zero. Safety is a very important commitment for all personnel within our agency.

In 2020, we had one confirmed case of COVID-19 in our administrative staff. One firefighter also tested positive but did not display any symptoms of the virus. Overall, we were able to keep staff healthy with an aggressive and immediate quarantine process at the first point of any exposure or illness. Close contact tracing was applied, education, protective masks, and all preventative steps were used to stop the spread. 78% of our staff chose to complete the COVID-19 vaccine.

In 2020, four firefighters between the ages of 18 and 29 years of age completed a comprehensive physical and cancer screening. In 2021, firefighters who are between the ages of 30 and 39 years of age will complete a comprehensive physical to assess their health and wellness for firefighting duty fitness. Annual flu shots, Hepatitis B vaccinations, organized sports activities, and workout equipment are a few of the additional health and wellness incentives offered by the fire district. A new policy was implemented that requires on scene decontamination of gear and firefighters with decontamination wipes after every fire. We also provide decontamination kits for apparatus that were placed on the engines.



Firefighters work to control a fire on mutual aid call.

Apparatus



2601
2014 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **46,723** Hours: **5,270**



2602
2018 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **14,164** Hours: **1,295**



2603
2020 Pierce Enforcer Engine
Seating Capacity: 5
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **9,563** Hours: **263**



2604
2012 Pierce Velocity Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: **1,500**
Tank Capacity: **1,000**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **58,428** Hours: **5,040**

Apparatus



2605
2007 Pierce Dash 4 X 4 Engine
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: 1,250
Tank Capacity: 750
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 22,920 Hours: 1,745



2616
2004 Pierce Dash 100-foot Aerial/Platform
Seating Capacity: 6
Pump Capacity: 2,000
Tank Capacity: 300
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 18,947 Hours: 2,357



2630
2018 Ford F-555 Brush
Seating Capacity: 2
Pump Capacity: 500
Tank Capacity: 400
Condition: Excellent
Mileage: 1,096 Hours: 30



2631
2005 Ford F-450 Brush
Seating Capacity: 4
Pump Capacity: 500
Tank Capacity: 400
Condition: Good
Mileage: 8,661 Hours: 982

Apparatus



2632
2015 Ford F-550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **10,931** Hours: **774**



2633
2017 Ford F 550 Brush
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **400**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **5,472** Hours: **503**



2634
1999 Freightliner FL-70 Rescue
Seating Capacity: **3 + rear**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **N/A**
Condition: **Good**
Mileage: **33,260** Hours: **3,688**



2640
2017 Kenworth
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **7,639** Hours: **418**

Apparatus



2641
2002 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **11,085**



2642
2017 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **500**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **4,061** Hours: **402**



2643
2006 Kenworth Tender
Seating Capacity: **2**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **3,000**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **8,100**



Special Operations Trailer
2007 Interstate Cargo Trailer
Seating Capacity: **N/A**
Pump Capacity: **N/A**
Tank Capacity: **N/A**
Condition: **Excellent**
Mileage: **N/A**



Additional Apparatus

2650-2003 GMC Yukon, Staff Vehicle, 73,197 miles, Good condition.

2651-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, Fire Chief, 34,731 miles, Excellent condition.

2653-2021 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Investigation Truck, 7 Excellent condition

2654-2000 Chevrolet Suburban, 91,410 miles, Fair condition.

2655-2003 Chevrolet S-10, Maintenance Truck, 84,683 miles, Fair condition.

2656-2005 Chevrolet 1500, 47,294 miles, Excellent condition.

2657-2015 Chevrolet 1500, Fire Training Truck 52,119 miles, Excellent condition.

2658-2014 Chevrolet 2500 HD, Snowplow 5,675 miles, Excellent condition.

2659-2017 Chevrolet 1500, Maintenance Truck, 14,989 miles, Excellent condition.

2005-Yamaha ATV with snowplow.

1930-Ford Model A, Antique.

Foam Trailer-Carries a 300-pound dry chemical extinguisher and foam nozzle/100-gallon tank.

Chem Guard Foam Trailer-Carries 660 gallons of foam with master stream foam nozzle.

Rescue Trailer-Carries the boat, water rescue, and other specialized rescue equipment.

Haz Mat Trailer-Carries equipment, decontamination shelter, and portable cascade system.



Fire Prevention Programs

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District believes that Fire Prevention Programs are an integral part of preventing fire related deaths and injuries in our community. The emotional experience of losing property or lives to fire can be devastating. The District enforces the 2012 International Fire Code. We place a significant responsibility to not only responding to emergencies but also preventing them. Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin is responsible for carrying out our fire safety commitment with the community.



Firefighter Belsterling pre pandemic at Read Across America.

Child Passenger Safety



Car Seat Safety Inspection

FREE car seat inspection by a certified car passenger safety technician.
Inspections are also available by appointment Monday through Friday
Call (303) 857-4603

In 2020, our firefighters who are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians, conducted a total of three car seat inspections and installations. Once again, our program was suspended due to COVID-19 concerns from March until December 2020. We are happy to announce that Lt. Troy Norby received a \$1,000.00 grant from Walmart in Brighton to fund our child safety seat program in 2021 for families who are in need of a child safety seat but cannot afford one.

Fire Prevention Week

In 2020, fire safety education had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Classes are usually provided for elementary students. This consists of a fire prevention class that includes viewing a presentation and demonstration of fire equipment from firefighters. Fire Pup talks with the students about fire safety. Each student received educational materials to improve fire safe habits at home.



Fortunately, due to the generosity of the local businesses in the community, in 2020 the Fire District was still able to purchase fire prevention educational materials for the kids. Your donations sent to the National Fire Safety Council provided educational materials for approximately 1,200 students. The educational materials were placed in bags and delivered to Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools to be handed out to the students, including those that stayed at home and participated in home schooling programs. The theme for 2020 Fire Prevention week was “Serve Up Fire Safety”. There were also fire prevention program educational materials provided for the preschool students at the rec center, and Many Blessings Day Care. Teachers and care providers were also sent short YouTube videos provided through the National Fire Protection Association, to show the kids at the same time they handed out the educational materials.

School District

The Fire Marshal ensures that fire evacuation, lockdown, lockout, and tornado drills are completed monthly throughout the year at all schools. The Fire Marshal in conjunction with school staff and the community also enhanced safety in our schools in 2018 during the construction projects by installing sprinkler systems in all schools and through installation of Emergency Responder Radio Systems to enhance radio communications. District staff also presents various types of fire prevention programs to a range of students as requested during the school year.

For Aging Adults

Provide classes for Aging Adults and events to educate them on how to be fire safe in their homes.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District offers smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with installation at no charge for those families in need. **In 2020, crews installed 1 smoke detector. The District also provides 9-volt batteries at no charge.**

Rural Address Signs



The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District offers emergency 911 reflective address signs to anyone within the Fire District for \$8.00 each. These signs are 6" x 18" double side 100% aluminum. They will aid us in quickly locating addresses during any emergency.

National Night Out

The Fort Lupton Fire Protection District participates in the annual event organized by the Fort Lupton Police Department. We hand out fire prevention materials, conduct fire prevention education programs, and fire equipment demonstrations. **Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, National Night Out had to be cancelled for the safety of the public and first responders.**



Banner Paramedics and Firefighters prepare for a Drive by Birthday celebration.

Business Community

We offer fire extinguisher classes for business employees.
Recommend the Knox Box requirements for residences and businesses.
Coordinate fire sprinkler and fire alarm pre-plans and complete all final inspections.
Complete all general inspections of new and current businesses with firefighters.
The District adopted the 2012 International Fire Code in 2014.

While enacting policies and procedures to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protect personnel and the public, the annual fire inspections within the fire district were put on hold between March and July 2020. Annual fire inspections were able to resume late July 2020 and were completed by December 31, 2020. The pandemic has been a very trying time for businesses. Unfortunately, some businesses were unable to stay open and others were given an opportunity to expand. We are still welcoming new business into the fire district and look forward to a more prosperous 2021.

The District has approximately 512 building occupancies at 309 businesses that we are responsible to inspect annually. In 2020, there were a total of 709 general inspections and re-inspections with 45% or 320 businesses in compliance on the first visit. Twenty-two percent or 158 of the businesses required a re-inspection. Only 26 businesses required a second, five businesses required a third re-inspection, and two business required more than three re-inspections to ensure compliance with the 2012 International Fire Code. In 2020, there were 55 fire code plan reviews, 20 construction inspections, and 15 new business occupancies were completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau.



Firefighters assisted Platteville Fire at Tire Mountain.

Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program

Staff are trained to complete juvenile fire setter risk surveys for court ordered fire setters and their families.

Burn Permits

In 2020, Weld County burn permits remain available online. They are valid for two weeks, for areas outside the city limits of Fort Lupton. The approved items for burning are weeds and small branches (less than 1 inch in diameter). There is no charge for this service. Items that cannot be burned include trash, plastics, furniture, woodpiles, etc.

Fireworks Program

Coordinate the City of Fort Lupton's Annual Fireworks show.
Regulate and handle all permits for sales of legal fireworks outside the city limits.

Gun Locks

To increase gun safety, free gunlocks are provided.

Station Tours

Station tour information and scheduling please call 303-857-4603. All station tours were postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.



Administration.



Trick or Treat Street served over 1,500 cars.



Field of Honor.

Apparatus and Facility Maintenance

The District Maintenance Staff, Comprised of Maintenance Technician Lead, Nick Monares and Maintenance Technician Jacob Margheim handle all the apparatus/maintenance and repairs as well as taking care of the facilities. In 2020, they completed 176 work orders. Some challenges included the delay of parts due to the pandemic. They completed annual pump certifications for our six engines.

Some other major projects completed in 2020 included a shower remodel at Station 2, replacing a radiant tube heater at Station 2, they oversaw the apparatus floor coating at Station 1 was removed and replaced with a clear sealant, they removed and replaced seven bushes at Station 2, and installed a new gear washer/extractor at Station 1. Two sets of gas-powered extrication tools were replaced with battery operated Hurst cutters, spreaders, and rams. A new Pierce Enforcer Engine was purchased and ½ ton Fire Marshal pickup. All equipment was installed on the new Engine.

The computer server for the District was replaced and the Fire Marshal upgraded his plan review process to include electronic submission and review on a 60-inch interactive monitor.

Station 3 Construction Project

Station three Construction began with a small groundbreaking ceremony in July 2020. The project located at 2470 S. Rollie Avenue on a 6-acre site served by City water and sewer. The land was purchased in 2017 from the Villano family. The project was funded from the District's Capital Improvement reserves and a \$1 million grant from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant. The 13,700 square foot, three bay station that can house 8 firefighters was designed by Brad Bonnet of Allred and Associates Architect Firm and Constructed by Golden Triangle Construction at a cost of \$5,563,200.00.

The new station will help the District to maintain a Class 2 ISO rating, reduce response times to a large portion of the District, and help to cover the adjacent industrial area and growth that the District is experiencing. The station is scheduled to be completed in May 2021 and operational by September 2021. The District will hire an additional 10 to 12 firefighters to staff the station.



Station 3 Construction Pictures



Station 3 project.



Hose drying tower.



Station 3 south elevation in January 2021.

Staff



Fire Prevention Lt. Randy Cleveland



Training Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer



Shift Capt. Rob Lawrenz



Field of Honor group.



Station 1 crew.



Bill Schmanski visits family home.



New firefighters.



Firefighter Dunn serving our Country. B-Shift training.



2020 Wildfire Season

In the midst of a Nationwide Pandemic the Colorado Wildfires raged on. On August 13, 2020, what would be Colorado's largest wildfire, the Cameron Peak fire started near Chambers Lake in Larimer County. At its peak, the fire had over 1,000 personnel assigned to the fire. It burned within a mile of Red Feather Lakes and surrounding communities destroying over 400 structures. After 112 days, the fire was finally contained. Crews from all over the United States responded. Firefighters from Fort Lupton also assisted.



L to R Eng. Seely, Lt. May, FF Gambee, and FF Shirley respond to the Cameron Peak

The East Troublesome Fire started In Grand County on October 14, 2020 and was not contained until November 30, 2020. It destroyed over 500 structures and resulted in two fatalities. After an explosive growth on October 21, 2020, the fire crossed over from Grand to Larimer County, Rocky Mountain National Park, and then near the Town of Estes Park.



On October 24, 2020, Chief Tiffany responded with other several other Weld County Fire Agencies to Estes Park to give exhausted Estes Park Command Staff a break from managing resources to assist in protecting Estes Park. A snowstorm on October 25, slowed the fire.

2020 List of Accomplishments

(Where applicable, most activities continued with proper precautions in place, although due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, in person meetings/trainings were conducted virtually.)

- January 1, 2020-Provided blood pressure checks every other week at the Recreation Center for the Senior group.
- January 1, 2020- Platte Valley Ambulance Services continues delivery of Continuing Medical Education on a monthly basis for recertification of EMT certifications.
- January 1, 2020-Met monthly at the Steering Committee with City Leaders to discuss impacts within the community. These meetings were conducted virtually.
- January 1, 2020-Throughout the school year, firefighters assist the church and program coordinators by delivering backpacks with food to the schools to help with snack items for kids in the community. The program is known as Blessings in a Bag.
- January 1, 2020- Participating member of the South Weld Hazardous Materials Training Group for Haz Mat Technicians with Frederick/Firestone, Brighton, and Mountain View on a quarterly basis.
- January 1, 2020- Train at least quarterly on fire attack with our mutual aid and auto aid agencies to improve operations and communications. Currently this includes Brighton, Hudson, and Frederick/Firestone.
- January 9, 2020-Recognized Fort Lupton Police Department on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- January 18, 2020-Attended the retirement celebration of long time Division of Fire Prevention and Control Training Section Chief Mark Quick at Fairmount Fire.
- January 22, 2020-Crews completed Ice Rescue Training and recertification.
- January 29, 2020- Maintenance Lead Nick Monares and Maintenance Technician Jacob Margheim and attended the Colorado Fire Mechanics meeting in Parker.
- February 2, 2020- Crews from FLFD and Banner Paramedics stop by and assist our local Girl Scouts with their cookie sales and to help them earn a badge.
- February 2, 2020-Held the annual Awards Banquet, Spouse Appreciation Night at the The Armory Performing Arts Center in Brighton.
- February 2, 2020-Hogelin Memorial Award was presented to Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer.
- February 2, 2020- Denny Mintle Adam I Community Service Award was presented to Engineer Nick Spendlow.
- February 2, 2020- Engineer Nick Spendlow. was selected as the Employee of the Year.
- February 2, 2020- Firefighter Michio Watanabe and Engineer Brian Vanbeber (10 years) were presented with leather helmets as awards for their length of service to the community.
- February 2, 2020- Firefighter Josh Tapia was recognized for his 15 years of service to the community.
- February 2, 2020-Antony Melendez was recognized as Career Firefighter of the Year and Evan Wilson was recognized as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.
- February 3, 2020-Assisted Platteville/Gilcrest Fire with our foam trailer at an oil and gas fire at CR 38 and CR 35.
- February 9, 2020-Opened pre-qualification for General Contractors to bid on the Station 3 Project.

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- February 9, and 10, 2020-Completion of the District's Financial Audit by and independent auditor to ensure compliance with professional financial guidelines.
- February 19, 2021-Annual report for 2020 completed.
- February 12, 2020- Today students from the RE-8 Fort Lupton High School Career Explore Program came to the training center and participated in a "Stop the Bleed" training, HIPAA medical confidentiality class, and how it relates to our profession and health care presented by Chief Carl Craigle and Paramedic Dayne, from Platte Valley Ambulance.
- February 20, 2020-Our maintenance team, Nick Monares and Jacob Margheim remodeled the shower at Station 2 for the duty crew.
- February 27, 2020-The District Board approves the purchase of 12 sets of replacement bunker gear not to exceed \$36,000.00. The District is on a 5-year replacement plan. This continues the transition to black bunker gear.
- February 28, 2020-The first news of the Coronavirus is posted on Facebook by the District.
- February 29, 2020-Change4Change provided a First Responder Breakfast for crews at the Odd Fellows Lodge.
- February 29, 2020- Boys and Girls Club Boot Scoot Silent Auction winners had their Birthday Party at the Fire Station today! Only available at special events through a silent auction!
- March 2, 2020-Firefighters read to students at Butler Elementary School for Read Across America Day.
- March 5, 2020-Five vehicle accident results in 10 people suffering minor injuries on Highway 85 and CR 16.
- March 5, 2020-First case of Coronavirus reported by the Governor in Colorado.
- March 12, 2020-First community meeting with Dr. Mark Wallace Weld County Public Health regarding Coronavirus. Followed by weekly meetings.
- March 13, 2020- To our community: We are taking many internal steps to ensure a proper response to COVID-19. Items that you need to be aware of is that as of yesterday we have closed our Stations and Training Facilities to outside meetings or visitors until further notice.
- March 18, 2020-Crews rescue a Terrier from the storm drain at the Fort Lupton Rec Center.
- March 19, 2020-A major winter storm hits Colorado and causes numerous traffic issues and road closures.
- March 19, 2020-Hosted a remote online meeting for all of our employees and volunteers to bring them up to speed on all of our actions in response to COVID-19 and allow them the opportunity to ask any questions during about the District or COVID-19. The meeting lasted over an hour, was well attended, and was very successful.
- March 24, 2020-Conference call with Weld County Commissioners to discuss delinquent tax penalties.
- March 25, 2020-Stay at Home Order imposed until April 11, 2020.

2020 Pictures



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- March 30, 2020- Past Volunteer Member Bernie Schmanski passed away. Mr. Schmanski operated the funeral home in Fort Lupton for many years. He and his family resided in Fort Lupton and were very active in the community and Catholic Church. He served the Fire District and was a true volunteer who was passionate about Fort Lupton and the Fire Department.
- April 1, 2020-A request for donations from our community to include Lysol Wipes, Clorox Wipes, generic disinfectant wipes, or similar to be delivered to the Administration Office to help in our response to COVID-19.
- April 2, 2020- Our heartfelt thank you to our community for reaching out! Thank you to those citizens who contacted us as well as Dale's Pharmacy, Bank of Colorado, Little Caesars, BMC West, Safeway, as we cannot thank you enough.
- April 3, 2020- In conjunction with CHSAA and all of the other Colorado High Schools around the State, the District joined FLHS in the "Be the Light Colorado" campaign in support of our students and community. They will be lighting Bob Felps field every Friday night from 8:00 PM until 8:30 PM. We are hopeful that together we will continue to shine through this difficult time. Please let your light shine through onto others and let the stadium lights show the commitment and hope to all of our students and community that you are in our hearts and in our minds.
- April 6, 2020- All open burning is stopped due to COVID-19.
- April 10, 2020-Participated in a Health Care Worker's Parade at Platte Valley Hospital in Brighton to honor those on the frontline of the COVID-19 battle.
- April 10, 2020-Participated in a Health Care Worker's Parade at UC Health and NCMC in Greeley to honor those on the frontline of the COVID-19 battle.
- April 10, 2020-One-year anniversary of an agreement with Weld County for shared use of their fuel depot located on CR 31 between CR 16 and CR 18. District vehicles will now begin fueling at this location and purchasing bulk fuel at a reduced cost to the District.
- April 11, 2020-Retired Volunteer Firefighter Randy Semroska passed away during his hospitalization at Platte Valley Medical Center.
- April 13, 2020-Started Birthday Drive By parties with the Fire Trucks, Ambulance and Police Cars. They became very popular.
- April 14, 2020-The District recognizes the Dispatchers from Weld County Regional Communications Center for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and being vital to public safety in our community.
- April 15, 2020-Started resurfacing project of Station 1 bay floors.
- April 15, 2020-Recognized Allyson and Rayna for their exemplary work on Administrative Professionals Day.
- April 17, 2020-Chalk messages of hope are left on the sidewalk of Station 1.
- April 17, 2020-The Air Force Thunderbirds conduct a flyover across the front range to honor frontline health care workers.
- April 17, 2020-The District reaches 4,000 followers on Facebook.
- April 18, 2020- Chalk messages of hope are left on the sidewalk of Station 2.
- April 21, 2020-Participated in County Wide Pulse check virtual meeting.

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- April 23, 2020-Participated in South Weld Mayoral, Emergency Services, and Medical virtual meeting with Platte Valley Hospital regarding COVID-19.
- April 24, 2020-Anheuser Busch of Fort Collins donated sparkling water and drinks for our First Responders in Fort Lupton. It was greatly appreciated.
- April 24, 2020-Firefighters participate in Virtual Story Time with the Fort Lupton Public and School Library. Firefighters read their favorite stories to the kids virtually.
- April 26, 2020-A special message was left painted on a rock at Station 1 by the flagpole. The message was “Strong”.
- May 2, 2020-A second special message was left painted on a rock at Station 2 by the flagpole. The message was “Strong”.
- May 4, 2020-Social Media message from the City of Fort Lupton for our dedication in keeping the community safe.
- May 5, 2020- Tonight we had the honor and privilege to participate in a Drive by Remembrance of Retired Firefighter and longtime Fort Lupton community member Randy Semroska, Lisa, children, and family members. Randy served the community from 1992 until 2003 as a volunteer firefighter. The procession started at Station 1 on Denver Ave. where Randy served his community. Tuesday night at 7:30 was our traditional meeting night and we arrived at his residence at 7:30 PM. The procession concluded at Station 1. While it was a solemn drive, it was also surrounded with love and peace and it seemed to bring some joy to our broken hearts. We cannot thank everyone enough who helped us celebrate the life and remember Randy. Our love and prayers go out to Lisa and the family for your loss. Randy will always be a part of our department. I hope Randy was smiling down upon us.
- May 7, 2020-Thank you to our community member who provided Safeway Gift Cards to each station and shift. Thank you to the Fort Lupton High School Booster Club for the goody basket.
- May 14, 2020-Participated in the “Be the Light” campaign at the Fort Lupton High School where the lights to the stadium were turned on to provide hope for the community.
- May 17, 2020-Ended the Drive by Birthdays as the community restrictions allow for small gatherings.
- May 19, 2020-During EMS Week thanked all of our EMS partners for their dedication during the pandemic.
- May 22, 2020-Drive thru COVID-19 testing offered in Fort Lupton at the Weld County Annex.
- May 22, 2020-Added additional security cameras at Station 2.
- May 23, 2020-Participated in the Fort Lupton Class of 2020 Graduation Parade.
- May 25, 2020-The Memorial Day Ceremony at Hillside Cemetery was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- May 28, 2020-Offered COVID-19 Antibody Testing for staff at the District.
- June 5, 2020-Thank you Liz Chavez, a Weld RE 8 teacher that has been in our district for 43 years! We thanked her today with a special sendoff of a drive by celebration of her retirement! Thank you for your commitment!

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- June 6, 2020-Strong winds damage multiple buildings, power poles, and property in Fort Lupton.
- June 7, 2020-Drive by Birthday for retired District Employee Nona Schaefer.
- June 10, 2020- Completed annual certification of all ground ladders and the aerial device.
- June 10, 2020-Met with Union Colony Insurance to review all insurance coverages for the District.
- June 16, 2020-Thank you to community members Berta and Martin Gutierrez for providing us with fire truck themed cloth masks!
- June 17, 2020-We also wanted to extend a big thank you to all of our community partners. You helped us through the past several months. Dale's Pharmacy has been a champion for the entire community. The donation of the masks will help us achieve our mission and keep our personnel safe.
- June 22, 2020-Completed a Drive by Birthday celebration for Past Chief and retired member Frank Brozovich.
- June 25, 2020-Thank you to community member Vira Brock for providing us with a card and Safeway gift cards for a meal for our crews. You made our day!
- June 25, 2020-District Audit presented to the District Board with no significant findings or recommended changes.
- June 27, 2020-Attended the Memorial Service for Randy Semroska at St. Williams Catholic Church.
- June 30, 2020-Completed a Drive by Birthday celebration for retired member Phil Gabel.
- July 4, 2020-The State of Colorado and Weld County approved the 4th of July City Celebration and the fire department presented the annual Fireworks Show for the community. The location was behind Safeway.
- July 6, 2020- Small Groundbreaking Ceremony as the District officially break ground for the construction of Station #3 at 2470 S. Rollie Ave. We kept this gathering at a limited number due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic.
- July 13, 2020- Firefighter Maika Mataele and Stephen Holcomb begin work as career firefighters and Jacob Cloke starts as a Volunteer Firefighter for the District.
- July 17, 2020-Met virtually with the Governor regarding the current state of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- July 19, 2020-A crew of two firefighters and the Fire Chief assisted on a 2,000-acre grass fire in the area of CR 49 and CR 22. Multiple agencies and firefighting aircraft responded.
- July 22, 2020-Multiple fire and law agencies respond to Tire Mountain in Platteville after a fire started when a piece of heavy machinery caught fire and extended into the tires. An Engine crew, Tender, and the Fire Chief responded. the fire burned for several days.
- July 30, 2020-The District Board takes official action during the Board Meeting to seek a ballot measure to maintain the Residential Assessment Rate for the District at 7.2%.
- July 31, 2020-All ground ladders were certified during their annual recertification testing.
- August 1, 2020-A foursome played in the Fort Lupton Wrestling Program golf tournament.

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- August 2, 2020-Volunteer Firefighter David Dunn sent us a picture of his military deployment in the Middle East as a Firefighter.
- August 4, 2020-National Night Out Community event cancelled due to COVID-19.
- August 4, 2020-B-Shift assisted with rescuing a litter of kittens and the momma kitty from the drain system at the Weld County Annex.
- August 6, 2020-Completed annual radio maintenance with Weld County Public Safety Radio group.
- August 7, 2020- MDA Fill the Boot goes virtual due to safety concerns over in person contact for donations and money handling.
- August 13, 2020-Multiple wildfires start in the mountains and results in smoke filled conditions across the front range.
- August 20, 2020-The Governor extends a burn ban until October 7, 2020.
- August 20, 2020-Attended virtual meeting with the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding stakeholder input on firefighting foam PFAs and regulations.
- August 20, 2020- The Board of Directors Meeting, the Board will consider adding a ballot measure in the November 2020 coordinated election in addition to the Statewide Ballot Measure to stabilize the Residential Assessment Rate, which is also more commonly referred to as the Gallagher Amendment. This ballot question, if approved by the District Board, would specifically address Residential Assessment Rates for the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District to stabilize these rates at 7.15%. The statewide ballot proposal would address the entire state stabilizing the rate at 7.15% and would be in place for a period of only four years.
- September 1 and 2, 2020-Completed budget-planning meeting with staff for the 2020 budget.
- September 3, 2020- Lt. May organized the contactless MDA Fill the Boot Campaign and the department members collected \$1,450.00 for MDA. Unfortunately, COVID-19 significantly impacted our donation totals, and we were unable to collect in person. All donations were completed electronically.
- September 4, 2020-Our Maintenance team of Nick and Jacob replaced several damaged and dead trees with new bushes at Station 2.
- September 11, 2020-Even though the parade was cancelled due to the pandemic, all of our fire trucks were washed and waxed for the Trapper's Day Parade.
- September 1, 2020-Sponsored foursome at the Annual Chamber Trapper's Day Golf Tournament.
- September 11, 2020-The annual September 11 Memorial Stair Climb of 110 stories at the Qwest building in Denver to honor those who lost their lives in the twin towers on September 11, 2001 was cancelled.
- September 15, 2020-Lt. Randy Cleveland was hired with the District as our Fire Prevention Officer. Randy was a volunteer with us for the past year and a half. He was previously with Brighton Fire in the Fire Prevention Bureau and then a Shift Lieutenant. He has extensive work experience in the fire service both in the public and private sector.
- September 15, 2020-Patrick Foxx was hired as a Volunteer Firefighter.

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- September 18, 2020- Station 2 Crews conducted a socially distanced emergency medical educational program for the Girl Scouts. The event was held outside to enhance safety. Masks were worn and distancing. These are still challenging times for us to deliver basic services to our community. We must use extreme caution.
- September 20, 2020-A crew of four firefighters, Lt. May, Eng. Seely, FF Gambee, and FF Shirley headed to the Red Feather to assist on the Cameron Peak Fire.
- September 21 and 22, 2020-Nick Monares and Jacob Margheim Completed pump testing for our Engines and Ladder Truck with pumps.
- September 23, 2020-Crews return form Cameron Peak Fire.
- September 29, 2020-Recognized by the local community on National First Responders Day.
- October 1, 2020- All outside warning devices/sirens activation upgraded to 700/800 trunked system by Avtech and Weld County Public Safety Radio Services.
- October 2, 2020- Flu shots provided for employees and volunteers.
- October 2, 2020- A Cessna experiencing engine problems, makes an emergency landing in a field at CR 21 just south of Highway 52.
- October 5 through October 11, 2020-Fire Marshal Taw Tamlin and Lt. Randy Cleveland completed Fire Prevention Week for the students and staff members at Twombly and Butler Elementary Schools Pre-K through Third Grade and at the Rec Center. They educated over 1,200 kids for fire prevention week.
- October 9 to 12, 2020-Station crews from all shifts completed annual pressure testing of all fire service hose to ensure safety at the scene of emergency incidents.
- October 11, 13, and 15, 2020-Crews from all shifts trained at a donated structure that once was Schmanski Funeral Home. Tom Gray allowed us to train in the building before demolition. Former resident of the house Bill Schmanski visited the home and met with C-Shift at the completion of the training. The firefighters used this opportunity to practice firefighter survival techniques such as, breaching walls to exit a room, utilizing our bail out systems to practice emergency evacuation by bailing out of windows, and ladder bail outs.
- October 16, 2020-Measure 6D is on the Ballot to repeal the Gallagher Amendment. There is also a Statewide Issue in Amendment B proposed to also repeal the Gallagher Amendment Statewide.
- October 19, 2020-A joint Firefighter II Academy in Fort Lupton with Southeast Weld Firefighters begins with additional safety measures in place due to COVID-19.
- October 24, 2020- Fort Lupton Cub Scouts Pack 47 Service Project - Ribbons on Trees in City Park for First Responder's Day!
- October 25, 2020-Fire Chief Phil Tiffany was requested to assist with Incident Command and resource management in Estes Park with the East Troublesome Fire. During this deployment, there was a large fire in Estes Park in a home and three other structures that were evacuated due to the Troublesome Fire. Chief Tiffany responded with personnel from Poudre Fire and Loveland Fire on the Fire and assistance arrived from Estes Valley Fire. The fire was quickly controlled during a large snowstorm that provided relief from the East Troublesome Fire.

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- October 28, 2020-Bank of Colorado President Don Tomoi and Vice President Mariann Johnston by to recognize our Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Firefighters on National First Responders Day.
- October 28, 2020- Wholly Stromboli owners Melissa and Eric Rickman for came by our Firefighter II Academy training to recognize our Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Firefighters on National First Responders Day! Thank you for the card and a midafternoon pizza snack for our hungry academy students.
- October 28, 2020-Radio Station Jammin 101.5 and T-Mobile stopped by to recognize our Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Firefighters on National First Responders Day. They brought a cake and goody basket to crews.
- October 30, 2020-Took delivery of a 2021 Chevrolet ½ ton replacement unit for the Fire Marshal from Purifoy Chevrolet.
- October 31, 2020-Participated in the Drive Thru Trunk or Treat Street event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in the Fort Lupton High School Parking lot. The line of cars stretched from the parking lot to 1st Street then to Highway 85. Almost 1,500 cars were served.
- November 2, 2020-Shift Captain Robert Lawrenz and Training Lt. Ryan Pfeiffer hired with the District.
- November 2, 2020-Ballot issue 6D on the District wide election ballot to De-Gallagherize and maintain the Residential Assessment Rate for the District at 7.2%.
- November 7, 2020-Attended and participated in the opening ceremony for the Field of Honor at Pearson Park. Such a moving experience and honored to have flags in honor of the firefighters, volunteers, and deceased members.
- November 15, 2020-Attended the closing ceremony for the Field of Honor at Pearson Park. Then completed a drive by celebration for Veteran Bud Rasmussen to celebrate his 101st birthday who came from Lamar to attend the Field of Honor.
- November 16, 2020-Hired four Firefighters from our Volunteer ranks to train for the opening of Station 3 in mid-2021. They are Evan Wilson, Jacob Cloke, Patrick Foxx, and David Dunn.
- November 20, 2020-The District continues to battle the spread of COVID-19 with stringent guidelines for limited contact, travel, shift trades, mask wearing, distancing, and cleaning guidelines. The procedures continue to limit staff exposures.
- November 19, 2020-The District Board of Directors approved the 2021 budget that includes: Completion of Station 3 construction, administration generator replacement, carry over replacement of one 4-wheel drive vehicle/equipment, Station 2 Cascade system replacement, and Outside Warning Device additional unit.
- December 1, 2020-Lt. Troy Norby obtains a grant from Walmart for \$1,000.00 to help fund our community car seat program.
- December 2, 2020-One year has passed since FLPD Sergeant Christopher Pelton was shot in the line of duty while responding to a disturbance on Ponderosa Place. He has since returned to duty.
- December 5, 2020-City of Fort Lupton Winterfest cancelled due to Pandemic.
- December 6, 2020-Donation of 1991 Pierce Dash Engine to Hugo Fire Department.

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- December 8, 2020-Met in a joint virtual meeting with E911 and Weld County Communications Boards.
- December 13, 2020-LULAC Parade of Lights and Christmas Tree Lighting cancelled due to the Pandemic.
- December 15, 2020-Annual Fire Department Christmas Party was cancelled due to potential spread of COVID-19.
- December 17, 2020-The Weld County Clerk and Recorder enters official results of the November 2020 Election and the District Ballot Measure, 6D passes by a vote of 2,691 votes for and 2,614 votes against. Measure passed by 77 votes. The Statewide Ballot measure to De-Gallagherize also passed.
- December 25, 2020-Purchased a holiday gift card of \$100.00 for all staff.
- December 30, 2020-District Employees begin vaccination against COVID-19 at Platte Valley Medical Center.
- December 31, 2020-The District provides a meeting space for the 4-H Tail Twisters.
- December 31, 2020-Retired Volunteer Firefighter Rand Sheldon continues serving on the Pension Board (2020 and 2021) and Lieutenant Josh Tapia to serve another term (2021 and 2022). Volunteer Firefighters Nick Rauch and Josh Tapia will fill a term (2020 and 2021) on the Hogelin Memorial Committee.
- December 31, 2020-The total calls remained the same at 1407 in 2020 as in 2019.



Board of Directors left to right: S. Austin, D. Patton, L. Leinweber, G. Alexander, and M. Grajeda.



Mission Statement

TO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THOSE IN A TIME OF NEED WITH A SENSE OF INTEGRITY, PRIDE, AND COMPASSION FOR WELL BEING.



Firefighter Code of Ethics

As a firefighter, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind by safeguarding lives and property from the ravages of fire.

As a professional, I am on-call for some of the most difficult and trying circumstances. When disaster strikes, I will do my duty to aid the victim and rescue the helpless.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of my Department.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, or animosities to influence my decisions.

I recognize my position as one of public trust and understand as such that I am looked upon as an individual of high moral character I will constantly strive to live by these standards and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession ... fire protection.



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