OVERVIEW

August Leadership Truism

“Great leadership, in all facets of life, is the byproduct of a bold, selfless, vulnerable heart- the type of heart that knows the pain of enduring adversity, rising above it, and sharing unique talents, stories, and encouragement with others. The world craves authentic individuals, who know themselves, care for others, and strive to make a lasting contribution “

ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS

- As mentioned in previous monthly reports, we (Andrea, with great help from Kristen) have been immersed in implementing the new Ulti-Pro HR Management system. It has been a significant change for the organization as well as the entire City of Loveland, but one that will be well worth the effort. Special thanks to Andrea and Kristen who have spent an enormous amount of time figuring out all the bugs and training all personnel. Strong work!
- LFRA has finalized our 2019 budget, and as of this writing, it has two versions – one that includes the award of a SAFER Grant to hire 12 firefighters for fire station 7, and one that does not include the award of a grant for the hiring of the new firefighters. We will present the final version to the LFRA Board at the September LFRA Board meeting. We hope to have good news about the SAFER Grant by then.
- New members: LFRA conducted two assessment processes in August – one to replace a vacant firefighter position, and one to replace an admin tech position in CSD. Decisions have been made on both positions. They officially start in September, so we will include names, pictures and background in the September monthly report.

LIVE FIRE SPRINKLER DEMONSTRATION

On September 18th at 5:00 PM, LFRA will host a live fire sprinkler demonstration in the east parking lot of the Fire Admin/DC Building at 5th and Jefferson. The demo will show the effectiveness of fire sprinklers by utilizing a side-by-side comparison of two mock rooms that will be set on fire simultaneously. One will have fire sprinklers and one will not.

While the demo is specifically for City Council, LFRA will invite folks from the DDA and other interested parties. A picture, or in this case, a live demo, is worth a thousand words. The demo will be hosted in conjunction with the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Deputy Fire Marshal, Captain Carie Dann, received a letter of commendation from Rob Geslinger, Technical Service Coordinator with the National Fire Sprinkler Association, praising her for her advocacy of commercial fire sprinklers in a recent Reporter Herald newspaper article. Read the letter in its entirety on the last page of this report. Great job, Carie!
August 16, 2018

Engine 61 with a crew of three firefighters deployed to the Silver Creek Fire at the request of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control for immediate structural protection operations. The fire grew to over 4000 acres and was lightning caused.

August 22, 2018

The crew of Engine 61 was re-deployed from the Silver Creek Fire to the Bull Draw Fire near Nucla Colorado. This lightning caused fire has burned over 30,000 acres. Engine 61 crew was assigned fire control operations and structural protection. The crew was fortunate enough to get an opportunity to spend time with some of the residents that were being allowed to return to their homes.

August 20, 2018

First Day of School!

LFRA on-duty crews welcomes students back to school for the year!
August 29, 2018

LFRA with the assistance of Front Range Fire Rescue Engine 1 responded to a traffic accident involving a large commercial truck and a pickup that resulted in the entrapment of the pickup driver. Crews began a rapid heavy extrication operations to access the trapped driver. Unfortunately, the driver of the pickup did not survive the accident. During the investigation process, one of LFRA’s drone pilots assisted with aerial photos of the scene.

August 31, 2018

A late afternoon dry lightning storm passed through the area sparking a wildland fire at the very northern edge of LFRA’s response area. A large air tanker happened to be in the area and assisted with the initial containment efforts. Resources from LFRA, Poudre Fire Authority and Larimer County Emergency Services worked for several hours to gain full containment and control of the fire. The fire burned nearly four acres, no structures were immediately threatened.
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

FIRE PREVENTION

- Staff has been assisting the designers to ensure building and occupant safety for the proposed Barton Solvents building, 668 Barboura Drive. This is a chemical storage building that's a High-Hazard occupancy. There were numerous safety concerns for the first round of architectural drawings and we provided direction to the designers.
- CSD staff worked extensively with Brinkman and fire-protection system contractors to help them obtain a TCO to occupy The Foundry Patina Flats and the top four levels of the parking garage.
- Performed final acceptance testing and inspections at the Larimer County Loveland Campus, which will open Sept. 11.
- Lt. Engelhardt co-taught a class with PFA on Emotional Resiliency for the fire academy recruits at Front Range Fire Consortium. This is the first time the class has been taught for the consortium.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Activated the EOC (No Staffing/Monitor Only), for the 9+ Mass Gathering Events August 3rd – 5th within the City of Loveland, City of Fort Collins and Larimer County. Weekend ended with no EOC involvement.
- We are participating in the development of a county Reunification Plan for friends and family that will be the focus of the UNITE 2019 Full-Scale Exercise. The Reunification portion of the Exercise will not be a School District-specific reunification.
- Facilitated the first two planning meetings with City of Loveland Water & Power dept., for a Table Top exercise scheduled for November 2018. Exercise Priorities are Evaluation of inter-division collaboration & cooperation along with determining risk tolerances. Exercise Objectives are implementation of ICS, communications, and setting priorities/decision-making. A third meeting was held this month with W&P Director to develop the ICS training for W&P staff.
- The Salamander System equipment was received and training is scheduled for Sept 24th. Currently negotiating with the City to determine if this system will fits their needs for city badging.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

[Image of a hand-written note]

August 28, 2018

Dear Christopher, Dorie, Alex,

Last Monday I called Community Safety very concerned about our three continuing to keep CO monitors. You quickly checked on me and someone right away. Very quickly you arrived, gave us a fresh set of monitors. You helped us get through this traumatic and difficult time and we appreciate it.

-Thanks! to you & the Fire Dept.

John & Astanna McCoy
August 2, 2018

Fire Chief  
*Loveland Fire Rescue Authority*  
410 East 5th Street  
Loveland, CO 80537

Dear Chief Miller:

A crew from *Loveland Fire Rescue Authority* responded today to my request for assistance in replacing an outdated smoke alarm. It was not a simple task as the smoke alarm needing attention was located on the VAULTED ceiling in my living room. To further complicate my request was the fact that the new unit had to be hard-wired rather than using an adapter as I first thought.

Your firefighters tackled both issues and were successful in installing the replacement unit. Unfortunately, I did not get their names nor the number of their vehicle. I did thank them personally but wanted you to know of the efforts of these outstanding gentlemen who are serving our community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Lloyd and Bernita Greiner
July 27, 2018

Mark Miller, Fire Chief
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
410 E 5th St, Loveland, CO 80537

Re: Commendation for Carie Dann, Deputy Fire Marshal

Dear Chief Miller:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your Deputy Fire Marshal, Carie Dann. On Wednesday, July 25, I read in the Reporter-Herald about the Sushi JoOA fire which had occurred the previous evening. The fire had been extinguished by the building’s fire sprinkler system. According to the account, fire and water damage were relatively light.

I was pleasantly surprised to read such a positive, in-depth story concerning fire sprinkler protection. As you know, the media typically follows the mantra that “what bleeds, leads”. Since fires extinguished by sprinkler systems do not typically cause the damage and injuries seen in unsuppressed fires, it is rare that they reported at all, let alone to the extent reported in this article.

I would like to commend Deputy Fire Marshal Dann, for her involvement in this article. From the quotes attributed to her it is very clear that she is passionate and knowledgeable about the benefits of fire sprinkler systems. Specifically, she emphasized:

- Minimal damage to the restaurant: (“the single sprinkler head contained the flames”; “Sushi JoOA would be able to clean up and reopen ‘in a pretty rapid manner.’”)
- Minimal water damage (“The Marine Corps Career Center adjacent to the restaurant suffered minor water damage”)
- Protection of commerce and livelihoods: (“People have jobs; the entire rest of the building remained open.”)

When I shared this article one of Dann’s quotes stood out to my peers around the country: “You can always dry things out, but you can’t unburn them.” DFM’s simple, basic statement carries a very powerful and inspirational message to our public about the benefits of fire sprinklers.

Please pass on to DFM Dann my commendation and congratulations for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Rob Geislinger, Technical Service Coordinator, NFSA

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