OVERVIEW

November Leadership Truism
“Learn to listen; the occupational disease of a poor leader is the inability to listen.”

ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS

- HR: recruiting, employee interviews, merit research, employee evaluations, compensation reviews, etc.
- New web site design and content nearly complete!
- Wrapping up year-end budget matters
- Presentation of Impact Fee proposal to City Council

2018 LFRA STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2018 Strategic Plan is complete! Staff formally presented the plan to City Council on November 28. Council had many pertinent questions and engaged staff in discussion about future capital investments, staffing, budget, performance measures, etc. We are thrilled to have a very comprehensive plan in place and, after some last minute editing, we will be making copies for all LFRA employees, Board members, Council members, FRAC members, etc. Once again, kudos to Special Projects Manager Randy Mirowski, and the Fire and Rescue Advisory Commission members for their commitment to the process, candid feedback, and constructive scrutiny of the plan. Their assistance was invaluable and integral to the success of the plan – Thank you!

FIRE STATION 7 PROPERTY

As previously mentioned, LFRA is planning to build a new “west side” fire station on the property just north of Big Thompson Elementary School on N. County Road 27. We are excited to have a station in west Loveland due to the growth of the jurisdiction as a whole. Filling in the current “gap” in response coverage on the west side of Loveland is a critical element in maintaining appropriate response times. Once the station is completed (anticipated in mid to late 2019), it will have a significant effect of the ISO rating of homes and business in the area, ultimately reducing insurance costs for applicable homes.

We are within a week or two of closing on the property and have begun the station design process. Additionally we are researching financing options, and excited to move forward!

IMPACT FEES APPROVED WITHIN CITY OF LOVELAND

On November 21, Chief Miller gave a presentation to City Council on the collection of Impact Fees within the City of Loveland. As many know, the City of Loveland has collected Capital Expansion Fees (CEF’s) on behalf of all departments, including LFRA, since 1984. CEF’s are used to defer costs of capital infrastructure, and a way for “growth to pay its own way”. In 2016, the State legislature passed a bill to allow Special Districts/Authorities to collect Impact Fees (same as CEF’s). Prior to that time, only municipalities could collect said fees. The new bill now allows Authorities to collect fees in all the entities within their jurisdiction. In the case of LFRA, this meant we could collect fees in the City, Larimer County, and Town of Johnstown, in areas that lie with in the LFRA boundaries, if approved by said entities.

In order for these fees to be collected, LFRA had to get approval from each entity, through an IGA to allow fees to be collected. The City granted approval of the IGA within the City of Loveland at the Council meeting on November 21. Within the next 30 days, LFRA hopes to finalize IGAs with the County and the Town of Johnstown, which would allow fees to be collected within those entities.

The Impact Fees can only be used to build capital infrastructure related to growth. This is significant for
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, continued
by Fire Chief Mark Miller

IMPACT FEES APPROVED, continued

LFRA, in that it is a source of revenue that will allow us to build new fire stations and purchase new equipment to keep up with an ever-growing demand for service over our 190 square mile district.

FAREWELL TO MAYOR GUTIERREZ

On November 13, during the LFRA Board meeting, we gave special recognition to departing Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the LFRA Board, Cecil Gutierrez. Mayor Gutierrez had been an LFRA Board member since the inception of the Authority (2012), and served on the initial committee to determine what the best governing structure for the department prior to becoming an Authority. His commitment, compassion, and courage was invaluable to LFRA and his contributions will long be his legacy.

The Mayor was presented an Honorary Firefighter Helmet and Plaque (see wording below). He will be sorely missed! Thank you Mayor Gutierrez!

Presented To:
Mayor/LFRA Board Vice Chairman – Cecil Gutierrez

With sincere thanks for your dedicated, selfless, service to the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority. Unquestionably, your role as one of the “pioneers” of the LFRA has brought us to where we are today. The success of the Authority is directly related to the support, and Commitment, Compassion, and Courage you exemplified.

You have become iconic in Loveland as well as LFRA and we will miss your sincerity, kindness, sense of humor, friendship and leadership.

On behalf of the men, women and Board members of LFRA, we are forever grateful for your devoted service.
January 2009 – November 2017

FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION
by Division Chief Greg Ward

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

November 30, 2017

Units were dispatched to a report of a house fire in the south part of the city, as crews were arriving in the area smoke was visible from a two story house with the house next door severely exposed to the fire. Crews deployed multiple hose lines to contain and control the fire to one structure. The house sustained heavy smoke and fire damage throughout. The neighboring home suffered blister paint on the exterior siding.
Crews extinguished a rented storage unit fire inside a commercial building in downtown on West 4th Street. The fire was located on the second floor of the building, crews utilized a power saw to cut the metal door to the unit to access the fire. Fire damage was limited one storage unit, however the adjacent units sustained smoke and water damage.

November 6, 2017

A structure fire was reported at the Maple Terrace Apartments near East 23rd Street and Maple Drive. Engine 1 arrived on scene first and reported a working fire in one unit of a multi-unit building. While crews were deploying attack lines to control the large body of fire, other crews were ensuring that the fire had not extended into adjoining units and verifying that the building was evacuated. The fire was brought under control in under 30 minutes, but crews remained on scene for several hours completing overhaul, fire cause investigation and customer support activities.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

UPDATE / OVERVIEW

Training - Attended Fire Officer III / IV in Texas for two weeks. DDA - work through permitting the Tree Lighting ceremony. AAR - for Mountain Pacific with DRT.

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

Wolfpack Ninja Gym – Review of the site and meet with the business owners regarding the need for a code assessment for fire and building.

Loveland will host a 2015 IFC Overview Class - at our training center Feb. 20-22. This is an FMAC class, the same overview class that will be held the same dates in Colorado Springs. We worked with FMAC and Chief Lowrey from Boulder to bring the class north. This is the first time ever for an overview class in two different jurisdictions at the same time. We’re hoping to fill the class to show FMAC it's a good option for members.

Special thank you to Deputy Fire Marshal Dann for ... the new website will have several improvements for our customers: (1) a Fire Code Development Guide to help architects and engineers design their projects to meet 2012 IFC requirements; (2) an online fee estimator so developers can quickly get an idea of how much a permit will cost and (3) hazardous materials worksheets to help engineers and architects provide information required by the IFC.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

• Lt. Dan Engelhardt:
  - Collaborated with members from LPD and Larimer County Sherriff and assisted with charges of 1st degree Arson for three related fires: Maple Terrace, E. 10th St Apt’s, and King Storage.
  - Investigated and worked with LPD for another Arson fire on 19th ST SW. Charges are pending for 1st degree Arson, Cruelty to Animals and Child Abuse.
  - Pourhouse – basement issues, separation problems and storage.
  - Mo Betta – Occupancy Load problems.
  - Chillers – Ongoing problems with construction features.
  - Winter Wonderlights – ensure the inflatables were adequately secured.

FIT - A-Shift (Wynkoop):
  - Inspections - 12 Haz-Mat permits due to some of the businesses having multiple permits. No major violations.
  - Presentations - Work with R2 performed a fire safety and fall safety presentation to 20-25 residents at the Wexford.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Capt. Mialy and PAO Scott Pringle attended the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 2017 Annual Training Conference, which included a great variety of educational and networking opportunities.

PAO Pringle attained a certificate of achievement for successfully completing the FEMA Emergency Management Institute’s Advanced Professional Series training criteria.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is proudly presented with our sincere appreciation for your contribution to the ‘Veterans’ Day Remembrance activities conducted on November 11, 2017 in the city of Loveland.

Your commitment to our great Nation and its Veterans is greatly appreciated and recognized by the Associated Veterans of Loveland and their representative organizations.

Addressee:

2017 Veteran’s Day Event Coordinator

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