February Leadership Truism
“Culture eats strategy for breakfast.”

MATURATION OF LFRA
- As a monthly update, we continue down the path of full maturation. The most recent task was to develop our own financial/procurement policies. LFRA’s attorney Emily Powell and LFRA staff have been busy developing policies that will be more relevant to an organization our size. While the overall number of actual policies may be less, all pertinent state statues relative to a fire authority will be adhered to. The Financial Task Force will review the policies at their next meeting in March. Additionally, LFRA is engaging Lexipol to implement all new Administrative Regulations for LFRA. These policies are fully vetted from legal and fire professionals, and will be relevant to LFRA specifically.

ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS
- Chief Miller has been meeting with all shifts/staff to present/discuss the LFRA Way document. We are very proud of the booklet in that it encapsulates the cultural framework of LFRA. Additionally, the LFRA Way has been distributed to external stakeholders, including; committee members from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Front Range Fire Consortium leadership group, area fire officers, etc., and it has received rave reviews!

COLORADO TASK FORCE ONE
- LFRA Engineer, Jason Tanner, was hand selected as one of six individuals, out of 100 Colorado Task Force One (CO-TF1) Rescue Specialists to attend the IRB (inflatable rescue boat) operator course in California from March 4 - 8. The Central Division of the National Urban Search & Rescue System is sending six of the nine teams to an IRB training course. Jason will be joining students from AZ, IN, NE, TN, and TX. Well done, Jason! This is a fantastic opportunity for Jason and for LFRA to gain knowledge and skill mastery.

FIRE STATION 7 UPDATE
- As project manager for fire station 7, Division Chief Michael Cerovski, has been exceptionally busy this month with the bid document process, including pre-bid meetings, final bid opening, location and extent process, and site review process. We have had a multitude of challenges in this project, but we are excited to see this project gaining momentum, knowing it will enhance response times and public safety in the western end of our district. Additionally, it further enhances all 194 square miles of LFRA’s jurisdiction in adding an additional engine company in the system.
FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION
by Division Chief Greg Ward

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

February 5, 2019

LFRA Engine 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched along with Berthoud Fire District Crews to a garage fire in east Berthoud. The first arriving Berthoud Crew initiated fire attack and search operations on a single story house with a well involved fire in the attached garage. LFRA Engine 1 was assigned to assist with fire attack and perform overhaul operations. LFRA remained on scene for just over an hour assisting with the operation.

February 18, 2019

A first alarm assignment responded to a reported residential fire near the Chilson Recreation Center early in the morning. Firefighters located a fire burning in the attic space, which was controlled quickly with a fog nail attack line placed through the roof decking. Additional crews opened up the ceiling and exterior siding to expose the burned area for final extinguishment. The house sustained fire damage to one portion of the attic with very little smoke damage to the living spaces.
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

- Fire Sprinkler program - working with DDA and Water Dept. to find alternatives to placing fire lines in multiple buildings from a single line.
- Continued development of the Fire Inspector 1 and Fire Officer III certifications with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.
- Continue to work on the rewrite and adoption of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Public Education program(s) to be used in conjunction with Larimer County, PFA, Estes Valley, Colorado Forest Service.
- Meeting with the owner of the Lovelander Apt's to deliver Notice and Orders to bring the building into compliance. We will be working with the City attorney office and Building when meeting with the property owner and attorney.
- Work with the Development Center to assess current teams and type of work – analyze and identify the need for new goals for the Strat Ops teams.
- Meeting with Pinewood Fire District to discuss code issues and altering the boundaries of the fire district.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Lenny and Pat prepared for and then attended the state emergency managers Conference held in Loveland. As always, the content and timeliness of the presentations was valuable.
- Lenny met with Public Works Personnel to conduct a vulnerability assessment on the m o c facility. The public works department will receive a detailed report that will provide future planning information for risk reduction as well as a product that can be used to meet requirements for future grants.
- We attended a 2 day disaster Finance course with several members from City finance department. This course was part two in a series of presentations design to help recover as much cost as possible in the FEMA reimbursement process.
- We met with Library staff to discuss emergency action planning and business continuity. A future training is scheduled for all Library staff where we will provide basic emergency preparedness information as well as ICS training for their leadership team.
- The second planning meeting was held for the airport exercise scheduled for this summer. Lenny and Gina are working closely and co-facilitating this exercise planning effort.
- Three applications were created for the State Homeland Security Grant two of them for Loveland Fire and one for Loveland Police Department. The grant decisions will be made and allocated in approximately 6 to 9 months from now.
- Lenny attended the first in a series of three weeklong classes for the Master Exercise Practitioner Program. He is in the process of designing a full-scale exercise as part of his course requirements and this exercise will directly benefit the city of Loveland.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Emergency Reporting was selected as the new RMS provider, after several months of detailed analysis and vendor presentations by committee members from CSD and Operations.
- Eight CSD inspection staff attended the three day IFC 2018 overview class in Westminster - Carie instructed sections of the classes.
- Continue to develop and implement changes to Fire Safety Visit program – identify how to utilize ETI info when migrating to the ERS software.
- Significant building projects in the City & Rural; Campion Academy, Axiom/Rowleys, Ms. Daisy's, Tharpe Cabinets, significant amount of building projects in 2534