



## FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

by Fire Chief Mark Miller

### OVERVIEW

December Leadership Truism

*"Be Bright, Be Brief, Be Gone"*

### ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS

LFRA new web site launched! Check it out – [www.LFRA.org](http://www.LFRA.org). Huge kudos to Kristen Cummings for her coordination, facilitation, creative insight, and lots and lots of content! The site is awesome – most of all, it serves those we serve better!

### 2018 LFRA STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2018 Strategic Plan is complete! Personalized copies of the Compendium are at the printers as we speak. Each LFRA member, LFRA/Rural Board members, City Council and FRAC members will receive his or her personalized copy. Once again, kudos to Special Projects Manager Randy Mirowski, all LFRA members, and the Fire and Rescue Advisory Commission members for their commitment to the process, candid feedback, and constructive scrutiny of the plan. Their assistance was invaluable and integral to the success of the plan – Thank you!

### FIRE STATION 7 PROPERTY

LFRA is schedule to close on the new fire station 7 property (County Road 27 – north of Big T School) January 4. We are in the process of negotiating with several lenders in securing funding to begin construction. Once funding is secure, we will immediately begin demolishing the current structures on the property, and forge ahead with the design process.

### IMPACT FEES APPROVED WITHIN CITY OF LOVELAND

The Loveland City Council officially approved impact Fees on December 19, after two readings (required by ordinance). Within the next 30 days, LFRA hopes to finalize IGAs with the County and the Town of Johnstown, which would allow fees to be collected within those entities.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

by Division Chief Ned Sparks

Code Enforcement - Work with Building Department on code compliance issues at Wolfpack Gym. Sparks obtained Fire Officer 3 & 4 certifications. .

### Training & Exercises

LFRA will be hosting an International Fire Code Certification Prep Class February 20-22.

### Fire Investigation

Ongoing investigative work with LCSO and LPD on various fires – probable arson at separate incidents. Worked with a private investigator at the 641 19th St SW fire.



Fire Sprinkler Deductions - Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1), a comprehensive reform of the U.S. tax code. It addresses several important issues affecting the fire and emergency service, including for Fire Sprinklers: H.R. 1 provides businesses with an incentive and allows the cost of sprinkler retrofits to be deducted as a Section 179 expense. This tax-policy change will allow countless businesses, restaurants, bars and other establishments to protect their employees and customers.



## FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION, continued

by Division Chief Greg Ward

### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

December 1, 2017

LFRA and Berthoud Engine 2 responded to a fire in a house under construction in the southwest portion of the city. Crews arrived on scene to find smoke coming from the garage of the house. Initial control of the fire was completed by penetrating the roll up garage door with a fog nail nozzle, followed by an attack crew entering the garage from a side door. The fire damage was limited to the garage with the interior of the house sustaining light smoke damage. The fire started in a large dumpster that was being stored in the garage during construction.



December 20, 2017

Construction crews working in the Chimney Hollow area sparked a wildland fire in very dry grass and brush in the late afternoon. The construction crew was able to assist LFRA, Larimer County Emergency Services and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control in building a containment line around the fire. The fire burned just over an acre, but had a high spread potential due to the dry conditions in the area. LFRA operated on scene for more than three hours ensuring that the fire was completely extinguished.



December 22, 2017

LFRA and multiple other fire agencies responded to assist Windsor-Severance Fire Rescue with a large fire at an oil and gas facility, just east of the City of Windsor. LFRA responded to the scene with two Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Trucks from the Northern Colorado Regional Airport, a Water Tender, the Mobile Command Unit and three Chief Officers. LFRA personnel assisted with fire attack/control operations, water supply and command support. LFRA resources remained on scene for over twelve hours supporting the fire control efforts.



December 28, 2017

Crews were dispatched at 1:15 AM to a report of a large wood pile on fire in the Pinewood Lake area, when crews arrived on scene, they located the wood pile burning along with multiple spot fires due to the extremely high winds in the area. Assistance from the Berthoud Fire District, Poudre Fire Authority and Larimer County Emergency Services was utilized in containing and controlling the wood pile fire. Crews could not contain the spot fires until the next day due to the hazards associated with the high winds and the fires burning in the old Reservoir Road Fire burn Scar. LFRA personnel were on scene until 3:45PM on December 29th.

