October 2016 Overview -

October leadership truism: *Success breeds complacency, complacency breeds failure.*

*Highlights* of the October report include: LFRA Administrative items/budget; Fire station 7 land; Trump visit; Instructor of the Year

**Administrative Matters -**

Renee Wheeler and our admin team, have worked hard to complete the 2017 Proposed Budget. The LFRA Board and the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District have approved the budget. It was passed on first reading, October 18th, by City Council and second reading is November 1st. Pending final approval, we will move forward with the process to get five new full time firefighters hired as well as a full time Human Resources Manager for LFRA. AS usual, this is a huge amount of work, and this year we had multiple challenges associated with a significant increase in the City’s health insurance costs, and LFRA’s associated move to a new health benefits administrator as outlined below. It has been a busy month!

Administrative items/projects include:

- Continued the negotiations with the City on the 4th Amendment to the establishing intergovernmental agreement, the station leases and the omnibus bill of sale. Based on the board feedback we are resolving the term of the leases, insurance requirements, and the supplemental appropriation requirements when no additional contributions are requested. The LFRA Board will consider the final versions at the November 16th meeting. The City will consider them at the December 6 City Council meeting; and the Rural District will consider them at the December 7th Board meeting.

- Researched options for full coverage in the new Colorado Employer Benefits Trust (CEBT) plan for employee health benefits, which included forming an employee committee to review the new plan and make recommendations to the Board. LFRA is moving forward with CEBT and will move full speed ahead in order to get all fire employees through Open Enrollment and issue insurance cards by January 1 in collaboration with City Human Resources and Willis Towers Watson.

- Extensive completed on the listing of capital (fixed) assets that will be transitioned from the City and the Rural District to LFRA effective January 1, 2017.

- Extensive work has been completed on the Web-based Telestaff software upgrade (scheduling and timekeeping) and automated upload to the City payroll system in collaboration with Chief Cerovski.

- As of November 1 all budget adoption steps will be complete and the process of developing the year end supplemental appropriation that addresses new resources or account coding corrections.

- Members of Emergency Management and Administration have been collaborating with the City’s grant accountant to ensure that all compliance requirements for the Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant have been met and documented. Workers compensation (13 pages) and property liability (39 pages) renewal applications are complete and submitted.
• Considerable work has been done with key City partners on the Capital Improvement Plan funding alternatives to consider financing and all the legal nuisances associated with the use of Fire Capital Expansion Fees and Tabor Reserves, most immediately the Station 7 land purchase.
• Kristen Cummings, New Business Services Coordinator orientation and training has been in process, and she is catching on incredibly fast and is already considered a “go to” resource for LFRA team members.

**Future Fire Station 7 -**

In conjunction with the LFRA Strategic Plan, we have identified an ideal piece of land for future fire station 7, in the rural area of LFRA’s jurisdiction, west of Loveland. We received preliminary approval from the LFRA Board to purchase the property. We hope to have the contract formalized next month and then will proceed with purchase of the land, and begin the process of working with Larimer Count on subdividing the property, and ultimately approval from the County to build a fire station. We are excited to get the project moving!

**Presidential Nominee Donald Trump Visit –**

On October 3rd, LFRA was involved with LPD, Larimer County Sheriff, TVEMS, U.S. Secret Service, and several other entities in preparing and standing by for the visit of Presidential Nominee Donald Trump. CSD staff did an outstanding job ensuring that the designated occupant load at the Budweiser Event Center was not exceeded and that exits and remained passable, and safe. The event went off extremely well and I commend all staff for their professionalism and time commitment. Mr. Trump commended our Fire Marshal (Chief Sparks) for doing an “awesome” job!

**Instructor of the Year award -**

As mentioned in last month’s report, Community Safety Division Chief Ned Sparks was chosen as the recipient of the 2016 Larry Kettlehut Instructor of the Year by the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association!

This is a very prestigious award and well deserved by Chief Sparks. Last month we provide many examples of the areas that Chief Sparks poured his blood, sweat and tears into LFRA. He was officially presented the award at the Colorado State Fire Chiefs conference in Keystone, CO on October 19th. Below is a picture of Chief Sparks receiving the recognition plaque and one of him wearing the traditional illuminated fire helmet, which is passed from recipient to recipient annually.

In addition to Chief Sparks’ award, Battalion Chief Smith and Battalion Chief Cerovski attended the conference, instructing classes on Fire Officer II. Chief Miller participated in many of the CSFC training sessions, and also presented a class on “Growing Beyond Self-Imposed Limitations” at the conference.
Thanks for the support...it’s an honor serving you all.
October 2016

RESPONSE

- **10/2/16** – A first alarm assignment responded to a residential fire on Spruce Drive. A working fire was located in the back of the house, crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly and the occupants were not at home at the time of the fire.

- **10/3/16** – High winds quickly spread a wildland fire in the area of Southwest 42nd Street and South Lincoln Avenue. The fire was upgraded to a second alarm before being brought under control, fire crews from Berthoud, Front Range and Poudre assisted with containing the fire.

- **10/17/16** – Battalion 1 and Engine 6 assisted Berthoud Fire with controlling a barn fire on Sundown Court, high winds spread the fire to a second out-building before crews could control it.

- **10/17/16** – Engine 216 with a crew of three personnel deployed to the Pueblo area on a wildland fire assignment. The crew was reassigned within two days to initial attack operations in Boulder County. The crew worked with the US Forest Service, Poudre Fire and North Metro Fire on mitigation projects in the Allenspark area. The crew returned to quarters on 10/31/16.

- **10/25/16** – Crews rescued a duck hunter that had become stuck in chest deep mud at the Simpson Ponds. The hunter was uninjured in the incident.

READINESS

- Crews continued focusing training toward modern fire attack tactics, this training is being led by the Shift Captains. This month’s training included live fire burns in a specially designed prop that helps illustrate fire behavior. Berthoud and Front Range Firefighters participated in this training with the LFRA crews.

- Special Operations personnel completed dive rescue training in the month of October.

- The triannual large scale drill at the Northern Colorado Airport was conducted by LFRA, airport staff and emergency management. Responders from LFRA, Thompson Valley EMS, Loveland Police, Poudre Fire and Windsor Fire participated in the drill. The drill included a simulated aircraft crash with live fire and numerous victims.

- Battalion Chief Starck and Engineer Engelhardt attended the Kill the Flashover East training in North Carolina, this training is a continuation of the Kill the Flashover event that LFRA hosted in June.

RESOURCES

- Due to a couple upcoming long term vacancies at the captain rank, a captain promotional process was completed. Five outstanding candidates competed for two acting captain positions, which will be assigned in December for five to six months.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Fort Collins Police, Loveland Police, Larimer County Sheriff’s Office, Larimer County Search and Rescue, Thompson Valley EMS and SVI Trucks utilized the Training Center in the month of October.

- LFRA personnel taught portions of the Front Range Fire Consortium Academy in October, these classes were all live fire including car fires, flammable gas fires and flashover.

- Battalion Chiefs Cerovski and Smith taught a Fire Instructor II/III certification course for the State of Colorado at the Colorado Fire Chiefs Leadership Conference.

- The Loveland Emergency Communications Center Dispatchers held the third annual Fire Prevention Week barbeque for the LFRA and Berthoud Firefighters.
Community Safety Division
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Update/overview of CSD, Special Events (Ned):

- DRT training continues; Empowerment committee has transferred responsibility to the Mid-managers. After Action Review of the New Thought Church was conducted and report has been completed with the results shared for city staff for review. We will be conducting 3-5 more reviews on other projects. The goal is to find any recurring issues that need to be addressed in the Development Review process.
- The Thompson School Education Coalition – TSEC, had LFRA provide presentations for 1st graders at Centennial, Monroe, High Plains, Garfield, Sara Milner, Coyote Ridge, Winona, Van Buren, Lincoln and Stansberry Elementary schools. We visited 10 out of 21 elementary schools (2 are in Berthoud and 2 are in PFA districts), 501 students and 29 adults over six days. The *approximate* amount time spent at the schools – 174 staff hours (roughly 50% of the hours are off duty staff). We are assisting Berthoud Fire by loaning the Safety Trailer to Brian Martens and the Aims Fire high school students to provide the program to Ivy Stockwell and Berthoud Elementary – both are a part of R2J. The remaining schools will be scheduled in April of 2017.
- We are continuing to provide the Budweiser Events Center with fire watch standbys taking place to ensure adequate trained staffing is in place during events. Ty has been working with the BEC management to have LFRA add a second firefighter to the events to complete training and enhance the group of available staff.
- Ty Drage has been promoted to CSD Lieutenant. This position is a coverage position for emergency fill coverage, lead investigator, instructor for code and investigation classes, and ISO and Accreditation manager.

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

*City Building/Fire project review:*

- Origins Wine Bar – issues cooking in the facility without a hood system – Building and County Health are also working with the owner to find resolution.
- Artisan You – site changes have impacted the ability to complete review of the project.
- Water Treatment plant is under review for code requirements – Building and Fire.
- Affordable Autobody – issues between the owner and contractor created a change order that was significant in cost. We have been engaged with the owner and contractor to clarify the scope of the project and verify no code requirements have changed that would increase costs.
- Custom Blending – plans for review have been completed and inspections are forthcoming as the project moves forward.
- Hach Co – discussion on the timeline for additional required hydrants for the site is underway.
- Foundry – working with the development team to discuss Fire Code requirements and coordinate fire service infrastructure.

*Johnstown, County project review:*

- Collinswood Designs – owner has continued to have issues with permits and inspections (following directions).
- Firehouse Storage – owner continues to have problems providing the needed information for site plan review of the project (following directions).
- Sheels – working with the stocking team as construction moves forward.
- Eden Valley – the building has had renovations for a kitchen without providing plans to Larimer County Public Health or Building, as well as, LFRA. We will be working with the owners and design professionals to find solutions – the work had significant changes to concrete walls in the basement and other serious building changes.
- Colorado Flagstone – does not meet Fire Code and we are working with the design professional to find a solution. Limited access, no hydrants and limited fire flow capacity.
Emergency Management – (Pat)

- The Mitigation Master Plan (MMP) and the Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) were completed this month. Both of these projects required a significant amount of meeting time and contributions from many city employees and a high-level of documentation by the vendors. The MMP will go to City Council for formal adoption and the DRP will also be taken to them for approval.

- June Richard made good progress in the effort to cross-walk the City’s Emergency Operation Plan with FEMA’s CPG 101 evaluation tool. Her employment ended this month due her accepting a job offer with the Federal Government.

**Detailed Activities:**

**Flood Recovery**
- Attended on-going city recovery planning meetings

**Operations and Maintenance**
- Emergency communications equipment tests and checks completed
- Met with IT for tech and info planning

**Planning and Documentation**
- Mitigation Master Plan final documents received
- Disaster Recovery Plan final documents received
- Had project close-out meeting June for the LEOP – CPG 101 crosswalk
- Met with other local EMs for strategic planning
- Continued to work on several IGAs and Mas
- Met with Karl in planning regarding grant opportunities
- Met multiple times with city manager to discuss multiple projects
- Continued to work on 2016 EM Program Annual Report

**Emergency Preparedness Relationships**
- Attended LCEHC meeting
- The LFRA bike helmet program and inventory was transferred to Mechelle at Thompson Schools
- Participated in state EM conference planning
- Attended the NEAHR meeting
- Attended the northern CO communicators meeting (PIOs)
- Attended LFRA officers meeting
- Installed as the IAEM Region 8 President

**Grants**
- Met with Cheryl for monthly grants review
- Attended generator grant meeting
- Conducted contract close out meetings with vendors for MMP and DRP
- Met with Cheryl and Jason on CDBG-DR grant close out paperwork and audit prep

**Training and Public Outreach**
- Provided WebEOC training to Gretchen in W&P
- EOC refresher city-wide training schedule built, 1st class scheduled for 10/31/2016
- Provide first offering of EOC user’s refresher training

Training Received

- Attended international EM conference
- Exercises
- Facilitated the triennial airport full-scale disaster exercise
- Attended Blizzaster exercise planning meeting
- Met with Chief Ward for ARES / LFRA exercise
- Other

Public Affairs – (Scott)

- Trump visit standby at BEC on Oct. 3rd
- Airport disaster exercise on Oct. 4th
- BCOOP booth at City of Loveland’s Business Appreciation Breakfast
- BCOOP discussion at Arête Surgical Center
- BCOOP discussion at Group Publishing
- Attended session 6 of the Colorado Emergency Managers Academy in Centennial (3 days)
- Completed FEMA IS-42 Social Media in Emergency Management course
- Coordination of upcoming EOC refresher training sessions
- Programmed, delivered and provided training for weather alert radios at several city facilities
  (ongoing project)
- Numerous LFRA website updates
- Numerous LFRA social media posts
- PIO duties for several incidents
- Completed 13 car seat inspections/installations
- Assisted with several Fire Safety Trailer visits at elementary schools
- Assisted with large tour group at Fire Station 2
- Conducted 1 Youth Firesetting Family Intervention session
- Assisted with City of Loveland Winter Gear Drive activities
- EMS training (1.5 hours)
- Attended EMS mini-academy (4 hours)
- Attended NOCO Public Communicators meeting
- Participated in tri-county Blizzaster exercise planning conference call
- Worked on collaboration efforts for possible activity book revisions
- Attended EOC refresher training session
- Attended Emergency Preparedness Expo AAR

Accreditation, ISO, Code Enforcement – (Ty)

I spent quite a bit of time this month working on two arson investigations. I’m working with LPD on 917 W.
8th St and 2607 Spruce Dr, both incendiary/arson fires. Charges are expected soon for the W 8th St. fire. Still
working to identify a suspect for the Spruce Dr fire.

PLANNING & ANALYSIS
1. Cheryl and I are still working on ideas for revising our current Urban Response Area and adding
Suburban, Rural and others as necessary to accurately measure our response performance. Along
those same lines, we’re also working on ideas for improving our month-end reporting.
2. Completed month-end response performance analysis for LFRA, BTCVFD and TVEMS. Working on
compiling response performance analysis for LFRA/TVEMS for Charlie/Delta and Echo medica...
from 2011 through 2015 for the CRESA-SOC document to show full system resilience. 2015 is done and I’m now working on 2014.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
3. Working on training for new BEC standby personnel. 12 have finished introductory training and are being worked into the standby schedule as events allow.
4. Provided a training session for BEC part-time staff who work the fire panel position.
5. The pyrotechnics inspection for a concert at the Thunder Mountain Amphitheater went very well, as did the actual concert itself. I’m now working with the Denver-based pyrotechnician to find opportunities for him to provide some training for us.
6. Received another request from event coordinators at 1st National Bank Building at The Ranch for help evaluating layout options for a Tae Kwon Do tournament. Helped coordinate event layout that would maintain safe egress routes and avoid over-crowding issues and visited the event during setup to ensure everything was going well.
7. Completed fire code analysis of new fuel tank installation at the airport.
8. Worked with City Risk Management to evaluate options for existing fuel tank at Viestenz Smith Mountain Park.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS
a. Finished investigation report for 917 W. 8th Street. LPD Detective Koopman is the lead for filing charges with the District Attorney.
b. Finished investigation report for 2607 Spruce Drive. LPD Detective Dean is the lead for the investigation. We’re still attempting to identify a suspect.

SUPPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION
a. Worked one 24-hour overtime shift as D/O on E5 and a 6-hour shift as D/O on E1.
b. Responded to two reported structure fires, one EMS call, one fire alarm, and one grass fire.

TRAINING – 45 hrs
a. Received Fire Officer 1 and JFS recertification’s
b. Working on NWCG Crosswalk for ICT5 and FFT1 certifications
c. Participated in Modern Fuels container burns
d. Attended LEAD Loveland – session 2
e. Attended 3-day advanced hydraulics plan review training
Hi Jason!

My name is Amber Moore and I am on the PTO board for Lincoln Elementary school here in Loveland. I spoke to you a while back regarding our Lap-A-Thon fundraising event on the 23rd of September. I just wanted to extend a huge THANK YOU for lending us a truck and some of your firemen for our event! Our kids had a great time interacting with them and checking out the fire truck. We surpassed our fundraising goal for this year which helps us to build our outdoor classroom & community garden (which we have already started!). These funds also help with providing our kids educational field trips, classroom equipment and supplies, and other staff requests as needed. You and your men played a big part in making our event a success! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to hang out with our children! I would love to send a note of thanks to Randy, Todd and the other gentleman who came out to our event. Would you mind letting me know all of their names (I can't remember the 3rd guy- Brady possibly?) so that we can personally thank them? I would appreciate it! Thanks again Jason! Have a great day.
FYI….nice work.

Mark A. Miller  
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Subject: Thank you

Gentlemen:

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to you and your teams for such professionalism, flexibility and incredible support on this recent Trump visit to Loveland and Denver. We had an incredible number of last minute changes and were often needing to have contingency plans for contingency plans. I’m truly grateful for the partnerships we enjoy with your departments.

Please express our gratitude to your teams and everyone who participated and made this visit safe and successful.
Thank you again!
Kerry

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October 16, 2016

Loveland Fire & Rescue Authority
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To all the great folks at the Loveland Fire & Rescue Authority,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your training exercise. I enjoyed it a lot as did my mom and Mimi & Michael from my group home. Thank you for including me in the command vehicle. I sure learned a lot about what you guys do. You all did a great job during the drill. It was a blast.

The bucket truck was really cool – thank you for letting me go up in that. Even Mimi who forgot she was afraid of heights had a good time.

It was so good to see Captain Robert Carmosino, Battalion Chief Greg Ward, Battalion Chief Jason Starcks and Firefighters Josh and Rick. It was excellent to meet a bunch of new guys too. Dustin welcomed me and made me feel a real part of the exercise.

Thank you for the Loveland Fire cap. I wear it proudly.

Chief Mark, I know you made this happen for me and I really loved it. Thank you, thank you.

Your friend,

Nathan
Chiefs,

I received a phone message from Paul Weiner today (2479 McKenzie) regarding the assistance he received yesterday cleaning/servicing smoke detectors and CO detectors at his residence. He was very complementary, and raved about what a great service this is (especially to senior citizens).

Please pass this on to the appropriate crews on C shift. As always these guys provided above and beyond service! Much appreciate!

Outstanding – thank you!!

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Chief Miller
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Dear Chief Miller,

We sincerely thank you for the efforts put forth by Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Fire during the 2016 Fill the Boot drive. The support and dedication that Dustin Waldorf and your whole department invested during Fill the Boot will directly help local kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility live longer and grow stronger.

For more than six decades, fire fighters have fueled MDA’s mission to find treatments and cures for muscle-debilitating diseases, and this year’s Loveland Fill the Boot results are perfect example of that dedication, raising $5,964.

This year was especially significant as we received life changing news right after the 2016 Fill the Boot drive. In September, the FDA granted accelerated approval of the drug Eteplirsen for the treatment of some forms of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)! This news marks a significant step forward — one of turning promise into progress that we hope will inspire innovation and drive the development of treatments and cures to fight not only Duchenne, but other related neuromuscular diseases as well. We will continue to help pave the way by funding critical scientific research, facilitating clinical trial participation and advocating for policies that help ensure that the drug development and regulatory review processes move as quickly and effectively as possible.

Thank you again for all you have done and are continuing to do to help MDA. Our sense of urgency has never been greater as we continue, with deepest thanks to sponsors like Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, who have supported us along the way to empower MDA families so they can experience the world without any limits.

Sincerely,

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