Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
December 2015 Month-End Report

Fire-Rescue Administrative Division

Chief Mark Miller and Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler

December 2015 overview -

Happy Holidays! We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday, and wish you all a Happy New Year in 2016! We have high expectations of what we hope to accomplish in 2016 and are beginning the process of setting strategic priorities as we speak. At the next LFRA Board meeting on January 27th, we have set aside the afternoon for the annual planning meeting to determine what our top objectives for 2016 will be. Additionally, we will look back at 2015, and provide you all a brief overview of major accomplishments. Stay tuned...

In the mean-time – thanks for an outstanding 2015 and keeping our mojo going strong!

Highlights of the December report include; Training Center update; Radio Tower update; Behind the Scenes; LFRA Appreciation Event; Citizen Recognition; Police Chief Luke Hecker retirement.

Training Center Annexation -

Along with hiring a firm to complete the design work and engineering of the LFRA Training Center (Belford Watkins Group Architects), we are also continuing the annexation process for the new training center property. Annexation is a lengthy endeavor and we hope to have it completed within the next 3 months. The process includes formal neighborhood meetings and various other City requirements to get us to the finish line. Sam Eliason, with United Civil Services is working in conjunction with Ken Cooer (Facilities Management), and Bob Paulson (Acting Development Services Director) to make it all come together.

Station 1 Radio Communications Tower -

As previously reported, over the course of the last several months we have conducted an analysis of the radio tower on top of station 1. The tower in in need of replacement as soon as possible. It is the primary 800 MHz communications tower for all Loveland public safety agencies as well and many other departments, including Public Works, Water and Power, Parks and Recreation, etc. After several weeks of getting formal approvals, securing budget appropriations, etc., we are moving forward. The steel has been ordered and will take approximately 10 – 12 weeks to arrive. Once it is here, the actual construction of the tower and removal of the old tower will go quickly. In the meantime, we are maintaining a vigilant eye on the existing tower, looking forward to getting it replaced to ensure continued radio communications, and improved strength and wind resistance.
Behind the Scenes -

As with most organizations, there is much work that goes on behind the scenes. This “behind the scenes” stuff keeps Renee Wheeler and staff extremely busy, especially in light of the complex process of converting all the employees to be under the Authority, as well as the normal budget challenges to ensure the wheels of LFRA keep turning. Here is a brief overview of what’s been happening in December;

- Transitioned the support of the two pension boards to install members of the Administration team.
- Pension Plan Document approvals for sworn and non-sworn 401 and 457.
- Transition forms completed for FPPA Death and Disability for all sworn personnel; 401 & 457 enrollment forms and rollover forms as necessary from nonsworn personnel; W-4 and I-9’s from all personnel
- Worked with Risk management to bind coverage for workers compensation and property liability insurance with the Colorado Special Districts Pool.
- Merit and Rank Compression salary adjustments calculated and communicated to all LFRA employees.
- Facilitated a variety of expenditures for operational needs
- Facilitated contract documents for the Radio Tower project and Station Alerting projects

LFRA Appreciation Event -

As a reminder, the 2015 LFRA appreciation event is scheduled for January 16th, 5:00 PM at the Ellis Ranch west of Loveland. Planning for the event is well underway, including a local author/motivational speaker for the keynote address. Please RSVP via your invitation, to Roylene by January 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Citizen Recognition –

On January 5th, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Loveland Police, and Thompson Valley EMS will be recognizing three citizens who were instrumental in saving a human life. Two young men will be recognized for their efforts in rescuing a woman who drove her car into Lake Loveland, and another gentleman will be recognized for his efforts in saving the life of a choking child at the Loveland Library. This is a big deal. The recognition will take place at the beginning of the City Council meeting on January 5th, at 6:30 PM. These folks are heroes and we are grateful for their bravery, quick thinking, and compassion.

Chief Hecker Retirement Ceremony -

On December 18th LFRA officials were pleased to take part in a ceremony honoring retiring Police Chief Luke Hecker. It was a wonderful event, attended by hundreds of peers, family members, and colleagues of Chief Hecker’s. Chief Hecker was presented an “Honorary” Fire Chiefs helmet and badge from LFRA for his 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Loveland, and especially for his leadership, support and collaboration with Loveland Fire over the years. He will be missed, fondly remembered, and always highly respected by LFRA members. Godspeed, Luke...
December 2015

RESPONSE

- On December 2nd LFRA was dispatched to a residential fire on Ulmus Drive, crews arrived on scene to find a one story house that was approximately ½ involved in fire. Crews controlled the fire in under twenty minutes, but remained on scene for several hours extinguishing hot spots and completing the fire investigation.
- Companies responded to Interstate 25, exit 255 for a semi-truck that had rolled off of I-25 and onto the off-ramp. The driver of the truck was pinned inside the cab, crews worked for more than 30 minutes to extricate the driver. LFRA crews were assisted on scene by Front Range Fire Rescue Authority.
- LFRA and an Engine from the Poudre Fire Authority were dispatched to a residential fire on December 9th on Concise Drive which is located just south of Carpenter Road, east of Highway 287. LFRA Engine 5 was the first to arrive on scene, they located a fire on the outside of the rear of the house that had extended into the attic. The fire was brought under control within fifteen minutes, crews remained on scene for several hours extinguishing hot spots in the attic.
- On December 16th crews responded to an outbuilding fire on Glade Road. Crews from Engine 3 and Rescue 2 extinguished a fire in a small barn and rescued several chickens from the structure.
- On the evening of December 16th, LFRA was dispatched to the intersection of South Railroad Avenue and Fire Engine Red Street to extricate the driver of a pickup truck that struck a train. The vehicle had to be stabilized by strapping the truck to the train before crews could start the extrication process.
- LFRA covered twelve aircraft rescue stand bys at the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport.

READINESS

- LFRA and Thompson Valley EMS crews completed cardiac arrest training scenarios facilitated by the EMS training personnel from both agencies.
- The six Operations Captains, joined the Deputy Fire Marshal and Emergency Manger for two days of leadership training provided by the Vail Leadership Institute.
- The December installment of the Intelligent Firefighter Training Series focused on modern fuels and fire behavior based on the live fire research burns that were conducted earlier in the year.
- All crews rotated to the computer lab for report writing / data collection training throughout the month.
- Captain Carie Dann provided a training on building fire protection systems for the operations crews.

RESOURCES

- The Apparatus Committee finalized the specifications for the 2016 engine that will replace the 1997 American LaFrance engine.
- The refurbished ladder truck is complete, it is currently going through inspections, testing and training.
- The call alerting system upgrades for the stations kicked off this month. The upgrade is replacing thirty year old technology that can no longer be maintained. The upgrade work will be fully complete in early February. A grant will be submitted to cover the costs of additional upgrades to the system that will allow for quicker dispatch and turn-out times.

RELATIONSHIPS

- The Berthoud Fire District inquired about LFRA’s Intelligent Firefighter Training Program, they expressed interest in participating in this program. This month their crews started joining LFRA for this training, this will continue throughout 2016.
- The Aims Community College Fire Science Program, SVI Trucks and Thompson Valley EMS utilized the Fire Training Center in December.
Ulmus Drive Fire right after the 1st Company (Engine 1) arrived on scene

Concise Drive Fire – LFRA Engine 5 Crew

Glade Road Barn Fire – Engine 3 and Rescue 2 Crews
Update/overview of CSD, Special Events (Ned):

- Review of Community Risk Assessment (v.1) completed and emphasis will be on altering public education message to redevelop and unify Public Education / Outreach and Emergency Management, as well as, Fire Code provisions. We will also be exploring the best method to create and operate a Public Education team utilizing Firefighters and duty crews. Discussion with LPD and TVEMS to prevent duplication of effort and looking into shared messaging when appropriate.

- Working with Bob Paulsen on the Empowerment committee to evaluate the training of DRT staff, review areas of where policy can be a choke point for reviewers. After action review of high profile projects that have created concerns between the DRT and Administration is in progress.

- Preparing for NFPA Inspection class in January with an intent to develop a course and certification within the State for Colorado for Firefighters. This would not be the traditional ICC certification and would be more specific to firefighters and business inspections.

Significant Building Plan Reviews, and Inspections (Carie and Ingrid):

- Little Thompson installed new hydrant on County Rd 21 and 29 to meet the required fire-flow in lieu of fire sprinklers at the Lundeen residence. Construction and occupancy of the property was completed without permits from Larimer County and LFRA. The hydrant install was accomplished to facilitate sale of the property and increase water supply for the area.

- Firehouse Storage has a new structure with no permits or approval from the Larimer County or LFRA for construction or occupancy.
  - Planning submittal just came in for review. LFRA will require the appropriate drive lanes for fire code that the county commissioners waived. CD is doing this review.

- Millennium Mixed Use Village Center drive aisles and access in discussion – maneuverability of fire apparatus within the site is a significant point of concern for the Fire review team.
  - Millenium conceded to go with our street requirements. Will be submitting a planning review soon.

- Building/Fire project review:
  - Bronze services addition review and discussion
    - Permit has been approved with a couple of little corrections.
  - New banner healthcare addition onto skyline – approved. Permit approved
  - UPS modular issues working with construction – approved, built, in use
  - Verboten brewery downtown 5th street – approved, pending
  - Fat pastor distillery review and discussion - submitted yesterday for permit re-review with the corrections corrected
  - Drywall supply review and inspection - apparently done
  - Dutch brothers coffee- planning site plan signed off, building permit in yesterday
  - My place hotel- corrected, reviewed, sprinkler plans reviewed.

- Planning/Fire project review:
✔ Armada Self Storage - resubmittal pending w/ corrections.
✔ Freedom Self Storage - resubmittal pending
✔ Human Bean coffee shop – revised layout submittal in for review. will be approved by lfra
✔ Redwood Business Park – planning signed off. Easements in , etc.
✔ Mountain pacific business area – second phase in corrections/ review

County:
✔ Windgate hotel- Corrections were made and approved
✔ Sweetheart Winery – Continue to work with applicant and County Planning; Design professional recommended to assist with submittal.

✔ MISC: FAB asbestos issues resolved and mitigation is almost complete.

PIO, Website & Public Education (Scott):
- 6 new school/business fire safety inspections
- 13 school/business fire safety compliance visits (re-inspections)
- 7 car seat inspections/installations
- 1 business Knox box key update
- 2 BEC event standbys
- PIO duties for various incidents
- Follow-up on 2 Youth Fire-setting Intervention Sessions
- Attended 16-hour Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) at Regional FEMA office
- Numerous LFRA social media posts
- Numerous LFRA website updates
- Compiled year-end numbers estimates for Lisa Schwartz for January issue of City Update

Accreditation, Fracking, Inspections, Investigations (Ty):

Inspections:
- 1 general inspection, 2 hazmat inspections, 2 hazmat plan reviews, 1 Knox box update, 20 burn permits
- Follow-up on 2 past-due hazmat permit invoices

Investigations:
- 2264 Ulmus Drive
- 513 Concise Drive
- Developed draft of fire investigation program annual report and appraisal

Assist Operations:
- Respond to structure fire at 2264 Ulmus Drive
- Respond to structure fire at 558 W 10th Street
- Respond to structure fire at 513 Concise Drive
- Helped with photos for Tower 6 road width
- TacFire mission on 12/8
- 12/10 – Cover as D/O on Rescue 2 (1400-1700 hrs)
- 12/19 – Cover as LT on Engine 3 (1630-0730 hrs)

Training:
- Finalized Fire Investigation 101 schedule
- Read Smoke Burns and submitted completed study guide to BC Starck
- Helped instruct all 3 days of ETI Basics class
- Completed IS 120.a (pre-requisite for HSEEP class)
- Completed 2-day HSEEP class in Lakewood
- Helped as instructor for Aims live fire on 12/8
- Attended modern fuels burn data review class
Watched cardiac arrest video from Randy Kolb
Attended Fire Protection 201 presentation
Attended cardiac arrest scenarios at TVEMS 350
Attended 2-day HSEEP training
Developed rough draft of FTO program for FIT program

Accreditation:
Worked with Mark Hernandez to review incomplete NFIRS spreadsheet
Improve Mutual Aid reporting capabilities in Advanced Reporting Module
Completed 2015 BTCVFD response performance analysis (through end of Nov so far)
Analyzed FIT/Acting FIT utilization for 2015
Working with Cheryl and Roy on updates/changes to monthly reporting processes
Meeting re public education program appraisal
Working on Station 6 response performance relating to installation of new station alerting system

Peer Support Team:
Updated team Guideline
Significant events:
The site monitoring visit and the City’s internal audit were conducted this month with the EMPG being the primary grant from my office that both groups looked at. There were several recommendations made by the site monitoring contractor (hired by the State OEM) that they will provide to us in written form in the near future. From my memory, most of the recommendations were regarding Finance Department grant policies, conducting inventories, and expenditure reporting. The internal audit findings are not available yet from the auditors. So far, no one made any statements to me indicating that there was anything of concern found for the EMPG grant.

The contract for the Mitigation Strategy and Master Plan (MSMP) was executed and now we await the notarized signatures from the vendor, Michael Baker Inc., so that we can begin work immediately.

An RFP will be posted in the next month or two for a separate contractor to write a Recovery Plan for the City. This contractor will be paid out of the cost-savings from the MSMP project which is well below our original estimate.

FM is finalizing the engineering for the Chilson emergency generator and once done, a change will be made on the HMP grant scope of work to extend the period of performance and to adjust the percentages within our budget to reflect the additional engineering expenditures. The State has given an initial nod to these requested changes.

Flood Recovery
- Attended on-going city recovery planning meetings

Operations and Maintenance
- Temporary location for the EOC is in the PWB upstairs conference rooms (LPD, LFRA, TVEMS, and ARES workstations will remain in the EOC)
- Met with Lorna ref: EOC and office space remodeling, plans finalized

Planning and Documentation
- Facilitated a public meeting for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Completed Pringle’s 6 month evaluation
- Participated in state OEM conference planning meeting

Emergency Preparedness Relationships
- Attended NCEM meeting
- Attended Fire Ops meeting
- Facilitated planning meeting with new OEM rep from McKee
Grants
- Participated in multiple site monitoring and audit meetings for EMPG
- Participated in Chilson Generator planning meetings with FM, P&R, & Chief Miller
- Participated in SimTable demo

Training and Public Outreach
- Attended discussion with Chief Sparks and LPD on public outreach & education program

Training Received
- Completed 2 day leadership course from Vail Leadership Institute
- Attended Title VI ADA training provided by City of Loveland

Exercises
- Participated in disaster exercise planning with LC Health Dept
To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, I called to see if someone could come replace my smoke detectors. Within a half hour that same day three firemen—Dave, Chris, and Randy—were at my door. They replaced my detectors and also changed the battery in my carbon monoxide detector as well. These men were helpful, quick, and friendly. I thank them for a job I would be uncomfortable doing myself. This senior citizen is very grateful.

Yvonne Hill
Thank you. I really appreciate that. Everyone will remember it.

Keith
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LFRA,

See the attached photo of a comment in today's RH Line. Thank you for having a positive impact on our community every day!

was more people like you out there to help others in need. Thank you.

CO DETECTORS

I want to give a big thanks to the Loveland fire department, particularly station No. 2. We had a carbon monoxide detector going off last night, and they had people over within five minutes checking it out for us and telling us what the problem was. I'm so really thankful to those guys who do a super job.

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