March 2017 Overview
March leadership truism: “Grace is the ability to accept change. Be open and supple – the brittle break”.

Highlights of the March report include: LFRA Administrative items; LFRA Strategic Plan revision; Station 10 land donation.

Administrative Matters
Renee and the admin team have been working hard on the completion of the 2016 Annual Report. As always, it is a tremendous amount of work and a collaborative effort, but I would like to give special recognition to the efforts of our Business Analyst, Cheryl Cabaruvias, who has done the lion’s share of the report. It is looking great, and we will be sending it out soon!

Other administrative matters include:
- Completing the City’s new capital projects forms to include stations 7 and 10, the Fire Training Center Campus Master Plan (including the new burn building), and the renovation/rebuilding costs for fire station 3 and fire station 5.
- Additional (ongoing) Capital Improvements Planning includes: analyzing operations impact of building additions to the training center campus, advancing the LFRA impact fee development by creating a project calendar, contracting with BBC Research and Consulting to conduct the impact fee study, and tracking progress on the IGA with the City to assess and collect impact fees.
- Collaborating with others to analyze the impact of the Gallagher residential assessment percentage change for the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District, City of Loveland, and other partner fire districts. Developing strategies for options to make up the revenue lost in the Rural District.

HR Administrative Matters –
- Andrea Wright has hit the ground running in her first month as LFRA HR Manager, including several introductory meetings with:
  - Mountain States Employers Council (MSEC). MSEC is a valuable resource in Employment Law, Human Resources, Surveys and Training.
  - Colorado Employers Benefits Trust (CEBT)
  - The Standard
  - City HR Director and HR Manager
  - City Risk Management
- In addition, Andrea has been tackling a number of outstanding items that needed attention, including: employees leaves, work comp issues, station visits, setting up HR related training for employees, attending to benefits questions, processing personnel actions, rec center passes for LFRA members/family, and compensation surveys, just to name a few. It has been great to have her “in-house” and she has been a very welcome and needed addition to LFRA!

Revision of the Strategic Plan –
- Revision/updating of the 2012 LFRA Strategic Plan is officially underway! Although the current plan is only in year six of an eight-year plan, we are approximately 90% complete, thus the decision to revise and update
the plan. LFRA has hired former Fire Chief Randy Mirowski as a “Special Projects Manager” to revise the plan and work on a couple other special projects between now and the end of 2017. Chief Mirowski, of course, was instrumental in the writing and implementation of the initial plan and it certainly is a pleasure to have him back in this all-important role. He has hit the ground running, as is his style, and our goal is the have the 1st draft of the new plan completed by October 2017, with final review and presentations in December 2017.

- To that end, LFRA has also re-engaged the Fire and Rescue Advisory Commission (FRAC) lead by Chairman Jon Smela to serve as the “Plan Review/Writing Team” for the Strategic Plan. FRAC members (some old and some new) include; Jon Smela (Chairman), Paul Pfeiffer, Leo Wotan, Janet Bailey (former FRAC member, invited back to assist with the plan), Elton Bingham, Rural Board liaison Andy Anderson and City Council Liaison/Mayor Pro-Tem John Fogle.

**Station 10 land donation** -
LFRA has been in discussions with developers on the east side of I-25 that have expressed interest in donating land for the proposed fire station 10, that is planned for 2022/2023 (depending on growth, incidents, budget, etc.). We are incredibly excited and blessed to have this opportunity before us. More info to follow as we confirm location, agreement with the proposed developer, etc. **Awesome news!**

*Thanks for the support...it’s an honor serving you all.*
RESPONSE

- 3/4/17 – Engine 66, Tender 5 and Battalion 1 responded to a 2100-acre wind driven wildland fire north of the town of Wellington. The Incident Commander assigned Battalion 1 as the North Division Supervisor. LFRA crews operated on scene for several hours with numerous other agencies before bringing the fire under control.
- 3/9/17 – Engine 63, Tender 1 and Battalion 1 assisted Poudre Fire Authority with a fully involved structure fire in the Horsetooth area. Tender 1 provided water supply while Engine 66 assisted with controlling the wildland fire that was a result of the structure fire.
- 3/19/17 – Engine 66 responded at the request of Boulder County to assist with the Sunshine Fire just west of the City of Boulder. Engine 66’s crew operated on scene for approximately ten hours assisting with initial attack operations.
- 3/25/17 – LFRA was dispatched to a residential fire on North Estrella Avenue, Engine 2 arrived on scene to fire an extensive working fire on the first and second floors of the home with the fire extending into the attic space. The well-advanced fire also immediately threatened a neighboring house. Four Engine Companies, the Heavy Rescue, the Tower and several Chief Officers responded to the scene. Berthoud, Poudre, Windsor-Severance and off-duty LFRA personnel provided Station coverage during the incident. LFRA crews successfully engaged a new tactic of deploying fog nail nozzles to control the attic fire.

READINESS

- LFRA, Berthoud and Front Range Firefighters trained together on wildland fire initial attack and fire shelter deployments.
- Crews trained on the deployment of the new fog nail and G force nozzles for structural firefighting. A better understanding of today’s modern fire fuels and structure fire environment drives the research, testing and implementation of these new tools.

RESOURCES

- The Training Battalion facilitated academies for newly promoted Engineer Trevor Twogood and Firefighter Aaron Steinbach.
- LFRA is evaluating / testing new fire helmets that are designed to provide a greater safety factor, the evaluation will take several months, the helmets are a European design.
- New large vehicle stabilization struts were added to the Heavy Rescue. These struts will be deployed in technical rescue situations that involve the need to stabilize large trucks or other heavy objects.
- Completed graphics updates (new LFRA logo) on several vehicles, including two of the apparatus assigned to the Canyon Battalion.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Thompson Valley EMS, Loveland Police SWAT, Loveland Police Canine and City of Loveland Public Works utilized the Training Center during the month of March.
• LFRA has collaborated with Thompson Valley EMS, Loveland Emergency Communications and the Heart Safe Community to provide CPR training to the sophomore class of each of the High Schools.
• The Special Operations Team assisted the City of Loveland Water and Power Department with a confined space operation at Green Ridge Glade Reservoir.

2100 Acre Wildland Fire North of Wellington

Mutual Aid Structure Fire in the Horsetooth Area

Sunshine Fire in Boulder County

North Estrella Residential Fire
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
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North Estrella Residential Fire

Engine 69 with Updated Graphics (LFRA Logo and Lettering)

Confined Space Operation – Green Ridge Glade
Training with Large Vehicle Stabilization Struts

Wildland Training w/ Berthoud & Front Range Firefighters

Evaluating New Fire Helmet Technology

Training with the G Force Nozzles
Badge Pinning – Lieutenant Dan Engelhardt, Engineer Trevor Twogood and Firefighter Aaron Steinbach
Update/overview of CSD, Special Events (Ned):

- Planning for the annual 4th of July fireworks show has begun. Discussion with the HOA is still taking place to put a patrol boat on the lake to keep people out of the fallout zone. We have tried buoys and the boaters do not yield the request. Unfortunately, this could force the City to consider alternative locations to host the show.
- Attended an NFPA Fire Inspector II class.
- Finalize the scheduling for the 1st grade safety presentations.
- Working with Dan and Ty to ensure we are ready for the Accreditation site visit.

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

City Building/Fire project review:
- Poseiden is in process of obtaining permit for expanded space.
- LFRA signed off on Foundry site plan reviews.
- CSD members attended annual International Code Council certification classes in Denver
- Brands kick-off prelim meeting occurred.
- McWhinney cannery and dock building project kick off meeting occurred...some large multi-use buildings.

Johnstown, County project review:
- High Country Beverage all final inspections
- Swire Coca-Cola (finals scheduled for March 31)
- Weekly meetings with Scheels construction team to pre-plan final inspections, etc.

Public Affairs – (Scott)

Procured a donation of 264 smoke alarms and 105 carbon monoxide alarms from Kidde (approx. $12,000 retail value) – Picked up from Denver7 News press conference – WOW!

- Attended Colorado Emergency Management Conference (3 days)
- Attended International Code Council training conference (2 days)
- Attended WIPP (radioactive contaminated waste) Transportation training program
- Attended FEMA sponsored Public Engagement Events for Hazard Mitigation training workshop
- Attended NE Region Emergency Managers monthly meeting
- Attended Larimer County Emergency Managers monthly meeting
- Attended 2017 Emergency Preparedness Expo planning meeting
- Attended Larimer County Public Information Officers monthly meeting
- Worked on Disaster Assistance Center plan document
- Assisted with Loveland’s Children’s Day event
- Staffed “Hazard House” booth at Banner’s Health & Wellness Fair at the Chilson Senior Center
- Conducted 7 car seat inspections/installations
- Completed FEMA IS-201 and IS-250 on-line courses
- PIO duties/coordination with Reporter-Herald for a handful of incidents
• Youth Firesetter cases follow up and scheduling
  \textbf{Accreditation, ISO, Code Enforcement - (Dan)}
• Site team visit for Accreditation planned for May 7-11, 2017.
Outstanding work, Captain Carmosino!

Thanks for representing LFRA in such a professional, engaging way!

Mark A. Miller  
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Chief-

I wanted to send a note of thanks to LFRA for allowing Captain Carmosino to be a part of Big Thompson Elementary's STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) night, last night March 1st. He represented your team very well and was tremendous in his interaction with the kids (and parents). I'm always proud to say I'm affiliated with LFRA and it is the professional and good people of LFRA that make it the great organization that it is. And Captain Carmosino exemplifies that.

Warm regard,  
Jon Smela  
Big T parent and FRAC chairman
Please see the attached IAEM Region 8 Newsletter. And Congrats to our very own Pat Mialy from The City of Loveland for being elected as Region 8 President!
Greetings Chief Miller,

I would like to acknowledge an impressive act of kindness and professionalism displayed by one of LFRA's crews today. They were kind enough to take a few minutes out of their busy schedule to make the day of a senior citizen. Shawn Williams, Todd Hasty, and Shelby Baker came to the Green House Living Center to visit Matthew Korbe on his 85th birthday. Matthew is a retired Asst. Chief from the Sterling Fire Department and he still holds a special place in his heart for the fire service. His family contacted Station One and requested a visit by the crew knowing that Matthew would love to see their fire engine. They not only obliged, but also took a few minutes to visit with him and listen to stories of his time in the fire service. The patience, kindness, and respect that Shawn, Todd, and Shelby displayed was truly inspiring. Our community is blessed to have such an amazing department as LFRA. I personally know that you have some of the most knowledgeable and highly trained firefighters, but today was an example they also have hearts of gold!

Respectfully,
Warren Miller
Senior Fleet Technician
City of Loveland
Hi Mark,

Just wanted to give Kudos to the Station 3 and Station 2 crews.

We made a stop on Saturday March 6th at Station 3 for emergency help. We were at CJ's for lunch when Jack's eyesight got blurry and lost use of his hand. We left and I was going to take him to ER but when he wanted to go to the ambulance service, I knew it was not good. Stopped at Station 3 and the crew checked him out and had the ambulance there. It started to clear up so I took him to ER where we spent about 8 hours. They ran a number of tests and determined it was a TIA.

On Monday, March 6th Jack felt he was experiencing the same symptoms, so I called 911. I assume it was Station 2 that responded along with the ambulance. Tests didn't find anything and we are sure it was a false alarm.

Have followed up with family doctor and he agreed with the TIA.

Just wanted to let you know that both crews were awesome beyond the duty. Appreciated their concerns.

Jack and Pat
Chief Miller,

I would like to recognize the Station 6 crew that was on duty on Saturday March 11. They willingly came to replace my smoke alarm battery that was too high for me to reach. I truly appreciate the customer service that Loveland Fire provides and they did so in a manner that would make you proud!

Thank you –

Brenda Atsman

P.S. Welcome back to Loveland!
Monday, March 20, 2017

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
410 East 5th Street
Loveland CO 80537

Dear Fire Rescue Folks,

I am writing to let you know that my neighbor in Gould, Paul Baker, passed away in Mesa AZ on February 20, 2017. A copy of his obituary is enclosed.

I am also enclosing a photocopy of the plaque awarded to him on January 22, 1977 by the Loveland Volunteer Fire Department for the rescue of Melanie Ahlquist on the night of July 31, 1976 during the Big Thompson flood. Paul's plaque has been mailed to Melanie. She was with a group of women at the Sylvan Dale Ranch on a retreat with Campus Crusade For Christ. Her friend Marilyn Henderson Rydberg was also rescued that night.

There are several excerpts in a book entitled Reflection on the River in which Melanie describes her rescue by Paul. A copy is enclosed.

In 2000 or 2001 The History Channel produced a DVD in their series The Wrath of God entitled "Flash Flood, Deadly Downpour" on which Paul, Melanie, and Marilyn are featured. My notes are enclosed.

Another rescue diver, Scott Call, also participated that night. If he can be located, please let him know.

Please use my donation in memory of Paul in any way you see fit. God bless you all for the work you do to keep us safe!

Sincerely,

Jean Krause, Gould CO
OBITUARY

Paul D. Baker

It is with sadness that the family of Paul D. Baker, age 65, announces his passing on Feb. 20, 2017, in Mesa, Ariz.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, Gilbert E. Baker and Lois E Baker, his sister, Susan Teeters, and brother, Chuck Baker.

Paul is survived by four siblings, Bill Baker (Betty), Sally Scheidt (Bob) both of Ft. Morgan, Colo., Doreen Runnels (Weldon) of Loveland, Colo., and Penny Little (Allen) of Mayo, Fla.

Paul never married but is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, too numerous to name!

Paul's working years included time spent as a firefighter, dive rescuer, and driver/heavy equipment operator for LaFarge in Fort Collins, Colo., and Colorado Department of Transportation in Jackson County, Colo.

Paul loved to travel and was an avid fisherman. He was active in his hometown community of Gould, Colo., and hosted the famous Gould Turkey Fry each July. Paul's home in Gould is known for the beautiful wildflowers that border his property each summer.

Paul enjoyed spending time in Glendo, Wyo., fishing with friends in that area, and he wintered in Mesa, Ari., where he enjoyed the sun and spending time with fellow 'snowbirds'. Paul was ever willing to help his neighbors and friends and he will be missed.

A memorial and spreading of his ashes at his home in Gould will take place at a later date.
PRESENTED TO
PAUL BAKER
FOR HIS LIFE SAVING EFFORTS
RISKING HIS OWN LIFE
DURING THE JULY 31, 1976
BIG THOMPSON FLOOD

PRESENTED BY
LOVELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
JANUARY 22, 1977
The Wrath of God series; episode title Flash Floods, Deadly Downpour
The History Channel, 2000
DVD 46 minutes, 50 seconds

Introduction and first incident to 17 minutes, 30 seconds Re Hepner, Oregon
June 14, 1903

Big Thompson Canyon flood, July 31, 1976 begins at 17 minutes, 30 seconds

Tim Bean and John Wood camped at 7 Pines (still owned by the McComb family, Greeley CO), left their tent and tried to sleep in their car, swept away and lodged in a tree

Deborah and Gary Watts at their cabin, three children (one swept away), climbed up the slope until rescued

Elfering family at 7 Pines in their converted school bus, drove the bus to higher ground, eventually sheltered 28 people including the two boys in the tree, “Noel’s Ark”

Melanie Ahlquist and Marilyn Henderson (married name Rydberg) at Sylvan Dale Ranch at the mouth of the Big Tohmpson Canyon, on a retreat with Campus Crusade For Christ with several other women. Car washed into the river and Marilyn and Melanie were separated, each lodged in trees. Loveland rancher Clifford Moore rescued Marilyn and called for help to rescue Melanie. Paul Baker and Scott Call from the Loveland Fire Department dive team rescued Melanie.

This DVD is not currently available from Amazon. The History Channel is opening a store “soon”. I expect an email when the store is open.

JPK 3-15-17