FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
by Fire Chief Mark Miller

OVERVIEW

September Leadership Truism
“Nothing changes if nothing changes, but changed people change the world.”

ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS

LFRA presented the 2018 Budget to the LFRA Board on August 30th. The budget was approved unanimously, and it went before the Rural District Board of Directors on September 6th, and then on the City Council on September for first reading on October 3rd, and second reading on October 17th, as part of the normal budget approval process. As always, the Board was supportive of the budget as a whole, with high priority on doing what is best for our members in regards to safety, benefits, and equipment. Many thanks to Cheryl Cabaruvias for her focus and commitment to the budget development.

Other administrative matters include:
- Design nearly complete for new LFRA Web site
- The Red Bandanna Day event/remembrance held on September 11, was a great success. A Red Bandana Day Proclamation was read at the September 5th City Council meeting, as well as the LFRA Board meeting on August 30th along with the Rural District Board meeting on September 6th. Special thanks to Good Samaritan Executive Director Lisa Melby and Chaplain Doug Overall, for organizing the Proclamations and the actual event on September 11th by providing breakfast burritos for all first responders (Police, Fire and EMS). Thank you!
- Initiated online open enrollment process with CEBT
- Coordinated a demonstration of Ultimate Software (new HR Mgmt/Payroll system) with LFRA stakeholders
- Conducted six (6) stay interviews (vs. exit interviews)

2018 LFRA STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2018 Strategic Plan is nearing completion. The DRAFT plan was presented to the LFRA Board on August 30, and they will review over the course of the next 45 days. Similarly, the Rural District Board members will also have an opportunity to review the plan after the formal presentation during their October 6 Board meeting. On November 13, at the next scheduled LFRA Board meeting (date changed to accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday), staff will seek direction from the Board and discuss revisions or edits accordingly. Special Projects Manager, Randy Mirowski has lead the revision of the Strategic Plan and we are exceptionally proud of the tremendous work he and LFRA staff have accomplished over the last eight to nine months. Strong work!

BADGE PINNING / SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Six LFRA members were recently promoted and/or hired, and LFRA held a formal pinning/swearing-in ceremony on August 30, prior to the LFRA Board meeting. Those promoted include: Eric Klaas – Battalion Chief, Kevin Hessler – Captain, Nick Bukowski – Lieutenant, Brad Schiffelbein – Engineer, Cole Stephenson – Firefighter, and Melissa Gillen - Firefighter.
**FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

by Division Chief Greg Ward

**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES**

**September 1, 2017**

LFRA was dispatched to a multi-family structure fire on North Garfield Avenue. Engine 5 arrived on scene with smoke coming from a house that had been converted to a business along with a couple apartments. The fire was difficult to locate within the structure due to the renovation work that had taken place to alter the normal residential layout of the structure. The fire was controlled in just under one hour, one firefighter was transported to the hospital.

**September 6, 2017**

A second alarm was called for a well involved house fire that was the result of a vehicle vs house accident on Hopkins Court. LFRA, Berthoud and Poudre Firefighters worked for approximately 50 minutes to control the fire. The driver of the car was removed by bystanders prior to the arrival of emergency services responders, the driver was transported to the hospital by Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services. No one in the house was injured by the accident or fire. The fire was fed by a ruptured natural gas line as a result of the vehicle accident. Approx. half of the home was destroyed by the fire.

**September 7, 2017**

Engine 66 with a crew of three LFRA personnel were deployed to the Himes Peak Fire just outside of Meeker Colorado. Upon completion of this assignment the crew was re-assigned to the Moose Peak Fire in Montana. The crew reported to the fire command base in Libby Montana and was deployed right away to the fire line. The crew spent fourteen days on the deployment, they gained valuable experience that will benefit LFRA’s response to local wildland fires.

**September 25, 2017**

LFRA was dispatched at the request of the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office to a structure fire in the Lago Vista Mobile Home Park. Deputies were on scene of a police incident when they observed a fire in the structure that they had responded to. The occupant of the trailer self-evacuated but was transported to the hospital by Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services for non-fire related injuries. The structure was approximately half involved in fire on the arrival on Engine 5. Crews were able to contain the fire to the one structure. The fire was under control within 45 minutes.
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

UPDATE / OVERVIEW

HIP Street Discussion with Planning – Meetings to review the street width standards that are being proposed for the downtown area and in new developments. The take away continues to be ensuring the width will accommodate fire apparatus, easement access for utilities, storm-water, etc.

Larimer Humane Society Discussion – We participated in the discussion with Larimer County, FCLWD, Front Range Fire to determine options for the fire sprinkler deficiencies. Front Range and FCLWD are working to resolve the pressure problems.

Special Event Site Inspections – Thunder in the Rockies.

Haunted Houses – Harrington Art is setting up at 1605 N Lincoln. Issues with exiting into the alley are being evaluated by Public Works.

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

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

Chillers – LFRA and City Building are going to work together to improve the life safety of the occupancy. A recent inspection (tied to liquor license renewal) confirmed several IFC/IBC violations that need to be resolved. The Building Division will contact the bar owner to work on a plan to resolve.

Colorado Heirloom – The business moved into the building without applying for permits. We are working with them to gain compliance.

Bristol Point – Issues with the Fire Sprinkler system and requirement for licensed professional contractors on the site.

Land T LLC – Met with owner, county planner, code officer, LCSO deputies on site - county code compliance problems for over a decade. Containers of fuel and other possibly hazardous materials on site - State Oil and Gas has been notified as well. There were also squatters living on the property and they’re in the process of evicting them.

Hach Co – Inspections of the building and fire sprinkler system are underway. The ongoing concern for LFRA is the limitation of the private fire protection system, which includes the fire hydrants on site.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- CSD Safety Visits - The Cove, Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln Place, Gallery Flats, Brookdale at Marianna Butte
- Hazmat Permits: Hach Chemical, BW Containers (formerly Goldco), Tractor Supply CO (New)
- Attended the three day conference in Breckenridge – Helpful for TIER II and Hazmat Reporting
- Assist Ops - Live Burn Instructor for 4 days of Live Fire with Tender Shuttle operations (ISO and Accreditation requirements)
- Collaborated with Operations and CSD and Building to help with Hazmat Dumpster Fire at Remington Tech
- Worked with City Building Code Enforcement investigating illegal spray booth at 1905 W 8th St.
- FIT’s: Conducted 3 General Inspections; no major violations. Conducted 6 Haz-Mat Inspections; no major violations. Conducted two Fire Investigations; both were determined to be accidental.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Planning & Documentation - The National Weather Service conducted a site visit for the purpose of renewing the City’s certification as a Storm Ready Community. We successfully met the criteria for renewal by demonstrating that we have multiple and redundant means for making severe weather related emergency notifications to the community. Furthermore, this renewal will continue to provide our community members with an opportunity for insurance rate reductions.

Preparedness & Relationships - Three community events were held for the High Water Mark initiative. These events were an unveiling ceremony for flooding high water mark signs and educational boards located in The Big Thompson Canyon, at the old county fairgrounds, and in Fort Collins. These markers will serve as educational tools for the public to remain prepared and to act appropriately during flood warnings. These markers were paid for by grant funds awarded to Larimer County.

On-going emergency planning efforts with the City’s Risk Management division focused on the municipal building this month. Mr. Adams is supporting a greater level of city-wide safety initiatives and we are working closely with Risk to deliver more exercises and practice drills.
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, continued

Scheels Grand Opening Celebration - planning with Scheels staff and LFRA representatives – over 30K people expected to attend first day.

Planning and marketing efforts for the upcoming, multi-agency 2017 Family Safety and Emergency Planning Expo event

Grants - After discussions with several city departments, it was decided that the submission of the 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant applications for the Fleet maintenance Bldg. emergency generator and the Wildland fuels reduction program will be postponed until 2018. The main reason for this delay is due to the short turnaround time to collect significant amounts of historical data and supportive program information.

Training & Exercises - The 2017 airport tabletop exercise is being managed by the airport staff. The 2019 full-scale exercise will be expanded into a county level event in order to include additional planning partners.

Attended a 4-day Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning course (FEMA E-131) at the Emergency Management Institute. He also completed two online self-study FEMA courses: IS-320 Wildfire Mitigation Basics and IS-322 Flood Mitigation Basics.

Participated in a tabletop exercise at the Larimer County EOC on September 13th. This was a great opportunity to learn more about Emergency Operations Center practices, and to develop relationships with other EM agencies and personnel.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

From Good Samaritan Loveland Village
First Responders Red Bandanna Day - 9/11/17

Walk of Honor
In Honor of
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
A brick was placed on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park Walk of Honor by the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc.

Chief Miller speaking at the 9/11 event at the Foote Lagoon, hosted by the American Legion Post.