



EVANS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2019 Annual Report

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THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

The District serves approximately 20,000 citizens in Evans, Colorado in an area of 10 square miles. Located in the southern portion of the Greeley-Evans metro area (combined population of 120,000) the District is completely contained within the municipal limits of the City of Evans.

The District provides 24/7 fire and emergency services from one fully staffed fire station on 37th Street. Administrative offices are also located at this station.

The District provides the normal range of rescue, wildland fire, fire prevention, and training services common to suburban fire departments. In addition, agreements with other area agencies allow for:

Special operations teams such as Dive/Ice/Swiftwater rescue and Hazardous Materials response.

Dispatch and communications services are provided by the Weld County Communications Center which serves all of the fire, law enforcement, and ambulance agencies in the County.

Paramedic ambulance service is provided through an agreement with UC Health.

The District participates in automatic-aid agreements with Platte Valley Fire Protection District and LaSalle Fire Protection District. We also participate in the Weld County master mutual-aid system, which includes the City of Greeley Fire Department. These agreements ensure personnel are available to respond to overlapping calls or major incidents that require an increased response.





DISTRICT FACILITIES

Station 2 is our primary facility. During 2017, this building underwent a major renovation and expansion. All District personnel now work in one location, allowing for a more cohesive and efficient work environment. The station classroom is used to host training sessions and is the location of the District Board of Directors meetings.

Training Grounds are located at the City of Evans maintenance facilities. Here our crews can simulate a variety of situations using a two-story live fire building, propane tanks, and a vehicle fire prop. These grounds are available to neighboring districts for their use or in joint training scenarios.

Historic **Station 1** was built by volunteer firefighters in 1975 with the support of Evans City Council, who purchased the materials. Currently, Station 1 is not staffed but houses our reserve engine and equipment. During 2019 this building received repairs and renovation work to maintain the historic structure.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

I'm proud to present the following annual report which highlights the continued success of the Evans Fire District team. Our Staff is dedicated to the mission of providing excellent service to our citizens while ensuring responsible and efficient stewardship of taxpayer resources. District staff pride themselves on strategic use of resources and innovative solutions when faced with a challenge.

The past year saw some exciting advances for our staff and citizens. In April, we entered into a partnership with UC Health Paramedic Services. This new partnership allows for a staffed UCH ambulance to be housed at Station 2 alongside regular Evans firefighters. This additional resource has increased the availability of paramedic services within the District and has allowed firefighters and paramedics to develop a strong and cohesive working relationship.

Our fleet is now completely updated with the delivery of our new Rosenbauer pumper in April 2019. The delivery of this apparatus was the culmination of a goal, set in 2011 when the District was formed, to replace all aging apparatus with updated, state-of-the-art equipment.

As always, our most valuable resource is the people that dedicate themselves to this District. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to continue guiding this exceptional organization.



Mary Achziger
President

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is the general governing body of the District. All Directors must be eligible electors of the District and are elected to serve a four-year term.

Directors are tasked with overseeing all aspects of the District ensuring effective organizational planning and management of resources. The Board approves major purchases and governs inter-governmental agreements and contracts.

Public board meetings are held monthly at Station 2. Agendas and minutes are available for review on the District website.



Marty Schanwolf
Director



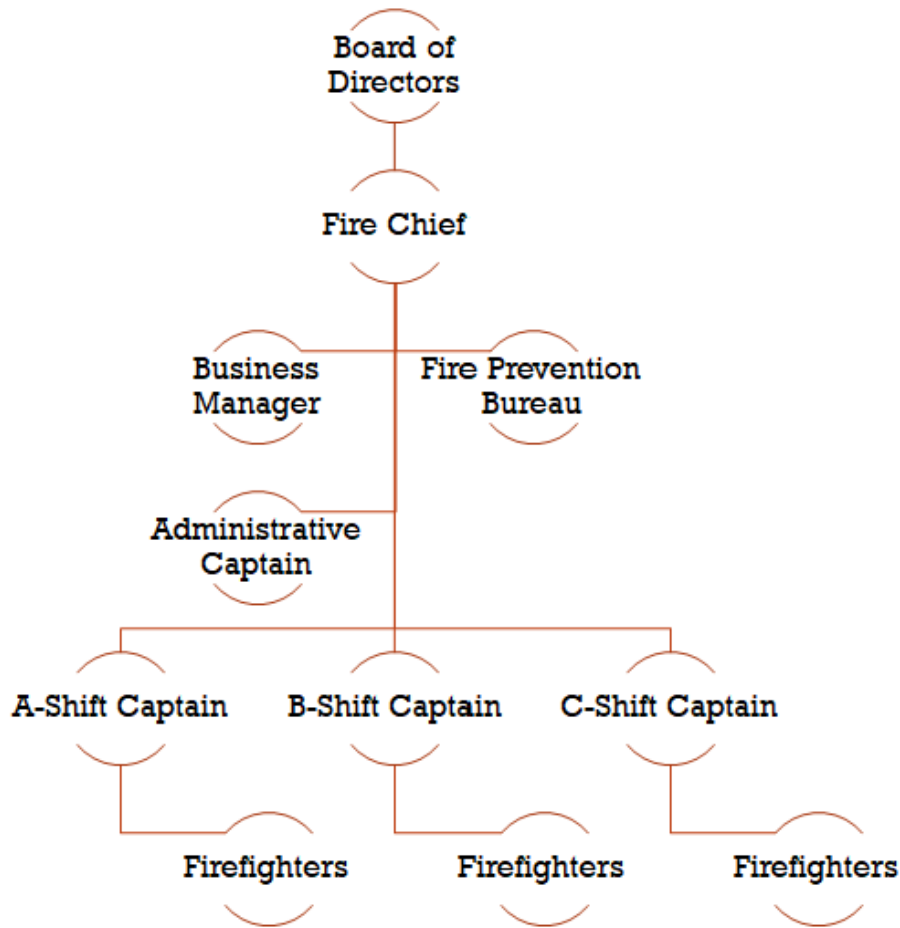
Steve Bernardo
Secretary



David James
Vice-President



Tricia Watson
Treasurer



OUR ORGANIZATION

The District has set a goal of always having at least five firefighters on-duty so that two engine companies are available to respond to calls. Throughout 2019 additional positions were added to allow for more consistent staffing. Two half-time firefighter positions were added to assist with coverage of full-time firefighter absences.

For 2019, staffing was comprised of 12 full-time firefighters, 3 company officers, 2 half-time firefighters, 6 part-time firefighters, and 1 volunteer firefighter. The administrative staff included the Fire Chief, Administrative Captain, and Business Manager.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings,

The 2019 Annual Report for the Evans Fire Protection District follows. It was a busy year with the most significant achievement being an agreement to change the EMS provider for the District. In April 2019 we entered into a partnership with University of Colorado Health as the City's sole EMS provider. UCHHealth assigned an ambulance to be housed at Station #2 with the primary focus of responding to calls in the District.

In addition to the new ambulance crews moving into the station, we also accepted delivery of new apparatus. Our new Rosenbauer EXT Pumper was put into service the first week of April. This allowed us to move the old 2001 American LaFrance pumper into a true reserve status – available to us only when necessary due to frontline and first reserve engines being out of service.

Other achievements in 2019 included: a thorough equipment modernization program, substantial building improvements, consistent two-company staffing, a master plan study, and routine on-call command officer availability.

I would be remiss in not taking a moment to thank the remarkable men and women of our District, who work tirelessly to provide professional, compassionate emergency services that are respectful of the taxpayer's money.

In closing, please take a few moments to review the rest of this report, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly.



Ron Pristera
Fire Chief

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2018	2019
Revenues:		
General Property Tax	\$ 2,090,326	\$ 3,825,161
Specific Ownership Tax	160,772	257,708
City of Evans IGA	493,011	509,704
LaSalle IGA	7,446	10,198
Fees	-	1,600
Misc Revenue	-	15,875
Total revenues	\$ 2,751,555	\$ 4,620,245
Expenditures:		
Personnel	\$ 1,912,396	\$ 2,000,360
Supplies & Services	363,350	423,677
Asset Management Plan	8,121	146,375
Capital Improvement	287,473	394,190
Apparatus Replacement Lease	84,912	87,623
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,656,252	\$ 3,052,225

The largest contributor to District revenue is Property Tax, specifically Residential Property Taxes which have been steadily increasing.

In 2019, we received a significant increase in Oil & Gas Property Taxes due to a new well site in the District. The revenues received from this property have been placed in an investment account with COLOTRUST for future capital needs. We do not anticipate this high level of revenue to continue in the future, therefore we do not account for those funds as part of our regular operating budget.

Personnel expenditures were increased to accommodate additional firefighters in pursuit of the goal of two-company staffing at all times. The increase in Supplies & Services is the result of increased fees from Weld County Communications Center, higher Weld County Treasurer fees as a result of increased revenue, and budget for the Master Plan Study.



Enhanced involvement with District's Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program



Completion of a Master Operating Plan Review



Regional training day with Dr. Richard Gasaway involving firefighter safety and situational awareness.



On-call Command Officer always available through partnership with LaSalle and Platte Valley Fire Protection Districts.

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



ENGINE 3

In April we placed our new Rosenbauer EXT Pumper into service. This new engine allowed us to move the 2001 pumper into a true reserve status. The District is now operating with all front-line apparatus less than 7 years old. Replacement of the aging fleet was one of the primary goals following the formation of the District.

PARTNERSHIP WITH UCHEALTH

In April we joined with UCHealth to provide ambulance services throughout the District. This involved a minor renovation to Station 2 to accommodate housing the paramedic crews.

This new alliance not only provides better ambulance coverage but allows Evans and UCH crews to form a more cohesive team to better serve the citizens of Evans.





EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION

A new oil & gas site within the District resulted in a sizeable, short-term revenue increase. With these funds a significant strategic operating reserve was created. This reserve allowed staff to execute a robust equipment modernization program that included:

- Class A uniforms for all full-time firefighters
- Replacing air monitoring instruments and adding photo ionization detectors
- Adding an all-terrain vehicle to support off-road operations and Riverside Park
- Replacing supply hose with lighter, more maneuverable hose; continuing attack hose replacement process
- Replacing rotary & chain saws
- Replacing aging computers
- Replacing dive rescue equipment and issuing each Swift Water Rescue certified firefighter their own equipment
- Adding additional radios capable of digital paging and replacing the station radio
- Replacing structural firefighting protective equipment and issuing two sets of equipment to every firefighter



EQUIPMENT DONATION

Throughout the year, crews dedicated time to sorting and inventorying all equipment to determine its usefulness and condition. As part of this evaluation it was determined that about 24 sets of Personal Protective Equipment, including bunker pants, coats, and boots, were beyond their useful life per NFPA standards.

As an alternative to disposing of this gear, Program Manager Jimmy McAllister coordinated with firefighters from the San Luis, Mexico Fire Department to donate the items to that department. A group of firefighters from San Luis drove to Evans to pick up the gear and visit with Evans firefighters.





BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Station 1

- New roof and gutters
- Bathrooms painted and floors resurfaced
- All bay lights repaired or replaced
- Bay ceiling painted
- Storage building painted & shelving added
- Central a/c added
- All door hardware replaced & enhanced
- Surveillance & burglary systems installed
- Sign replaced
- Bay doors replaced

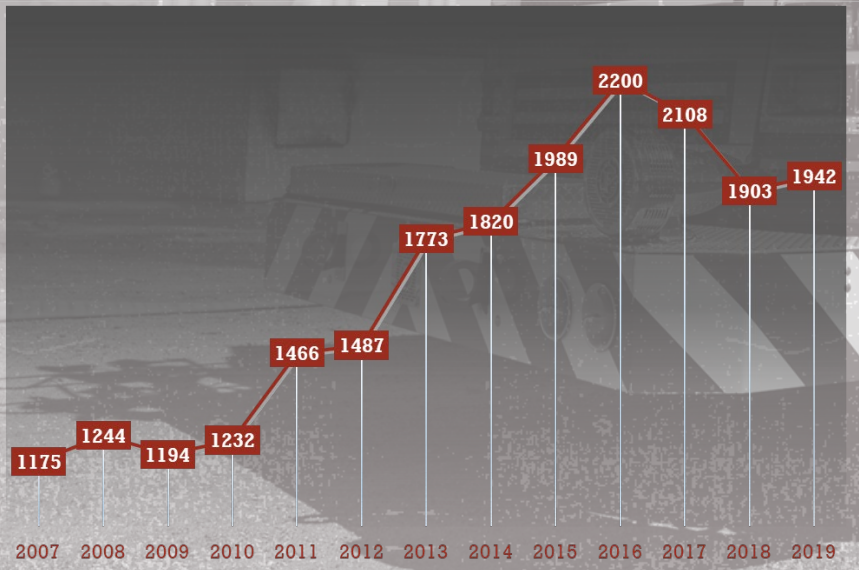
Station 2

- Flow alarm added to sprinkler system
- Exterior lighting upgraded
- Hard floors replaced
- Bay sand pit modified to reduce noxious odors
- Door openers replaced
- Ambulance bay door replaced
- Enhanced privacy in sleeping area
- Station alerting modified for ambulance/fire
- Parking lot landscape enhancements
- Acoustical panels for offices & training classroom

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

In 2019 Evans Fire District responded to 1,942 calls for service. This was an increase of 2% over 2018 call volume yet an 11.73% decrease from 2016 when the District experienced its highest annual volume.

The District's resources were becoming stressed as call volume continued to escalate year over year, so changes were made in how resources are dispatched. Our deployment model was adjusted to decrease response to incidents at medical clinics unless specifically requested by the ambulance crew or for serious medical emergencies. This change accounts for the decreased call volume.



INCIDENT COUNT

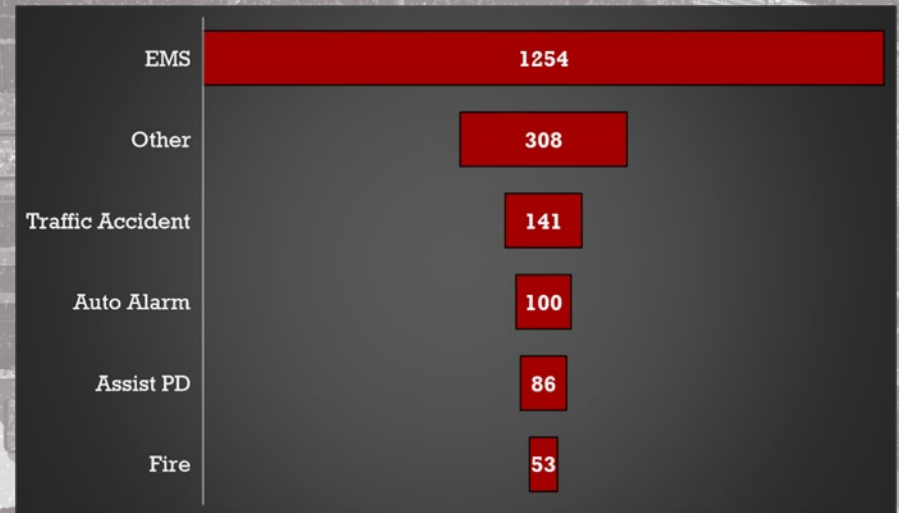
INCIDENT TYPE	TOTAL INCIDENTS
EMS	1399
FIRE	543
TOTAL	1942

MUTUAL AID

Aid Type	Total
Aid Given	27
Aid Received	26

OVERLAPPING CALLS

OVERLAPPING INCIDENTS	% OVERLAPPING
327	16.84



TRAINING

Throughout the year, Evans firefighters trained for a total of 1,558 hours. Training topics range from fire behavior to medical education – some training sessions are active, hands-on, while others require classroom time. During 2019, Evans firefighters completed training courses in:

- Driver/Operator Skills
- Firefighter Safety
- Rural Water Supply
- Wildland Firefighting
- Fire and Arson Investigation
- Fire Inspections
- Fire Instructor Skills
- Burn Management
- Patient Assessment
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Leadership
- Officer Development
- Open Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication
- Airway Management
- Thoracic Emergencies



2019	Incidents
Mutual aid given	15
Automatic aid given	11
Total Aid Given	26
Mutual aid received	9
Automatic aid received	17
Total Aid Received	26



MUTUAL AID

In addition to our regular mutual and automatic aid agreements, in 2019, an agreement was reached among Evans Fire, Platte Valley Fire, and LaSalle Fire to provide an On-call Command Officer. This agreement will ensure the constant availability of a command level officer to respond to incidents throughout the region. The chiefs and administrative officers of the three districts have agreed to be “on call” for one-week periods on a rotating basis. The On-Call Command Officer will respond to certain calls in all three districts to either assume direct command of an incident or to provide command staff support.



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