2019 Annual Report

“Desire to serve, courage to act, and the ability to perform since 1888”
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Brighton Fire Rescue District

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Message from the Fire Chief

Dear Resident,

I am honored to present the Brighton Fire Rescue District 2019 Annual Report. In 2019 we faced several milestones and changes throughout the year.

In mid-August Fire Chief Mark Bodane advised the Board of Directors that he would be retiring after 12 years of dedicated service to Brighton Fire and our communities. Chief Bodane had an amazing fire service career that spanned 44 years, 28 of those years as a fire chief. Both are amazing accomplishments. On November 14, 2019, Chief Bodane took his final walk at Station 52 in front of firefighters, board members present and past, community members and family. At the same walk off, I received the transfer of command from Chief Bodane and now serve as the fire chief for Brighton Fire Rescue District. I am honored and grateful to be appointed by the Board of Directors as fire chief. We will work hard as a team to provide the high quality of service to all residents of the fire district.

The fire chief position is a humbling position, and while gratifying it can be challenging in the same breath. I could not be more proud to serve the communities and residents of the fire district, and to lead this amazing team of dedicated men and women that work as firefighters, administrative staff, fleet and facilities staff, and executive staff to make up what we know as Brighton Fire Rescue District today. As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2019, we remain focused on the future and what is yet to come for BFRD. On the following pages you will find organizational information including statistics from 2019, workforce demographics, accomplishments and more. I hope you find the information in this report interesting and useful.

From the 79 men and women of Brighton Fire Rescue District thank you for your continued support and encouragement of BFRD.

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Mike Schuppe
The fire district protects the City of Brighton, Town of Wattenberg, part of the City of Commerce City, and parts of the Towns of Henderson and Lochbuie. In addition, our area includes large unincorporated areas of Adams and Weld Counties. Our service area consists of 150 square miles protected from five fire stations.

- **Station 51**: 425 S. Main St.
- **Station 52**: 124 S. 40th Ave.
- **Station 53**: 16681 E. 120th Ave.
- **Station 54**: 15229 Great Rock Rd.
- **Station 55**: 15959 Havana St.
2019 brought forth another busy year for the Brighton Fire Rescue District. Call volume totaled 6,350 incidents, a slight decrease from 2018. EMS/Rescue incidents continue to represent the majority of our calls with 3,719 incidents, a 1% decrease from 2018. Motor vehicle crashes (not represented in the EMS/Rescue call type) increased 1% from 667 in 2018 to 720 in 2019. Our wildfire season continues to be present a year-round challenge, but overall our total fire incidents decreased slightly with 152 fire incidents in 2019 compared to 166 in 2018.
With the continued increase in EMS/Rescue related calls, BFRD is constantly identifying value-added service delivery enhancements. In 2019, three firefighters graduated from Denver Health Paramedic School. BFRD responds to all EMS/Rescue incidents with a fire engine or ladder truck in addition to the services provided by our ambulance partner Platte Valley Ambulance Service through a contract with Platte Valley Medical Center.
BFRD continues to utilize closest unit dispatching in coordination with our dispatch center, Adams County Communication Center (ADCOM), through a Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. CAD allows the dispatchers to send the closest fire apparatus and ambulance to calls for service through Global Positioning System (GPS) and Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL). By utilizing AVL and GPS, residents get the closest fire apparatus and ambulance every time.
Emergency Incidents

In 2019 the District’s response time in the entire district was 9 minutes or less 87% of the time. Here’s how that breaks down by each station’s coverage area:

Station 51: 8 minutes or less 88% of the time
Station 52: 8 minutes or less 84% of the time
Station 53: 11 minutes or less 92% of the time
Station 54: 12 minutes or less 85% of the time
Station 55: 12 minutes or less 91% of the time

Fire District Response Time includes the time from when the unit is dispatched to the time when the unit arrives on scene. Fire stations in rural areas cover larger, less populated areas and have longer travel times.
The Training and Special Operations Division had another successful year in 2019. Brighton Fire Rescue District (BFRD) once again participated in the regional North Area Firefighter Academy with Adams County Fire, North Metro Fire, South Adams County Fire, Thornton Fire, and Westminster Fire. BFRD’s Lieutenant Jesse Eversman served as our cadre instructor. We had all five of our new hires not only graduate but exceeded expectations.

BFRD remained committed to the North Area Fire Academy by providing equipment and adjunct instructors as needed. This regional approach to recruit firefighter training is in its eighth year and has proven to be a successful collaboration of organizations and resources. In 2019, BFRD is proud to have added our first three lateral hires which has proven to be a success.
In 2019, we completed the promotional process for the rank of Engineer. FF/Paramedic Logan Alberti, FF Brian Lopez and FF Leon Miller were all promoted to Engineer. Engineer Chris Elliott was promoted to Lieutenant while Lieutenant Kevin Carson was promoted to Training Captain. We had also hired Chief Kovacs as the new Battalion Chief of Training, Safety, and Special Operations who has since become our Deputy Chief.

Training of shift personnel continues to be an important component of firefighter readiness and competency. A number of training opportunities were provided such as active shooter/active threat with the North Area Fire Departments and Thornton PD. This opportunity included ten full days at Riverdale Ridge HS with student and staff role players. Another large, multi-day training was held at the old Great Indoors building. Crews performed multiple evolutions simulating a structure fire at a large commercial structure. Other training topics throughout the year included: apparatus operations, company officer development, and wildland firefighting. In 2019, Brighton Fire personnel completed a total of 12,929 hours of hands-on and classroom training.
Special Operations which includes Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Response, Water & Ice Rescue, and Wildland Firefighting continues to be a focus of BFRD. We continue to participate in the North Area Technical Rescue Team and the Adams Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Authority as part of regional response teams. We also coordinate training activities with our partners in southern Weld County as part of their hazardous materials response team. Special Operations team members are cross trained to handle their general firefighting/EMS duties along with their specific special operations requirements. As the District continues to grow our capabilities have also grown and we continue to evaluate our needs at a local and regional response level.
Ending 2019, BRFD placed an emphasis on firefighter wellness and career longevity of our members. We implemented fire ground gross decontamination to help with cancer prevention as well as firefighter rehab to ensure safety and best practices for our Firefighters. All three shifts received multi-company training covering both topics. We also filmed a training video on fire ground gross decontamination with the help of PIO Natalie Ridderbos, Captain John Blunt and FF Kenny Rosales. View the training video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZR4pAwHvy5w
Membership Roster

Board of Directors
President – Dean Morris
Vice President – Scott Gerhardt
Treasurer – Frank Serafini
Secretary – Arlin Riggi
Asst. Secretary – Don Rowe

Chief Staff
Michael Schuppe - Fire Chief
Andy Kovacs - Deputy Chief

Administrative Staff
Sue Cahlander - Finance Specialist
Emily Haskin - Administrative Assistant
Andria Koenig - Administrative Manager
Natalie Ridderbos – Public Information Officer
Rita Saunders – Finance Manager
Julie Sovizdraniouk - Admin Assistant

Fire Prevention
Greg Davis - Fire Marshal
Dawn Blunt - Public Safety Educator
Carla Gutierrez - Fire Inspector
Matt Wood - Fire Inspector

Fleet/Facilities Services
Doug Tweedy - Manager
Scott Anderson – Mechanic

Battalion Chief
Phil Beehler - C-Shift
Gerard Lutz - A-Shift
Rand Sheldon - B-Shift

Captain
John Blunt - B-Shift
Colin Brunt - A-Shift
Chris Forbes – C-Shift
Kevin Carson - Training
Austin Coleman - EMS

Lieutenant
Brad Cogburn
Gary Dawson
Chris Elliot
Jesse Eversman
Daniel Grein
Scott Griffith
Brian Guyer
Sean McCulloch
Brian Nekvasil
William Porterfield
Tony Spresser

Engineer
Logan Alberti, Paramedic
Bill Bennett, Paramedic
Frank DiLorenzo
Dave DiLorenzo
Todd Godke
Scott Kinne
Justin Lauridson
Brian Lopez
Samuel (Leon) Miller
Mario Molinaro
Mike Nekvasil
Jeremy Osgood
John Stevens
Ryan Tate
Jeff Wright

Firefighter/EMT or Paramedic
Josh Ballard
Ron Chavez
James Doran
Ethan Gilbert, Paramedic
Travis Hahl
Aaron Heiser, Paramedic
Sean Houlihan
Tom Howard, Paramedic
John Johnson, Paramedic
Matthew Joslin, Paramedic
Clint Mader
Owen Mckeough, Paramedic
Devin Mellars
Blake Mertz
Cole Miller, Paramedic
Mike Murphy
Richard O’Rourke
Erik Ottosen, Paramedic
Brent Palizzi, Paramedic
Neicoli Palizzi
Herbert Roberts, Paramedic
Kenny Rosales
Janelle Schmunk
Andrew Stone
Taylor Sykes
Richard Towndrow
Byron Vall
Theron Virtue, Paramedic

Chaplain
Barry Hughes

Emergency Manager
Stephanie Hackett
FIRE DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief – 1
Deputy Fire Chief – 1
Battalion Chiefs – 4
Captains – 5
Lieutenants – 12
Engineers – 15
Firefighter/Paramedic – 15
Firefighter/EMT – 15
Fire Marshal – 1
Fire Inspectors – 2
Civilian Staff – 9
Total Fire Department Personnel – 80
As of Dec. 31, 2019

COMMUNITY

LEGAL COUNSEL

FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FIRE CHIEF

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE INSPECTOR

PUBLIC EDUCATOR

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

LOGISTICAL SERVICES

FLEET SUPERVISOR

MECHANIC

BUSINESS SERVICES

FINANCE MANAGER

ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST

TRAINING BATTALION CHIEF

EMS CAPTAIN

A SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

B SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

C SHIFT BATTALION CHIEF

3 CAPTAINS
12 LIEUTENANTS
15 ENGINEERS
15 FT/PARAMEDICS
15 FT/EMTS

TRAINING CAPTAIN
Congratulations to all members who earned awards in 2018. We look forward to your leadership and continued commitment to the Organization.

**Career Firefighter of the Year**
Engineer Godek

**Distinguished Service**
Engineer Kinne
Fire Inspector Gutierrez
Lieutenant Eversman

**Recognition Certificates**

**Bomb Cyclone:**
Captain Blunt
Captain Coleman
Lieutenant Eversman x 2
Firefighter L. Miller x 3
Engineer Lauridson
Firefighter Mader x 3
Battalion Chief Sheldon

**Fire Prevention Skits:**
Captain Brunt
Engineer Stevens
Firefighter Mertz
Firefighter Rosales
Firefighter Towndrow

**Fire Safety Expo:**
Battalion Chief Sheldon
Captain Blunt
Captain Carson
Deputy Chief Kovacs
Fleet Manager Tweedy
Engineer/Paramedic Bennett
Engineer M. Nekvasil
Firefighter Ballard
Firefighter Hahl
Firefighter Houlihan

**CPR Calls:**
Captain Blunt
Captain Coleman
Lieutenant Eversman x 2
Firefighter L. Miller x 3
Engineer Lauridson
Firefighter Mader x 3
Battalion Chief Sheldon

**Firefighter/Paramedic Howard**
Firefighter Mader
Firefighter Mertz
Firefighter Murphy
Firefighter N. Palizzi
Firefighter Rosales
Firefighter Schmunk
Firefighter Stone
Firefighter Sykes
Firefighter Vall
Firefighter Guyer
Lieutenant Spresser
Public Information Officer Ridderbos
Maintenance Mechanic Anderson

**Firefighter/Paramedic Alberti**
Engineer DiLorenzo
Engineer Tate
Fire Chief Bodane
Firefighter/Paramedic Heiser
Firefighter Mader
Firefighter Mellars
Firefighter/Paramedic Ottosen
Firefighter/Paramedic Virtue
Lieutenant Eversman
Lieutenant Porterfield
The Brighton Fire Rescue District Fleet and Facilities division maintains a modern, efficient, and reliable fleet of emergency vehicles, facilities, and equipment. Staff hold multiple Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) and Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications, which allow them to perform multiple functions of a full-service maintenance facility. This division is responsible for all vehicles, trailers, equipment on vehicles and all five fire stations, training center, and the fleet/maintenance building. They perform a wide range of comprehensive maintenance, troubleshooting, and other related services on all vehicles and facilities.

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Station 51

E 51 2019 Pierce Pumper
TWR 51 2011 Pierce Platform
RESERVE 2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
B 51 2000 Ford F550 Brush

Station 52

E52 2013 Spartan/BME Pumper
TRK 52 2004 Spartan/Smeal Ladder
T 52 2010 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 52 2000 Ford F550 Brush
BAT 51 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe
AIR/LT 2010 Scott Air/Light Trailer

Station 53

E 53 2008 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 53 2009 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 53 2010 Ford F350 Brush
BOAT 53 2008 Zodiac/25 HP Mercury
BOAT TRLR 2010 Trailer Source

Station 54

E 54 2010 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 54 2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 54 2017 Ram 5500 Brush
HZMT 1982 Chevrolet Utilimaster

Station 55

E 55 2006 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 55 2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 55 2017 Ram 5500 Brush
RAFT 55 Black Raft
ZOD TRLR 2008 Zodiac Small Boat Tlr

Maintenance

MAIN TRK 2019 Chevy 2500
MAIN ASST 2019 Chevy Colorado
STN MAIN 2011 F350

Trailers

MAASSCTY 2006 Haulmark Mass Casualty
GLF TRLR 2018 Mission Utility GC Trlr
CARTRLR 2014 Load Trail Car Hauler
PUB E TRLR 2017 Haulmark Pub Ed Tlr
SMKE TRLR 1997 SCO Safety Tlr
TRNG TRLR 2006 Haulmark Training Tlr
MAZETRLR 1990 Kentucky Maze Trlr
TechResTRL 2001 Haulmark

Station 54

E 54 2010 Spartan/Smeal Pumper
T 54 2003 Kenworth T800 Tanker
B 54 2017 Ram 5500 Brush
HZMT 1982 Chevrolet Utilimaster

Station 55

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Maintenance

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Trailers

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TechResTRL 2001 Haulmark

Antiques/Golf Carts

1927 1927 American Lefrance Pump
1915 1915 Republic
PUPPYCRT 2012 Yamaha Gas Golf Cart
FRTK CRT 2010 EZ-GO Electronic GLF C

OOS District Vehicles

B 54 1993 Navistar/KME Brush
**Finance**

**General Fund**
- Beginning Fund Balance: $3,645,226
- Revenue: $14,837,148
- Expenditures: $14,836,309
- Ending Fund Balance: $3,603,390

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**2019 General Fund Revenues**
- Property Tax: 87.7%
- Ownership Tax, Interest, Delinquent Tax: 8.3%
- Grant Revenue: 0.4%
- Fire Prevention & Other: 3.6%
Finance

2019 General Fund Expenditures

- Salary and Benefits 69.3%
- Transfer to other funds 17.0%
- Dept/Overhead Costs 13.7%
- Other 13.7%

Capital Development Fund

- Beginning Fund Balance $2,573,305
- Revenue $3,292,770
- Expenditures $4,845,541
- Ending Fund Balance $1,020,534
In 2019, a total of 1,883 inspections were completed by fire prevention staff. Every year our fire inspectors visit each commercial property in our jurisdiction to complete a fire and life safety inspection. Also, all new businesses and construction projects are reviewed and inspected for code compliance as well. Reviews and inspections are important to ensure the safety of our firefighters and community.

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Another huge part of our fire prevention efforts are accomplished through public education and interactions. Our public educator and line personnel work hard throughout the year to reach the members of our community. In July we offered two kids academies. In October we offered school presentations that focused on important safety messages. We also provided the following programs and events in 2019: Safety Expo, child safety seat installations, school presentations and fire drills, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installs, juvenile firesetter interventions, story times, station tours, truck displays, blood pressure checks and fire extinguisher trainings.

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Public Information & Events

In 2019 Brighton Fire hosted public events including the Safety Expo, Truck-or-Treat and 9/11 Ceremony.

The District participated in several community events in 2019 including the Egg Dash, Help for Homes, Summerfest, Concerts in the Park, City Bike Rides, 3rd and 4th of July Fireworks, City Ward BBQ, Children’s Hospital Mobile Blood Drives, Adams County Fair, Thanksgiving meal deliveries, Festival of Lights & a Christmas family sponsorship.

In 2019 we increased social media following on Twitter by 26%, ending the year with 3,939 followers.

In 2019 we increased social media following on Facebook by 33%, ending the year with 9,581 followers.