**OVERVIEW**

May Leadership Truism

“We are here to make a difference, and mend the fractures of the world, one act at a time”.

**ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS**

- LFRA, Loveland Police Department and Municipal Court (Judge Geri Joneson) hosted the other members of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), for a few hours of show and tell on May 29th. The purpose of the day was to introduce our peers to some of the intricacies of each of our agencies. We started the day with several mock summons and conjured-up accusations by Judge Joneson. This provided a perfect snapshot into “a life in the day of a Municipal Judge”.

  That was followed by the ELT getting a chance to look at much of the complex equipment, with several hands-demonstrations relative to police and fire tools of the trade. We all walked away with a better understanding of each other’s world. Mayor Marsh, and Council Member Johnson (and daughter Frankie), Council Member Olson, and Council Member Wright attended as well. Thanks for all the staff work that went into making it happen, thanks to everyone being good sports (see pics).

- May was a busy month conducting job analysis or a new admin position, as well as getting ready for two new LFRA employees, including one CSD Inspector position and one Emergency Management Specialist (to replace a vacant position). Both of the positions will start June 4th – more on their particulars next month!

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING**

**FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMISSION (FRAC)**

- FRAC members have been busy the past couple months with a couple projects identified in the 2018 Strategic Plan. Specifically, they have done some analysis regarding the current location of fire station 3. At some point, the station is due to be demolished and rebuilt due to the fact it has outlived its useful/functional life. To that tend, it made sense to look at the current location to determine whether it was still serving that area appropriately concerning response times, lot size, etc.

  Additionally, FRAC was tasked with doing analysis regarding future growth projections along the HWY 402 corridor, and the south/southeast area with our Urban Response Area. This is quite an undertaking, and much research and analysis has, and is being done. Eventually, FRAC will provide LFRA Executive staff and Board with a “white paper” indicating their findings. Thanks to the entire FRAC commission for their passion and commitment to this important project. Strong work!
May 21, 2018

The Loveland Emergency Communications Center dispatched LFRA and Thomson Valley EMS to a rope rescue incident at approximately 8:45PM. Dispatchers received reports of a group of hikers had become stranded on the north side of the river and could not traverse back up the steep mountain side to safety. Responders arrived on scene to find a group of five hikers, including two small children needing rescue from the north side of the river. Mutual aid dive rescue resources were requested from Larimer County Dive Rescue and Estes Valley Fire District. Swiftwater rescue swimmers accessed the hikers to ensure that they were uninjured. Crews utilized the rapid deployment watercraft and a four rope system to transport the hikers to safety.

May 22, 2018

Dispatchers received a 911 from a neighbor reporting a house fire on West 11th Street at approximately 8AM. Engine 1 arrived on scene of a small house with smoke coming from the eves and attic space. Crews performed immediate fire attack and search operations, the main body of fire was located on the main level of the house in a bedroom. The house sustained significant smoke damage.

May 23, 2018

LFRA and Berthoud Engine 1 were dispatched to a house fire just before 4PM, reported by the occupants of the house. Crews arrived on scene and discovered a fire in the basement furnace room. The fire appeared to have burned for some time until running out of oxygen. The furnace room sustained significant fire and smoke damage, the rest of the structure had limited smoke damage.

May 26, 2018

LFRA responded with the Poudre Fire Authority to a reported house fire at approximately 6:45AM. Crews located a fire in the walls that had extended to the attic space. LFRA assisted with completing the primary search of the structure and overhaul operations.
FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION
by Division Chief Greg Ward

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

May 26, 2018

LFRA was dispatched to a house fire in Windsor to assist Windsor-Severance Fire Rescue. Crews worked to extinguish a garage fire that extended to the attic of the house. The structure received significant fire and smoke damage. LFRA Engine 6’s crew performed overhaul and ventilation operations, Chief 7 and Battalion 1 assisted the incident commander.

May 30, 2018

A dive rescue response was dispatched to the Big Thomson River and Namaqua Road for a vehicle upside-down in the river. Responders arrived on scene and located a vehicle in the river, the driver of the vehicle was out and safely on the shore. LFRA dive rescue personnel placed haz mat containment booms in the river to contain fluid leaks from the vehicle and assisted with the removal of the car from the river. LFRA operated on scene for approximately 1.5 hours.

May 28, 2018

LFRA, TVEMS and Larimer County Park Rangers were dispatched at approximately 10:45 AM to a report of an injured mountain biker on the Devils Backbone Trail. Rescuers did not receive a specific location on the trail of the injured rider. A ranger riding a mountain bike located the injured rider within 20 minutes of arriving on scene. The ranger was able to direct the LFRA rescue all-terrain vehicle to the patient for transport off of the trail to the parking lot. A TVEMS medic on board the all-terrain rescue vehicle was able to provide treatment and monitoring during the transport off of the trail.

Welcome to New Firefighter, Linda Crane

Please help us welcome Firefighter Linda Crane to the LFRA family! Linda is finishing up the final stages of the LFRA Firefighter Academy. Once the academy is complete, she will be assigned to Engine 5, B Shift.
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
by Division Chief Ned Sparks

FIRE PREVENTION

Code Enforcement – Article written for the City Update with the assistance of Patty Parker in Courts, Lisa Schwartz and Tom Hacker in PIO and Tim Brown from LPD about illegal fireworks. Review and redefining the Fire Safety Program and inclusion of pre-plans for emergency incidents – requirement by ISO and one of the areas evaluated during accreditation. Reorganizing CSD workload and processes with the departure of one employee and the addition of two others.

Plan Review – High profile projects; higher interest in hangars at the airport, multiple projects in 2534, increase in County projects. Safety concerns with the Lovelander Hotel being addressed.

Fire Investigations – Continue arson investigation for West 11th and continued investigation of West Co Rd 20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Summary of Accomplishments - Several meetings were attended this month to work toward building resiliency for Loveland’s OEM, including an upgrade to the FAB emergency generator, ongoing maintenance needs of the MCV, the integration of GIS data sets during EOC activations, laptop software updates, and a discussion about a potential site for a backup EOC.

Mass Gathering Plan - was finalized and distributed. This plan will address the response to events such as a mass shooting or a vehicle driven into a crowd. The next step is to develop its companion document, a Mass Gathering Incident Recovery Plan.

Wildfire risk reduction and public education program - document created and provides numerous recommendations for developing and delivering the most effective method and means for a program tailored to meet the needs of the LFRA response district. This document was shared with LFRA command staff.

SAFER Grant application - was successfully submitted and requests the funding of wages and benefits for 12 FFs to staff station 7 (9 FFs and 3 rovers). We will receive an answer in the next 2 to 6 months on if we are awarded or not