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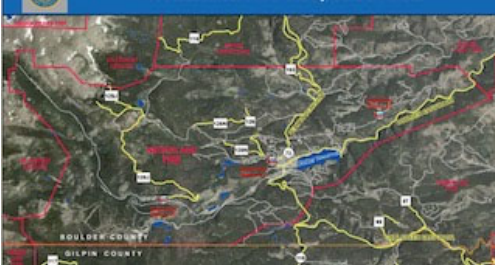
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Nederland Fire Response Area



Nederland Fire Protection District

2022 Annual Report

MISSION

Dedicated to serving all who call upon us with proficiency, integrity and compassionate response.

Message from the Fire Chief

The Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD) is dedicated to doing the right thing and protecting our community from all hazards with compassion and professionalism. Our Mission is the guiding force, and our fire family is committed to providing exceptional service to our community as professionals with compassion, integrity, and proficiency.

We understand the commitment of service above self and as our fire district continues to grow and our environment constantly changes, our dedication to providing the highest level of response remains constant. The efforts are demonstrated by each of our members and how they reinforce our commitment to delivering excellence in service.

2022 was a continually active and accomplished year for the Nederland Fire Protection District. In April, we proudly announced that the NFPD will honor tradition with its first ever traditional Badge Pinning ceremony, where we recognize new firefighters and promote existing members. All members took the "Oath of Service" and sworn in to protect and serve. Some might argue that traditions hinder progress, and therefore should be abandoned in favor of a culture that embraces only change. We also believe that some traditions, especially those that contain endearing values, are an integral part of who we are as firefighters. The fire service needs to embrace changes that provide better and more efficient service, while increasing the safety of the public and those who respond.

Among one of the year's most notable efforts was our members' arduous work creating pathways and processes for success. The recruitment campaign and academies were a remarkable success, with the creation and instruction completed by our members. This was an example of service to the department's new members and to help build the insurance of standards of service to our community. Programs like these are vital and illustrate our commitment and its importance as we continue to engage with the community we protect and serve. We hope to inspire others and help those prepare for a career in the fire service.

Additionally, we were honored to be awarded several grants that included HB 22-1194, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) House Bill/Grant that is helping qualified local and volunteer fire departments cover the costs of equipment. We also were successful in the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant that are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG). This grant supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal of Nederland Fire Protection District is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations with all grant

Message from the Fire Chief continued

opportunities received. Today's fire service has become all hazards emergency team for communities and those in need. Proficient response, consistency in training, in-service equipment, and innovative programs save lives. In 2022, our NFPD family also experienced challenges. Throughout this adversity, our members remained resilient and dedicated to maintaining our core values. As we look forward to the future, we want to honor those who have served, respect those who currently serve and foster those who want to serve. The Nederland Fire Protection District continues to be focused on emergency response, health & safety, education & training, and community risk reduction. We are a nationally recognized organization in providing emergency services with limited resources and a highly motivated, professional, and compassionate workforce. 2022 was an exciting and progressive time for NFPD. It is a privilege to serve this community and I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report. Yours in Service,

Mike Scott

Training

In 2022 NFPD's firefighters and officers completed a total of 2735 hours of training. From the delivery of emergency medical services to the extinguishment of structure fires, the thousands of hours dedicated to development by our responders stand to prove that the craft of the firefighter is alive and well at NFPD. Many new training milestones were met and passed in 2022, from the creation of NFPD's first training Cadre, to hosting of our first exterior fire academy, the training program experienced significant growth in the last 12 months. During this time our firefighters seized the opportunity to train with our neighboring departments, strengthening our relationships and improving interoperability across district boundaries.

In addition to our internal training program, NFPD responders accomplished many new certifications in the last year, bringing newly certified firefighters, EMTs, driver operators, fire instructors, fire inspectors and fire officers into our ranks and elevating the department to a level of collective certification it has never experienced. In many ways 2022 was a year of building and progression for NFPD's training program, and we are excited for the foundation we have built as we look towards the future of serving our community.



Fire & Life Safety

In 2022 Nederland Fire hired a new Fire Marshal, Andrew Joslin. Lt Joslin attended multiple ride-a-longs with multiple Fire Marshals for insight and observation of how other Fire Departments orchestrate Fire Prevention in their areas.

Nederland Fire visited with students at Nederland Elementary to spread the message that “Fire Can’t Wait, Plan Your Escape!” We value the time shared with our community members, and enjoy the opportunities to help educate on Fire Safety. Nederland Fire also helped the town plan multiple events, ensuring that emergency plans were in place and that safety was a priority throughout the planning processes.

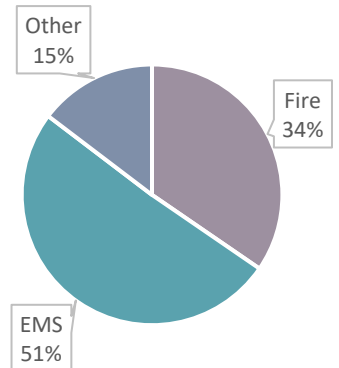
A Fire Watch policy was created to provide the Department with a means of keeping businesses safe while life safety systems were down for maintenance or repair.

The newly adopted IFC 2018 fire code was approved by the Boulder County Commissioners for areas of the Nederland Fire Protection District that fall in unincorporated areas. The approved code and amendments closely resemble the Town of Nederland code, making planning and enforcement more streamlined. Digital forms were implemented for inspections performed by Nederland Fire, allowing for ease of access and data retention improvements.

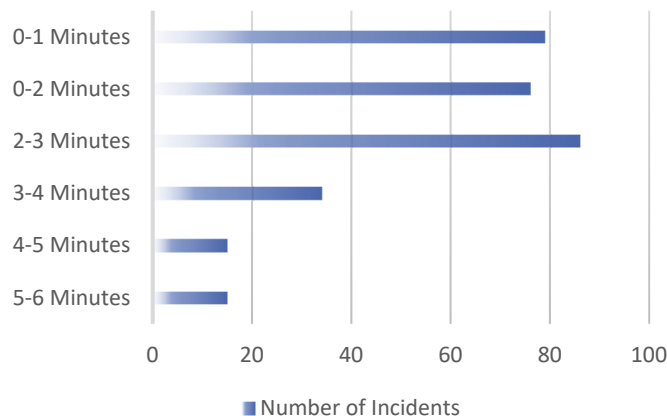
The Compliance Engine was adopted by NFPD for fire protection work completed within the District. This allows NFPD to view deficiency issues as they arise, as opposed to only when annual inspections are completed. This also enables NFPD to track not only the deficiencies, but also the life safety systems within our District.

Operations

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RESPONSE TIME



Want to learn more
or interested in
joining the
Auxiliary?

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Auxiliary

2022 welcomed the formation of the Nederland Fire District Auxiliary to provide support to the Nederland Fire Protection District's firefighters, volunteers, and their families. The first order of business was to complete and file the articles of incorporation paperwork with the Colorado Secretary of State and receive a tax identification number. With these steps complete, the process could then begin to file for 501(c)3 status with IRS. While the NFDA is waiting on the 501(c)3 certification, a grass roots fundraising is being conducted.

During the year, the NFDA had the pleasure working alongside the NFPD to engage the community. The NFDA joined the NFPD at the Nederland Area Farmers Market throughout the season (May through October), helping answer questions regarding wildfire mitigation, promoting Boulder County's Emergency Notification System, and engaging with community members. The season ended with the NFDA roasting chiles at several markets.

To add to the summer activities, the NFDA walked in the town's 4th of July parade with the NFPD. In late July, the NFDA and NFPD had the hosted motorcycle riders participating in the *Hogback Twister Challenge*, organized by Hogback Distillery in Boulder. Riders stopped at Station 1 to grab baked goods and water, get their poker cards stamped, take photos with 5614, and use the restrooms. The riders were from all over the country and were enjoying their ride along the canyons of the Dakota Hogback formations. The first Tuesday in August found the NFDA hosting National Night Out (NNO) at Chipeta Park, an event created to build relationships between first responders and their communities. Leah from Face Fiesta created amazing face art for all those who wanted a face painting. Kids enjoyed chasing a giant beach ball across the grassy lawn as local artist Ben Sproul played for the crowd.

With a busy summer in the books, October found the NFDA and NFPD handing out candy at the NES PTA organized *Trunk or Treat* event at the elementary school. The NFDA's final community engagement event of the year was the Nederland Community Thanksgiving dinner where we continued the tradition of making and serving chili to community members.

The Auxiliary also supported our firefighters and volunteers in 2022 by helping make the monthly training breakfast early in the year and taking lead on cooking breakfast during the last quarter. The NFDA also cooked a welcome dinner for the late 2022 recruit class. This dinner was a huge success with over 30 people in attendance – recruits, firefighters, volunteers, PRNs, and their families. To close out the year, the Auxiliary organized the annual holiday party at The Post Brewing Company's Velvet Elk Lounge in Boulder.

For 2023, the NFDA is looking forward to increasing our name recognition throughout the community and expanding our membership and active volunteer base. We are looking forward to building on the successes of 2022. This year we will be hosting the lunch stop for the *Hogback Twister Challenge* and National Night Out will be on August 1st. We look forward to creating a fun and engaging environment at both events. The NFDA will continue to look for opportunities to engage the broader community and support the NFPD.

Wildland

Nederland Fire had a relatively busy Wildland fire year considering national trends. We started the calendar on January 1st, sending 5631 back down to Boulder with various members staffing for several days of patrolling and support to the Marshall Fire proceeding the initial attack. In late March, we were once again requested to the south side of The City of Boulder for the NCAR fire, where 5631 installed a 1000 foot hose lay and patrolled and prepped some of the most threatened homes on the incident. As we watched the grass fire approach our area, aircraft were able to knock down the fire, keeping it well away from homes.

In April, we once again hosted a county wildland refresher (RT-130) that was very well attended by both NFPD and surrounding agencies, including practice shelter deployment. Abramson, Henrikson and Richardson all taught sections of the supplied county curriculum. A new bonus activity was organized by Richardson after the refresher had concluded. It was an opportunity to practice rapid deployment of our progressive hose lays over at Arapahoe Ranch. On December 19, NFPD sent 5631 and 5644 down to respond to the Sunshine/Sanitas Fire. The crews performed structure triage and point protection as assigned.

43 Calls for service including: unattended campfires, smoke reports, illegal fires.

M.Papich, S.Papich and Sutton completed S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw class instructed by Carpenter. Abramson attended S-200 and initiated an Incident Command T4 task book. He also opened a Base Camp Manager Task book. Henrikson is working on completing a Strike Team Leader qualification and Chadakoff is working on his Liaison Officer and Fire Effects Monitor task books as well. Schmidtman is making progress on his Engine Boss Task Book.

We continue to send members out with other agencies in various positions for national dispatches. Henrikson deployed to Texas and California as an Engine Boss with Timberline and Four Mile FDs. Abramson was dispatched to Idaho and Oregon for incidents as a Public Information Officer. Chadakoff dispatched to New Mexico, Wyoming and Washington as a Medical Unit Leader. When not with the county wildland crew, Joe Luna spent multiple days filling-in with Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew in Washington, Colorado and Oregon. All of these members have not only gained a wide variety of valuable knowledge and experience but continue to share this wisdom with the rest of the department, both informally and as part of training exercises. It is our hope to expand deployment opportunities further in the coming years.

Briscombe was instrumental in completing and fulfilling a grant for \$18,000 to purchase new boots, helmets and protective clothing (PPE) for members. Most of this gear has arrived and been distributed, with more on the way in early 2023.

The truck committee authorized purchase of a larger tank and bigger pump which is soon to be installed on 5631. This upgrade will substantially improve the firefighting capability of this vehicle. A generous donation of an additional pump and tank from Castle Rock Fire will allow us to upgrade pumping capability on 5632 as well.

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Wildland continued....

We have managed to maintain a volunteer membership that includes several active professional wildland firefighters. This has provided opportunities for one-on-one learning and quality group trainings several times a year. Our relationships within the county and beyond continues to improve and expand. Through commitment, training, attitude and performance, NFPD and its members have become a requested and respected resource both regionally and nationwide. We look forward to continuing to build that reputation and to improve all aspects of NedFire's wildland operations moving forward.

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The board of directors consists of 5 members who represent the interests of the taxpayers of the district. The board is responsible for filing and managing an annual budget of approximately \$1.2m, filing an annual audit and any other statutory notices, and ensuring that the District provides Fire, Emergency Medical and Rescue services within the district boundaries within the terms of the special district service plan. The board employs the Fire Chief who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the District.

You do not need any Fire or EMS experience to serve on board. In reality, a broad spectrum of experience is desirable to bring diversity to the board. No previous board experience is required, although a knowledge of the operations Colorado Special Districts is an advantage,

Board meetings occur once a month and are usually straightforward business meetings lasting a few hours. Outside of the meetings contributions of the director's time is entirely their choice. The district employs a part-time administrator who takes care of most of the administrative load that would otherwise be completed by a board member.

Serving as a board member is a great way to serve the community. The positions provide governance from the community over the business operations of the district. The board also supports the volunteers who provide an amazing level of service in our district.