June Leadership Truism
“Leadership: our greatness is often defined by our willingness to include others and their ideas.”

GOOD NEWS FOR LFRA BOARD MEMBERS AND LFRA RETIREES! THE LFRA BOARD RECENTLY APPROVED TWO RESOLUTIONS THAT CONTINUE TO RATCHET UP THE BENEFITS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR LFRA MEMBERS, AND BOARD MEMBERS. ESSENTIALLY, WE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE TO BOARD MEMBERS AND WE WILL ALSO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE TO OUR LFRA RETIREES IF THEY MEET THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA.

NEW MEMBERS: LFRA INTRODUCED TWO NEW FACES THIS MONTH, INCLUDING; DAVID RHOADES, AS AN ADDITIONAL CSD FIRE INSPECTOR, WHO COMES TO US FROM ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING; AND LENNY LAYMAN, WHO COMES TO US FROM THE THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WILL ASSUME THE POSITION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST. WELCOME DAVID AND LENNY! (SEE PICS).

FRONT RANGE FIRE CONSORTIUM (FRFC)

LFRA has long been a member of the FRFC, which consists of 10 regional fire agencies, including two departments in Wyoming and one in Montana. The FRFC has been the firefighter academy responsible for training the lion’s share of new firefighters in our region over the past 20 years. Beginning in September, LFRA will provide an officer to function as a full-time position in the FRFC over the next 18 months. In essence, this means we will hire an additional firefighter and make necessary promotions to cover the officer moving to FRFC. This is a temporary assignment in supporting the academy, but one that gives our members some good development/succession opportunities. LFRA is reimbursed for the position moving to the FRFC, which makes it economically feasible and a win/win for all agencies.

VARIABLE MESSAGE BOARDS (VMB)

- Beginning June 25th through July 4th, LFRA and Loveland Police partnered to arrange for seven electronic VMB signs throughout the community to get the word out about illegal fireworks. The signs rotate the following messages:
  - “Be a good neighbor – only use legal fireworks.”
  - “Legal fireworks don’t leave the ground or explode.”
  - “Illegal fireworks – up to $1,000 fine and jail.”

We hope the signs deter at least some of the illegal activity related to fireworks, but we also rely on neighbors and the community to come alongside officials in this effort to eliminate illegal fireworks. Thanks for your support!
FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION
by Division Chief Greg Ward

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

June 8, 2018

Engine 61 with a crew of three personnel deployed for fourteen days to the 416 Fire located just north of Durango in southwest Colorado. The crew worked with other front range fire resources to protect structures in the threatened subdivisions. The fire grew tremendously during the deployment, however no structures were lost in the area that the LFRA crew was assigned to. The crew gained valuable experience in structural protection operations that in the future will benefit our area when we experience another wildland urban interface fire.

June 13, 2018

LFRA was notified as a part of the central Weld County Strike Team / Task Force for response to a large lightning caused wildland fire in the Paddle River Valley Fire District. Engine 66, Tender 5, Battalion 1 and Chief 3 responded to the staging area on Highway 34 approximately eight miles east of the town of Kersey. Battalion 1 was assigned as the division supervisor in charge of holding the wind pushed fire on the south side of Highway 34. Engine 66, Tender 5 and numerous other resources were deployed under Battalion 1’s direction, they were successful at stopping the fire at Highway 34. The fire burned over 1000 acres, no structures were lost.

June 23, 2018

Engine 3, Tower 6, Battalion 1, Chief 2, Chief 3, Chief 5 and volunteer firefighters from the Canyon Battalion responded at approximately 8:20PM on a second alarm structure fire at the Mary’s Lake Lodge in Estes Park. The chief officers were assigned by the incident commander to division supervisor positions and to assist with command operations. The LFRA crews were deployed within the divisions for defensive fire attack operations. Eventually a third alarm was struck, which added Engine 2 and Rescue 6 to the LFRA resources assisting with the fire. With the exception Engine 3 and Tower 6 LFRA resources cleared scene by 3:00AM, Engine 3 and Tower 6 remained on scene until 1:30PM on Sunday June 24th. Off-duty LFRA personnel were recalled to duty to assist with staffing stations and reserve apparatus to maintain adequate coverage for LFRA’s response area.
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

FIRE PREVENTION

City of Loveland Fireworks Show – Significant time spent on the planning, and creating site security of the event. Including the setup, inspection/permitting and launch of the show.

Code Enforcement – Work with LPD to obtain variable messaging boards with the goal of informing the community about illegal fireworks. Review and defining the Fire Safety Program and inclusion of pre-plans for emergency incidents.

Plan Review – High profile projects; Lovelander Apts., AKA Kitchen, Barton Solvents, Gresswick/Wickam event center, increase in paint booth challenges in various structures meeting various codes compliance.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Lenny Layman joined Emergency Management this month, previously with the Thompson School District. Primary responsibilities are to provide emergency preparedness training and exercises to all city staff, to assist with the development and revision of emergency plans, and other duties as assigned. Welcome aboard Lenny!

- The first quarterly meeting for mitigation projects was held this month. The group had an opportunity to get familiar with the master list of mitigation projects and to begin gathering information on the current status of those projects. During the next meeting, the group will discuss methods for completing the priority projects.

- The Salamander Credentialing and Resource Tracking System product demonstration conducted. We believe that the hardware and software may be a good solution to creating ID badges and for pre-credentialing response personnel, for assigning and tracking resources and personnel during EOC activations, and for tracking and reporting costs during emergencies. We will continue conversations with the vendor and may be pursuing this purchase with EMPG grant funds.

- The first planning meeting was held to begin the development of a Mass Gathering Incident Consequence Management Plan. Following a disaster with multiple fatalities such a Boston Marathon Bombing, the purpose of this plan is to answer the question “Now what?”.

- Meeting with City of Loveland ELT to discuss NIMS Compliance. We will be providing the necessary Course Descriptions, along with the Targeted Audience that is recommended to attend, as a means to assist ELT in better determining staff involvement.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

Loveland MEhaffey Fire Dept.

Thank you so much for coming out to our HOA picnic on Community Night Out. You arriving is the highlight of the event for all the children. Please stay safe and thank you for protecting our community and surrounding areas.

Diane, Doni, Mike & Lorraine Hallmark