



## FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

by Fire Chief Mark Miller

### OVERVIEW

January Leadership Truism

*"Focus on Strengths, Delegate Weaknesses"*

### ADMINISTRATIVE & HR MATTERS

If you haven't yet – check out the new LFRA web site! [www.lfra.org](http://www.lfra.org)

### 2018 LFRA STRATEGIC PLAN

The fully bound, personalized copy of the 2018 Strategic Plan is now being distributed – if you haven't already, you will get your copy soon!

### FIRE STATION 7 PROPERTY

LFRA closed on the fire station 7 property on January 4th! We are in the process of negotiating with several lenders in securing funding to begin construction. Once funding is secure, we will immediately begin asbestos mitigation and demolition.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

On January 8, LFRA made a formal presentation to retired Volunteer Chief Jack Sullivan. Chief Sullivan was recognized for his extraordinary efforts in being the primary catalyst in starting the Loveland Fire Department Training Center. The initial discussions and formation of a committee, began in 1975, and continued with land donations, building of a training tower (still used today), and an official open house/dedication in May of 1982. Although many hands, and countless hours of volunteer work went into the center, Chief Sullivan was the main thrust behind it all. Since then, the work continues, and will undoubtedly never end, as the center continues to evolve with the changing needs of the fire service. Congratulations, Chief Sullivan!

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

by Division Chief Ned Sparks

### FIRE PREVENTION

City Safety program – Working with Development Services to find alternative methods to fund fire sprinklers for property and business owners; Federal Tax Initiative, Grant programs – discussion on the role of the City to assist with installation costs.

Code Enforcement - Beginning assessment of Business/Building Inspection program and reassignment of the program management from Deputy Fire Marshal Dann to Lt. Englehardt – liaison to FIT's.

Fire Investigation - Fire Investigators available within CSD – Allen, Ingrid and Carie

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Planning & Documentation - Began work on creating a mass gathering emergency plan that will support response plans already in place and enhance our capabilities to address the complexities of these types of mass casualty events. The LEOP revision is well underway with the main body of the document in first rough draft form. The annexes are now under the revision process. We estimate that the entire document will be in final revision by fall 2018.

Relationships & Public Outreach – Utilizing a CU student by developing a proposal for wildland public outreach and risk reduction activities for our WUI area. This project will be completed by late spring.

Grants - Submitted the application for the 2018 Emergency Management Program Grant. LFRA will be submitting an AFG application for two engines, a type 1 and a type 3.

Training & Exercises - OEM partners are planning a tabletop exercise in 2018 (probably will be an airport based scenario) and a county-wide full-scale exercise in 2019. LFRA partnered with Larimer County to hold a full-day disaster finance course for our governmental finance professionals in Loveland, Larimer, Fort Collins, and their colleagues in other agencies.



Jack & Pat Sullivan



## FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION

by Division Chief Greg Ward

### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

January 13, 2018



Engine 3, Engine 63 and Battalion 1 responded with Berthoud Firefighters to a control burn that escaped control and was rapidly spreading west of Berthoud. The first arriving Berthoud Officer reported an acre fire burning in grass, brush and trees, spreading quickly due to the windy conditions. Engine 3 and Engine 63 assisted with containing and controlling the fire. Battalion 1 assumed command of the incident until the fire was brought under control.

January 26, 2018



LFRA, Poudre Fire Authority, Windsor-Severance Fire Rescue, Thompson Valley EMS and Loveland Police responded to an aircraft crash at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport. The crash involved a small helicopter and a single engine airplane, the aircraft collided mid-air just above the runway. The helicopter crashed on its side at the south end of the airport and the airplane crash landed on its wheels at the north end of the runway. Both aircraft only had a pilot on board, the pilot of the helicopter was injured. Aircraft Rescue 41 remained on scene for several hours until the aircraft could be removed from the runway.

January 29, 2018



LFRA Tactical Firefighters assisted the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Loveland Police and Fort Collins Police with a SWAT situation in the area of 57th Street and North Garfield. The Tactical Firefighters provide fire, rescue and hazardous materials support to the SWAT officers. Firefighters spent nearly five hours on the incident.

Three new tenders go in service!



LFRA placed three new water tenders in service in January. The tenders were built by Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus on Freightliner 4X4 cab and chassis. Each tender carries 2000 gallons of water and has a 500 gallon per minute pump on board. The water tenders respond to fires in rural areas that do not have fire hydrants, the tenders supply the fire engines with the needed water for firefighting operations. The new tenders are assigned to Stations 3, 5 and 8, replacing twenty one year old tenders.



## COMMUNITY KUDOS

January 29, 2018

Chief Miller,

I am writing this letter to address an issue with one of your employees. First off, I need to apologize for this being so late. On October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, I assisted with an Extrication/Rescue seminar held at North Metro Training Academy. There were instructors from around the world as well as across the United States. I was honored to be asked to help out and readily accepted. We had classes from typical auto accidents to patients pinned under extremely heavy objects. One of the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority firefighters happened to be in the group I was escorting from station to station. Jeremiah Clymer was his name. As you may remember, I have been teaching or been around extrication for many years. Firefighter Clymer impressed me more than I can remember ever seeing before. This young man was a natural at tool operation and scene safety. I was even approached by a couple of other instructors and asked if I had taught him. I wish I could have said yes, he's one of mine, but of course, I couldn't. They even stated that his ability to operate the tools that we had for the class was exceptional. To top it all off, he was also the first one in his group to jump in and get things started as well as helped in every scenario at cleaning up. Again, I should have sent this to you sooner, but I just didn't get to it. If Jeremiah is any indication of the quality of the young men and women working there, then the future looks bright for Loveland Fire Rescue Authority.

Sincerely,

Lt. Chris Probst

Retired

### Gregory Samp

January 10, 2018

Dear Chief Miller;

On the evening of January 5 we returned home only to find the smoke alarms in our home holding a not very pleasant concert. Remembering that one of the neighbors had mentioned that the Loveland Fire Department would come and change batteries in such a situation we called with the expectation that it would be a day or so before someone could respond. We were more than pleased that within the hour a response team from Station 3 was knocking on the door. These gentlemen deserve a big pat on the back and thank you as they exhibited a service ethic, knowledge and attitude that surely you as a Chief obviously promote through the entire Department. They identified the issue, not batteries, and stayed long enough to make sure the system was working to keep us safe. They gave us specific information so that we could go the next day and find the appropriate replacements for our too old system.

On January 7 we again called and the same group showed up to install the new alarms. This team from Station 3 is a credit to the Loveland Fire Department and the community and the Department is lucky to have such quality individuals as employees. I don't speak in a vacuum here as my father served as a firefighter for 37 years so I know something of the culture and expectations a community has for their fire fighters.

We wanted you to be aware of our impressions and to thank you for your service as well.

Sincerely,

Beverly and Greg Samp