FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

COURAGE COMPASSION PROFESSIONALISM

Chief's Report

FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE

Good Day!

It would have been hard to imagine how 2020 would turn out as we started the new decade last January. Full of hope and promise as the calendar rolled over into the 20s. Like so many crucible moments in time, the year will go down as a "remember when" event that we will likely use to compare to future events. I can hear it already, "Yes, this is bad, but remember 2020?"

As challenging and as trying as the year was, I am so very proud of how the Front Range Fire Rescue members served our citizens. Each day, we received new information, new procedures, further limitations on protective equipment. In the middle of a global pandemic, we experienced the worst season of wildfires in our state's history. As the country experienced difficult economic times, we learned that our operating revenue would likely be dramatically cut due to the pandemic. Yet even with all of that, our firefighters have continued to serve proudly, and with great attitudes as they responded to your emergencies. In four decades of service, I cannot think of a year when I have been more proud of the people I work with.

In the pages that follow, we will report on 2020; the triumphs and difficulties. It's nearly impossible to share the whole picture. Our firefighters responded to thousands of incidents, large and small. There are so many stories. We will also share our hopes for 2021 and how we plan on further serving you and your family. We continue to raise the bar on courage, compassion, and professionalism. We appreciate your support and your feedback.

Sincerely
Michael West
Fire Chief
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FRONT RANGE

2020

Accomplishments

FIRE RESCUE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FRFR and the world will be processing the pandemic and the aftermath of stay-at-home orders for months if not years. Our top priority was to keep our responders healthy so they could continue to help protect the community. FRFR ensured high-quality emergency medical responses to people in our region impacted by this unprecedented event.

- FRFR implemented new job descriptions that add significant training and education among our members. Raising the bar on professionalism is a cornerstone of FRFR.
- In the first year of our wildland deployment program, we sent firefighters and fire engines throughout the state to assist on the largest fires in Colorado history.
- Completed the remodel of Station 2 in Milliken. This facility is made up of separate buildings, some of which were not designed for a modern fire station. The remodel is a source of pride for the women and men who work there and will serve us long into the future.
- Added a full-time ambulance at Station 3 in Hill and Park with our UCHealth partnership. This unit is directly responsible for saving several lives by reducing our response time to the area. The unit was also instrumental in our response to COVID patients throughout FRFR's district.
- We hired three new firefighters to fill vacancies on our rosters. These new firefighters were the first in our history to attend a full-time professional fire academy rather than in house on-the-job training. Our Academy is a regional effort that we now share with 10 other fire departments.
- We wrote and implemented our own Professional Standards document. "The FRFR Way" is serving as a guide for how we operate, how we treat each other, and how we hold each other accountable. This paper has already started to weave itself into the fabric of our daily operations.

Kurt Nakata

Obtained the NAFI-CFEI certification, a very challenging two-part process consisting of a thorough credentials review followed by a comprehensive written examination. The process tests knowledge of both NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators and NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations.

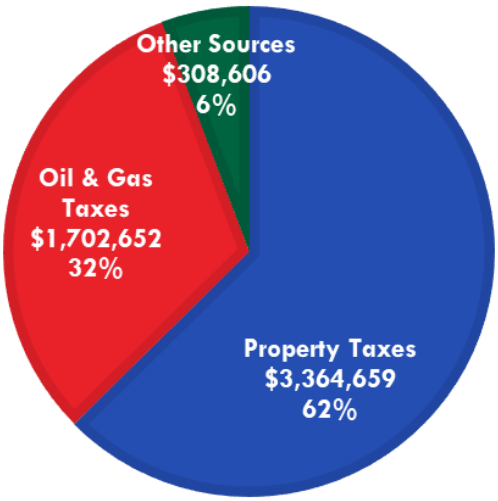
CONGRATULATIONS

Chief Ty Drage

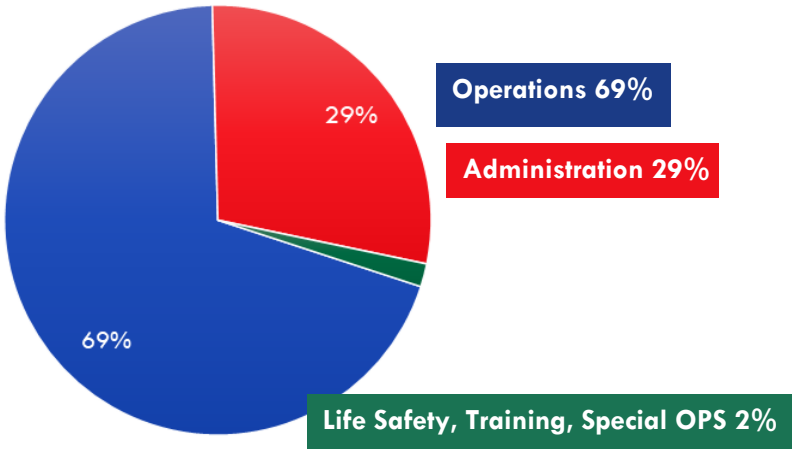
Obtained the status of Certified Fire Investigator from the IAAI. This is the highest level of certification available for public-sector fire investigators. To attain this certification, he had to demonstrate expert -level qualifications, including qualifying in court at least twice as an expert witness, teaching courses to train new investigators, and mastering all components of the NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2020 REVENUE $5,375,917



2020 EXPENSES $4,710,345



REVENUE SOURCE HISTORY

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Gas Oil	-30%	-12%	65%	26%	3%	-26%
Residential	29%	3%	16%	3%	19%	2%
Commercial	14%	0%	29%	0%	28%	1.5%
Total change	-1%	-2%	30%	13%	8%	-9%

2021 Total Assessed Valuation (previous year)
$449,496,360** ($ 493,834,610)
** Weld County only

Averages (Last Year)
Gas/oil 4.3% (3)
Residential 12% (19)
Commercial 12% (18)
Total Change 6.5% (8)

FRFR IS COMPRISED OF

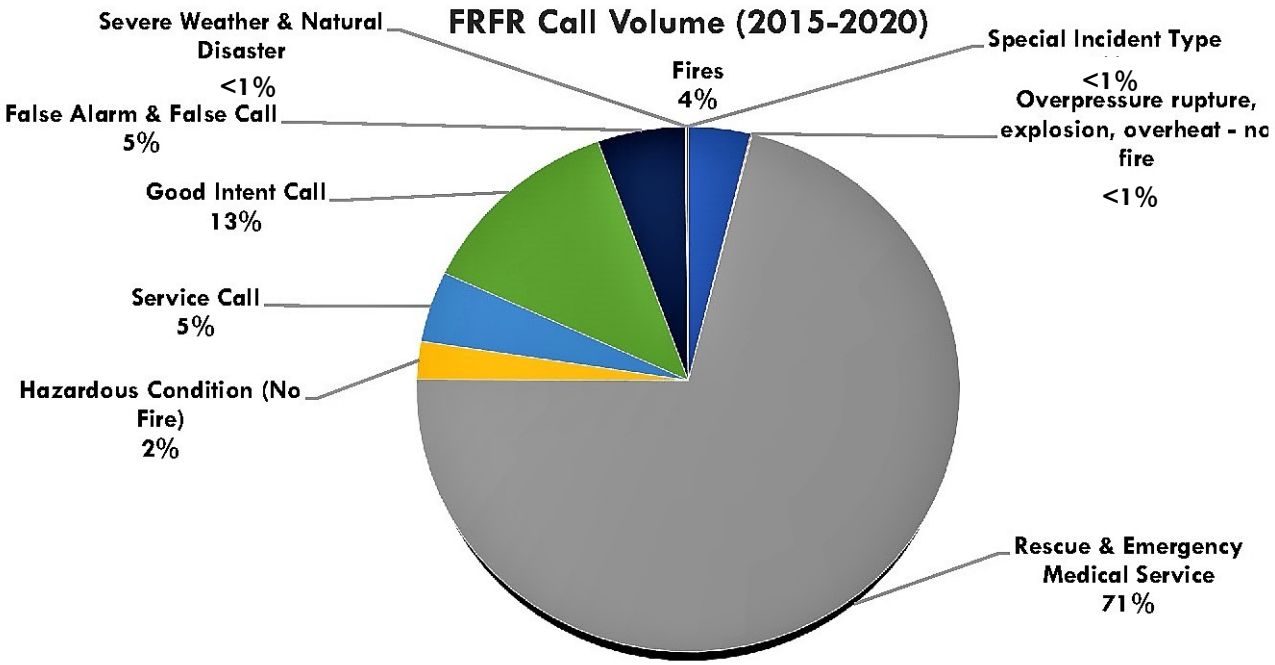
34
Full-Time Positions
6
Reserve

Uniformed Members
38
Civilian Members
2

FRONT RANGE

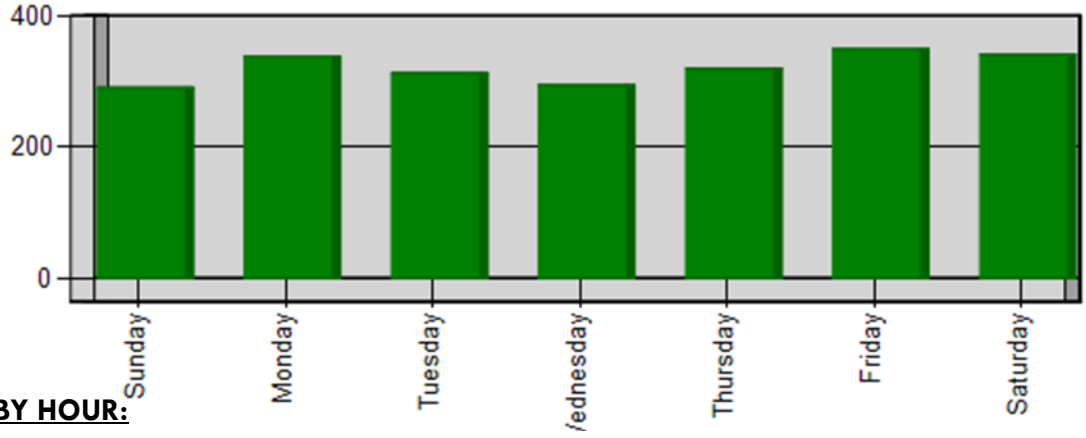
RESPONSE & STATISTICS

FIRE RESCUE

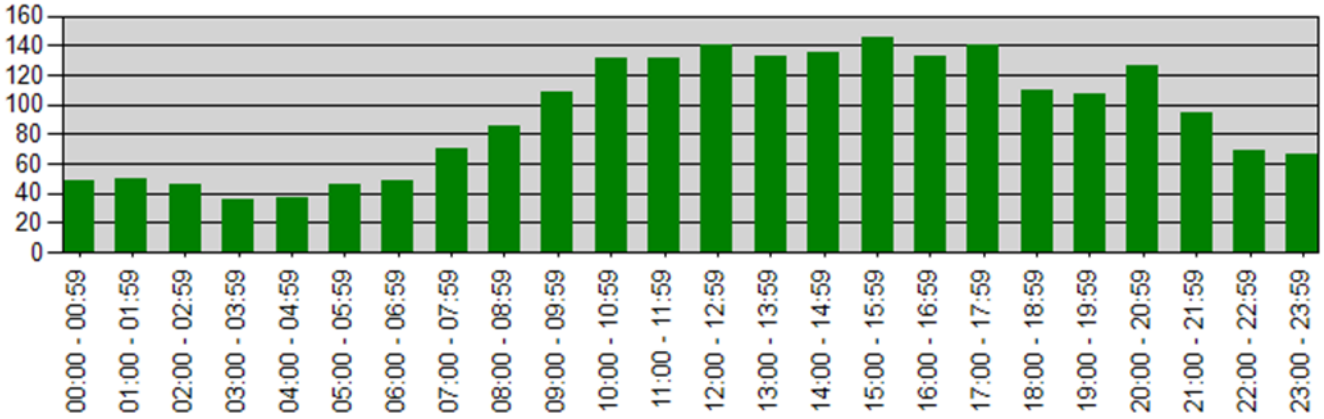


MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	2015-2020 (%)	2015-2020	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fires	3.84%	513	76	77	93	87	106	74
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	0.09%	12	1	3	0	4	1	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	71.13%	9502	1542	1638	1829	1848	1379	1266
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2.33%	311	52	61	44	41	51	62
Service Call	4.42%	590	124	123	92	89	81	81
Good Intent Call	12.62%	1686	329	235	311	305	261	245
False Alarm & False Call	5.39%	720	115	127	116	128	125	109
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0.06%	8	1	0	2	0	0	5
Special Incident Type	0.13%	17	2	3	4	1	2	5
TOTAL	100.00%	13359	2242	2267	2491	2503	2006	1850

TOTAL INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK:



TOTAL INCIDENTS BY HOUR:



LIFE SAFETY
&
FIRE PREVENTION

LIFE SAFETY & FIRE PREVENTION

WE DO FAR MORE THAN PUT OUT FIRES

		2020 TOTALS			2019 TOTALS		
	EXISTING CONSTRUCTION	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**
INSPECTIONS	General Inspection	108	1,817,883	188.5	67	230,156	105
	HazMat Inspection	29	379,108	58	4	37,024	11
	Re-inspection	14	647,136	23	12	1,344,850	19
	Complaint	10	145,239	26	0	0	0
	Service Call	17	250,903	43	0	0	0
	NEW CONSTRUCTION	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**
	Building Construction	16	210,534	22	1	3,550	3
	Fire Alarm System	9	139,818	11	3	568,431	9
	Fire Sprinkler System	12	245,531	18	1	23,831	2
	Kitchen Hood System	3	72,232	3.5	0	0	0
	HazMat Storage/Use	6	1,380,204	6	0	0	0
PLAN REVIEWS	**PLAN REVIEWS**	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**	**#**	**Square Feet**	**Hours**
	New Developments	30	153,320,650	82	8	33,801,690	41
	Site Plans	37	54,554,330	85	3	1,008,752	19
	Building Permits	27	140,860	78	9	100,006	40
	Fire Alarm Systems	5	58,610	9	3	127,793	29
	Fire Sprinkler Systems	5	30,971	9	3	182,599	17
	Kitchen Hood Systems	3	6,820	12	0	0	0
	HazMat Storage/Use	14	2,166,165	56	6	786,716	40
	Special Events or Hazards	15	9,189,171	30	1	35,000	7

	2020 TOTALS	2019 TOTALS
Car Seat Service	26	**28**
Blood Pressure Checks	3	**30**
Station Tour/Apparatus Demo (and drive-by parades)	31	**19**
Education Sessions	8	**22**
Other Outreach Efforts	20	**29**
ANNUAL COUNT	**88**	**132**
ANNUAL HOURS	**118**	**176**
INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS	**1910**	**7972**

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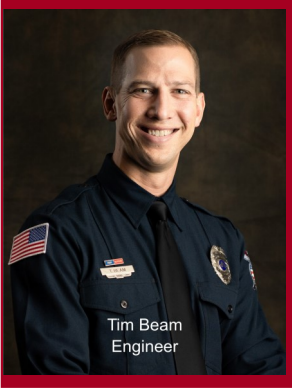
OUR MEMBERS
FIRE RESCUE

Congratulations to Christopher Frain who was promoted to Engineer in July 2020

7,745

Training Hours for 2020

Congratulations to these 10 Year Members



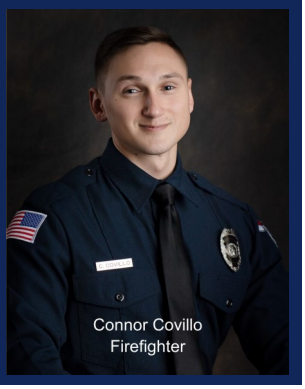
Tim Beam
Engineer

Eric Potter
Engineer

Zack Kirchner
Lieutenant

Congratulations to these 5 Year Members

Justin Unrein
Engineer



Connor Covillo
Firefighter

We hired 3 Full time Recruits in August 2020. They graduated from the Fire Academy December 2020.

Welcome FFs Gore-Salazar, Herman, Wicks

LOOKING AHEAD 2021

Looking ahead

- We will continue and enhance the work of building and strengthening relationships outside of our department. This will include joint purchasing and training with our neighbors. This saves taxpayer revenue and adds buying power for all of us.

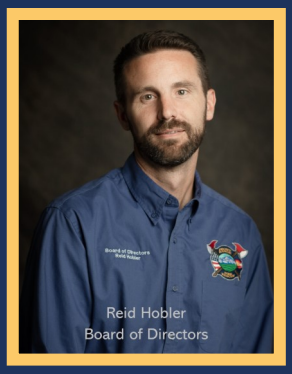
- In 2021 we will be updating our Strategic Plan. We intend to write a comprehensive plan that lays out a map for the future and how to improve the service we deliver to all of you continually. This document will also be used to help make the complex financial decisions that we could be facing if economic troubles continue.

- Look for an updated website soon. The pandemic has shown all of us that we need better ways of sharing important information. Our social media platforms will also take on an updated look and feel.

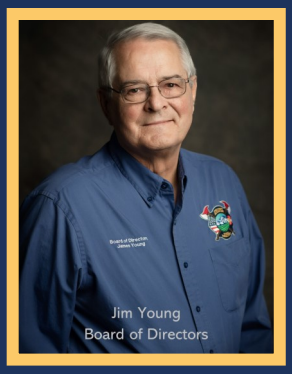
- Recently we began using new software to assist us in future facility and apparatus purchases and maintenance. Having better data will ensure that we are using your resources as effectively as possible.

President

Vice President



Treasurer



Secretary

Director at Large

The public is welcome to attend all regularly scheduled board meetiings, held on the second Tuesday evening of the month at 6:00 pm. For more information please go to our website www.frfr.co

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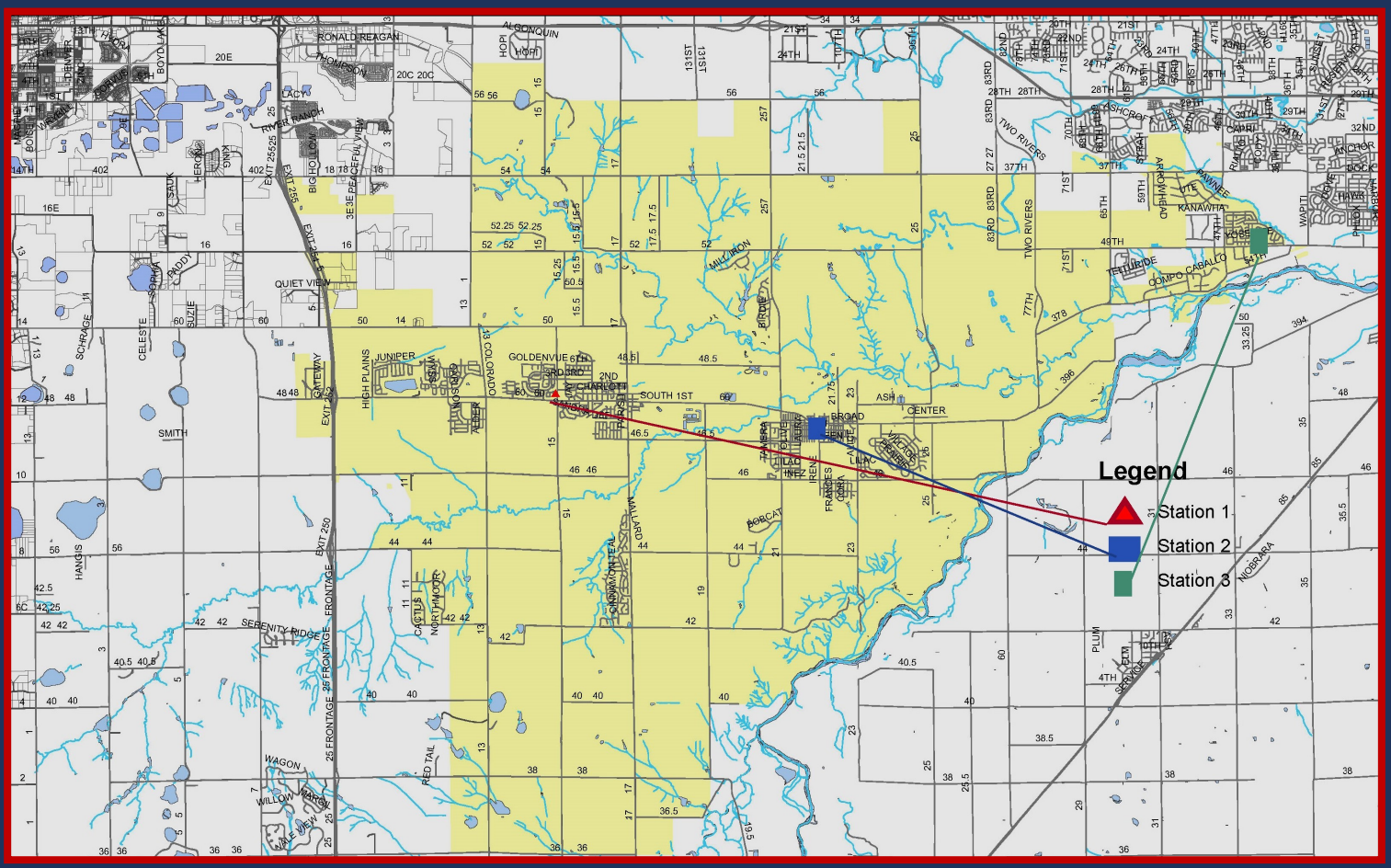
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