Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
September 2015 Month-End Report

Fire-Rescue Administrative Division

Chief Mark Miller and Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler

September 2015 overview -

September...fall has arrived, sort of. We continue to have unseasonably dry weather with very little precipitation this month. Fire officials are certainly concerned, but to date, we have not experienced any large scale wildland fires. That stated, as you will see in the Ops report, we have had several small wildland/grass fires in our jurisdiction. Once again, LFRA personnel rock, and we are continuing in building an Excellent, Ethical, Enduring organization. I’m proud to be a part of it!

Highlights of the September report include; LFRA maturation update; Administrative Analyst selection; LFRA family member news; MDA News; The Leadership Journey;

LFRA Maturation -

The maturation process is moving along: Considerable resources have been dedicated to moving the employee conversion process forward according to the plan. Some of those efforts include:

Employee Conversion: The Loveland Rural Fire Protection District Board voted to approve documents (third amendment and the assignment of the Consolidated Fire Volunteer Pension) at a special meeting held September 23, 2015. The City Council will consider all documents at their regular City Council meeting on October 6, 2015.

Health Trust Agreement: Staff reviewed the draft agreement and provided feedback for clarifications and minor modifications. The City Manager, HR Director, Finance Director, and the assigned attorney have taken that feedback into consideration and are in the process of revising the document. The final version of the document will be presented to the LFRA Board at their October meeting for review. The City is considered the administrator of the health trust and will have the decision making authority over benefits, premiums, reserves, and programs to manage the cost of the claims.

Consolidated Fee Schedule: Work has begun on consolidating the City of Loveland Fire Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District Rates, Fees and Charges table to create a single LFRA Fee Table to be effective January/February of 2016. Staff expects to bring the consolidated table to all governing boards in October/November 2015. The objectives for the revision are: project equity between projects within the entire service delivery area, clarity for customers estimating the cost of a project; and administrative efficiency. It is expected to demonstrate that the Fire Authority supports the community philosophy that development should pay its own way, in an effort to prevent existing taxpayers from subsidizing growth, and that the Fire Authority endeavors to improve cost recovery for services where there is a direct relationship between service provided and the benefit received.
**Administrative Analyst Recruitment/Selection**

There were initially 13 applications for the position of Administrative Analyst, which were narrowed to 6. These applicants turned in a written exercise and participated in a panel interview. We were very pleased with the caliber of candidates! After background checks, candidate Cheryl Cabaruvias rose to the top. Her uncle works for the State in the wildland arena and is assigned to a Berthoud fire station. He, of course, spoke very highly of our department, which likely contributed to her decision to come to LFRA!

She has accepted our offer and starts work Monday, October 5. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting from the University of Phoenix. She is working as a Budget Technician for the City of Greeley Public Works Departments and worked as a Senior Administrative Analyst with the City of Fontana, California. She was with the City of Fontana for about 15 years holding progressively more responsible positions over that time. We believe she has what it takes to join our LFRA team and help us with a wide variety of activities. Her duties will be reporting, grants management, data analysis to assist with policy decision making, and serve as a backup for payroll, purchase requisitions and orders, accounts payable, and deposits. You will love her warm personality and overall eagerness to learn. It is our intent to develop her to be the successor to Administrative Director.

**LFRA Family Member News**

As an update, on August 5th, one of “our own”, Cindy Lyons, wife of Captain Mark Lyons was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in Sturgis, South Dakota. They were hit by a drunk driver who lost control of his motorcycle and slammed into Mark and Cindy. While Mark was able to escape with only minor injuries, Cindy, unfortunately had serious injuries including a fractured pelvis, broken wrist and broken shoulder as well as other associated trauma. Cindy underwent surgery in Rapid City, S.D. and spent the next week there after the accident. Our friends/family at TVEMS assisted in getting her from Rapid City to Loveland. Get well soon Cindy!

**In Marks own words, here’s an update on Cindy...**

“Cindy is getting better every week. She started Physical Therapy on September 10th and has been going twice a week. She started walking during Physical Therapy on September 21st and was given the go ahead on trying to walk more around the house. She has a follow up with the Orthopedic Doctor on the 28th, we are hoping that he will lift her walking restriction and allow her to walk as much as she is comfortable doing. Currently her shoulder and wrist are still very sore, she is working really hard to regain her range of motion in both her shoulder and wrist but there is still a lot of swelling and pain associated with both injuries. She hopes she can go back to work by the end of November but I think it may be after the first of the year (we will see as time goes by).”

**New LFRA family members:**

- Ben and Katie Wynkoop welcomed Ronan Douglass Wynkoop into the world on 9/14/15. Ronan is 4lbs 7oz; he is doing well, but will be spending some time in the NICU before being released.
• Vivienne Charlene Klaas (Captain Eric Klaas) arrived on 9/15/15 @ 9:26pm. She weighed in at 7.12lbs & 21in long. Hope & Vivienne are both doing well!

• Derek Guard and his wife are pregnant and due any minute...we wish you the best...!

Sad news:

• Firefighter Doug Vinzant’s mother passed away on September 15 after a brief, but difficult, battle with pancreatic cancer. Mrs. Vinzant’s celebration of life service was a tremendous tribute to the beautiful women she was and how much she meant to all those around her. She will be missed beyond words. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Vinzant’s.

MDA news-

The LFRA Local 3566 and many others helped to make the MDA Fill the Boot drive a success this year, raising $8,566.84! We didn’t quite hit our goal, but that gives us something to shoot for next year. Thanks again for all the help, MDA Rocky Mountain is very pleased with the work of LFRA over the past two years!

The Leadership Journey-

On September 2nd, we started another Leadership Journey Class. We are now into the 4th week of the class and learning much about leadership, including what it takes to be a “transformational” leader, and the importance of recognizing the different seasons of our journey and making course adjustments to keep us on the right path. Of great importance we have learned about the three essentials of Leadership – Character, Competence and Vision, which embody Trustworthiness.
Fire–Rescue Operations Division - Division Chief Greg Ward

Response, Readiness, Resources & Relationships

September 2015

Significant Events / Training

- The Training Division tested each Company with the annual Company Qualifications Drills. – Readiness
- LFRA hosted a Hazardous Material Technician Course at the Training Center that was paid for through a grant from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Three members of LFRA were among the 25 students in this 80 hour certification class. – Readiness & Relationships
- DC Sparks, DC Ward, Capt Goodale and Capt Gilbert instructed and served as proctors for a Colorado State Fire Officer I certification class in Black Hawk. – Relationships
- The Tactical Fire Team joined LPD SWAT for the annual week-long training at Fort Carson. – Readiness & Relationships
- LFRA personnel participated in the September 11th Ceremony at the Civic Center and saluted our veterans traveling to DIA for the Honor Flight. – Relationships
- LFRA certified five Boulder Rural Officers in Blue Card during a three day simulation lab in the Command Training Center. – Readiness & Relationships
- Aircraft Fire Rescue personnel were trained on the operation of the new Airport Fire Rescue Truck by the truck manufacturer. The truck should be in service by October 15th. – Readiness & Resources
- Several houses that were being demolished on North Jefferson provided five days of training for LFRA. Crews rotated to the location completing hose advancement, roof ventilation, search/rescue and firefighter survival training. – Readiness
- Captain Gilbert was honored to be selected as the Fire/Rescue representative by the Colorado Department of Transportation for a trip to Tennessee to review their incident scene traffic management practices. The study is paid for by a grant that CDOT received in an effort to improve traffic flow during roadway incidents. – Relationships

Training Center Utilization

Thompson Valley EMS - Fort Collins Police - Loveland Police – SVI Trucks - Relationships

Significant Incidents

- On August 30th, LFRA was dispatched to a residential fire on East 13th Street in downtown Loveland. Engine 5 was the first arriving company, they found a two story house with heavy fire on the front porch, extending to the interior of the structure. Five LFRA companies brought the fire under control within fifteen minutes. – Response
- LFRA crews responded to a vehicle fire that extended to a wildland fire on Glade Road on September 3rd. The pickup was fully involved in fire on the arrival of Rescue 2. Crews attacked the wildland fire to stop its spread prior to extinguishing the truck fire. – Response
- On September 5th Loveland Emergency Communications dispatched a residential fire on Emerald Street in East Loveland. Engine 6 was first to arrive on scene, they extinguished a BBQ grill fire that had extended to the siding of a house. Crews checked the interior of the house and found no interior fire conditions. Crews removed the siding to completely extinguish the fire. – Response
- LFRA was assisted by Front Range Fire Rescue Authority, Berthoud Fire District, Poudre Fire Authority and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control on a 2nd alarm wildland fire on East County Road 16 on the 21st of September. The fire burned several large straw bales, cottonwood trees and approximately 10 acres of grass and brush before being brought under control. – Response
Training on North Jefferson

Rural Water Supply Qualifications Drill

Aerial Ladder Rescue Qualifications Drill
Saluting the Honor Flight!  LFRA Station Crews 6 hosted CSP for lunch

Glade Road Vehicle Fire and Wildland Fire

Tactical Fire Team – SWAT Training at Fort Carson
East County Road 16 Wildland Fire
Update/overview of CSD, Special Events (Ned):

- Appeal process for the fire sprinkler at Meadowsweet Circle has been resolved and the builder is placing complying with the Notice and Order.
- Continue with the restructuring of CSD – Community Risk Assessment has begun to evaluate the Public Education program. Discussion with LPD and TVEMS to determine the possibility of evaluating what each of the services provide and find gaps or duplication of effort with Public Education.
- In the 8th month of the DRT training course and beginning the Strategic Plan Development portion of the training.
- New part-time inspector, Allen Cravey, is on board and learning the computer software and inspection program – Deputy Fire Marshal Dann overseeing the training program.
- ICC Haz-mat – Fire Inspector II class in Loveland. Division Chief Dave Lowrey from Boulder is providing the instruction.
- Training for new and on-deck FITs; Chris Sandoli, Matt DeDecker, Chris Wining, Jason Tanner, Josh Valerio, Allen Cravey - Ty Drage was the coordinator and lead instructor of the 3-day Fire Investigation class including a burn site and the 3-day Fire Code 101. Additional Instructors were Carie Dann, Dan Engelhardt, Ben Andersen, Scott Pringle, and supported by Tim Smith and Bryan Clark – the students enjoyed the classes and claim there learned a lot - “like drinking out of a fire hose” – thank you to all involved.
- Haunted House at 170 N Cleveland – problems with the process for getting the building prepared prior to the event organizers creating the maze.
- Evaluation training with Randy Hasket with HR

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

- Final inspections at Big Thompson Brewer, a new microbrewery in Loveland, and also started final inspections at the restored Loveland Opera House (Arcadia). Worked with small team (planning, public works, power, water, storm-water) to help fine-tune what min. requirements would be for being allowed to start construction in various phases (f&f, etc.).
- Participated in interviews for Building Dept. hires – Ingrid for inspector and Carie for plan reviewer
- LFRA approved permit for FAB remodel, reviewed (need resubmittal) on MOB submittal.
- Worked in Everheart training/ large group Everheart training, and participate in C team.
- Provide Customer Service site visits to help identify code requirements for future permit submittals.
- Carie started Leadership Journey II and LEAD Loveland, and Ingrid and Bonnie started the Leadership Journey.

OEM Monthly Report (Pat):
The primary focus this month for OEM was to support the Communications Group in addressing concerns raised on the safety of the FAB comms tower. A structural analysis and loading study was already completed on the tower itself and in early September, a roof analysis was done to take a look
at the load carrying capacity of the building. In both cases, the reports came back with negative results and will require us to relocate the equipment currently on the tower and the tower itself must be removed from the roof. Solutions are being explored such as installing a new monopole tower in the south parking lot and permanently removing the old tower.

Flood Recovery
- Flood Recovery Group meetings
- Long Term Recovery Group meeting

Program Operations
- OEM review and planning discussion w/Chief Sparks
- Expectations and current projects discussion w/Scott
- Facilitated PIO and PAO expectations meeting
- Grants management
- Review of draft COOP plan
- Audit prep
- EMAP assessment of City of Seattle OEM

Pub Ed and training given
- Shelter-in-place site visit at Mary Blair Elementary
- 2015 Emergency Preparedness and Family Safety Expo

Planning Meetings
- Emergency Planning at MCR
- Expo advertisement planning meeting with the Reporter Herald
- Fire Operations Meeting
- Planning meeting w/ volunteer Cheri
- Multi-jurisdictional OEM discussion w/Rod
- Public Outreach planning with Carie - America’s Preparathon
- Northern Colorado Emergency Managers meeting
- Expo final planning meeting
- HMP small group planning meeting
- Loveland HMP group meeting
- I25 traffic management plan meeting

Training Received
- Leadership Journey
- 1 CoL online class

PIO, Website & Public Education (Scott):
- G290 PIO class in Sterling
- 9 new business/preschool/church fire safety inspections
- 1 re-inspection
- 2 burn permits
- 5 Knox key updates
- Fire drills at 2 Factual Data office buildings
- Continued research and work on Community Risk Assessment
- Numerous updates to LFRA website & social media posts
- PIO duties for several incidents (mostly research and phone interviews)
- NFPA FPW webinar
- Vision 20/20 fire prevention materials generator training webinar
- Attended presentation from Clear View Behavioral Health at TVEMS HQ
✓ Meeting with Kris Briggs for school inspection scheduling
✓ 2 Expo planning meetings and work on ad for R-H
✓ Evaluation training with Randy Haskett
✓ Meeting with FEMA Regional Preparedness Rep (with Pat)
✓ Emergency preparedness/shelter in place planning at Mary Blair (with Pat)
✓ Emergency preparedness planning meeting for Canyon Bakehouse (with Pat)
✓ CPS program data entry

Accreditation, Fracking, Inspections, Investigations (Ty):

1. Assist Operations
   a. D/O on E266 during Pro Cycle Challenge (8/22)
   b. Lt on E6 (8/28, from 1200 – 0730)
   c. Respond to fire alarm at Mtn View High School (8/26)
   d. D/O on E6 (9/6, from 1000 – 1400)
   e. D/O on E3 (9/19, from 0730 – 1630)

2. Training
   a. Assisted with teaching day 3 of Blue Card certification for Boulder Rural (9/3)
   b. TacFire @ Fort Carson (9/8-9/11)
   c. NFA Leadership 1 @ Black Hawk (9/12-9/13)
   d. Coordinated and taught Fire Investigations 101 (9/14-9/16)
   e. Attended HazMat fair @ Fort Lupton FD re oil & gas industry (9/18)
   f. Coordinated and taught Fire Codes 101 (9/21-9/22)

3. Inspections
   a. New construction inspections: 17
   b. Hazmat permit inspections: 7
   c. General inspections: 4
   d. Knox key updates: 2
   e. Tent inspections: 3 @ Thunder in the Rockies
   f. Renewed 2 burn permits

4. Investigations: 111 East 13th Street (8/30)
5. Accreditation: Discussed process planning ideas with Executive Leadership
6. Attended Larimer County LEPC meeting w/ Captain Mialy
7. Participated on interview panel for Admin Analyst position
Hi Bryan and Greg,

On behalf of all of us, I want to thank you both very much for the excellent Blue Card training that you and your department provided for us over the last three days. The instructors were very friendly and professional in their ability to make us feel comfortable, yet challenged us to strive for excellence during the various sessions. The CTC is a very valuable facility in its ability to create a great learning environment. Captain Greg Gilbert and Lieutenant Randy Stuart got us off to a great start, followed up by a tremendous solo presentation by Lieutenant Bryan Clark. The training was capped off with an outstanding final class by Dustin and Ty. I apologize for not recalling their titles or last names. Your entire presentation and performance was very much appreciated by us all and we look forward to continuing our relationship with you all in the future.

Many thanks again, Bryan and Greg.

Have a good and safe day, my friends.

Bruce

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We live on Promontory Drive — backing up to Mariana Butte.

This summer, we had such a scare as a fire was accidentally started in the butte. You and your crew worked so quickly and diligently to protect our home and hundreds of nearby homes. The fire came within 5 feet of our next-door neighbors’ yard. You saved our home that day.

Thank you for protecting me and my family. —Quint F.

We are so grateful for each of you. Thank you!

Scott & Janna

Thank you for protecting my house

Ian F.
Mark,

I unfortunately set off a sprinkler while volunteering at the Loveland Creator Space 320 N Railroad avenue on Saturday. One of your trucks responded. What a nice group of guys. They helped clean up, got information I needed to replace the sprinkler head and made a terrific and professional impression of their service. Soaking wet and flustered, I did not get everyone's names so if you get a chance tell them thank you.

With thanks,

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Richard F. Toftness
Tasterra Consulting and Design LLC
Dear Chief & Board,

Thank you for the flowers. They certainly brightened my day... and made me thankful of all of you.

Kay

Flowers, if you're there!
Hi Raylene,

Could you earmark this donation for the wildland team and thank them for what they do? I hope this will help keep them trained and equipped.

Dola Klein
Good morning Ty,

Last Tuesday the 1st Loveland emergency services responded to a 911 call to our facility for a medical emergency. The response was quite fast. The caller heard the sirens start as he was on the phone call and overall response was just about 5 minutes, which is excellent. Although the incident was not life threatening I know that our first responders were inspired knowing that your team of professionals had their back.

While your team was on site one of the firefighters noticed a trip hazard near our front door, an old sidewalk-mounted metal door stop that had been overlooked and had not been removed after the entryway was modified. She took the time to bring it to our attention -- which I greatly appreciate -- and that trip hazard has now been removed.

Thank you to you and your team for all you do.

-Andy.

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Hi Pat,

FYI: Here's the story and lessons learned I sent to our Regional Safety Manager with photos attached. I have a few more showing my home and vehicles 60' - 70' from the fire site that I deliberately did not include. If you're interested in seeing them for any reason, I'll be happy to share them with you.

Thanks again to your crews for responding! The time it takes for them to respond is not in any way their fault, but rather the understood risk I accept for living in my paradise. They did a great job and were very pleasant to deal with on scene. In fact, they did a courtesy walk through of my neighbors property while they were there and gave him advice on improving the defensible space around his home.

Thank you VERY much!

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Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
C/o Chief Mark Miller
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Dear Chief Miller,

Thank you for allowing Engine 6 to cover our district for an extended time yesterday. We had to commit 100% of our resources, personnel call back, and draw on help from Ault-Pierce, Eaton, Greeley, and Front Range for this particularly large and hot rural fire without adequate water supply.

As always your crew was courteous and professional and fit right in covering 2 or 3 calls for service. Personally I thought a Red Engine looked great at Station 1!

Kind Regards,

Herb Brady
Fire Chief