



Evans Fire Protection District

Annual Report 2022

MEET THE BOARD

DAVID JAMES

VICE-PRESIDENT—Seated on the Board through 2027

With 10 years of service as an Evans volunteer firefighter, David participated in the formation of the District and was one of the original Directors elected to the EFPD Board of Directors.



TRICIA WATSON

TREASURER -Seated on the Board through 2025

An Evans resident for 20 years, Tricia wanted to be a part of the EFPD Board of Directors because of the outstanding character and integrity of the District.



MARTIN SCHANWOLF

SECRETARY— Seated on the Board through 2025

A life-long resident of Evans, Marty served for 20 years as an Evans volunteer firefighter. With this experience Marty is familiar with the changing District and the needs of the growing organization.



TIMOTHY NAYLOR

DIRECTOR—Seated on the Board through 2027

Tim is a 26 year resident of Evans and a Colorado native. He joined the Board to provide guidance from a different perspective and support the needs of an outstanding organization.



MARY ACHZIGER
PRESIDENT

Seated on Board through 2027



Sitting on the Board of Directors for the Evans Fire Protection District from its inception has been a tremendous experience. As Directors, we have committed to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and a serious obligation to the tax payers who have entrusted us with this District.

What we have experienced in Evans is the development of a cohesive team including the Board of Directors, the Chief, administrative staff and our Members. We have a strong working partnership with the City of Evans that benefits the citizens of the District. All work together to make this the best and most progressive Fire District possible providing the best quality public safety.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings,

The following is the Evans Fire Protection District Annual Report for 2022. This document contains a summary of the Fire District's activities, performance and accomplishments for the year.

I would like to first acknowledge the staff of the Fire District. We are successful because of our supportive Fire Board and dedicated line and administrative staff. In May I was sworn in as the Fire Chief to lead this organization into the future. It's been almost a year since I was selected to lead this great organization and the significance of this is not lost on me. I realize the trust that the Board, Captains and Firefighters have in me, and I will continue to work hard to maintain that trust for the organization as well as the community.

2022 was a very busy year for EFPD and even though we've faced many challenges, we have been able to accomplish a lot. The following is a list of the major ones that I wanted to highlight:

- ⇒ Expanded our new firefighter orientation and task book.
- ⇒ Firefighters developed an annual skills assessment to ensure our personnel are adequately trained.
- ⇒ Hired four new firefighters and promoted one shift Captain.
- ⇒ Continued development of the administrative Captain position.
- ⇒ Three members completed a 40-hour peer support class, and we began the development of a peer support program.
- ⇒ Our apparatus committee produced an RFP for a new aerial platform to meet the needs of our growing community.
- ⇒ Continued to work with Weld County Regional Communications on a new county wide dispatch software system which was implemented on November 1st.
- ⇒ We were awarded a regional grant in partnership with Loveland, Greeley, Windsor, Front Range and Berthoud Fire Departments that will pay for the cost of firefighter physicals.
- ⇒ Participated in training and response with the Greeley Fire Department Hazardous Materials response team.
- ⇒ Continued to conduct training with our mutual/automatic aid and EMS partners.
- ⇒ Conducted various team building exercises with Evans and UC Health personnel.

We began to develop a vision for the District which we will work on throughout this next year with input from the Board, Captains and Firefighters.

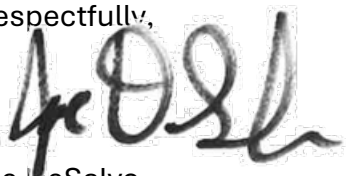
Representatives from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) made a visit to evaluate the Fire District's operations. Our ISO rating remained at a 3/3X, but we received some valuable feedback on how we can improve and better serve the community.

The Fire District is a strong advocate of professional development and lifelong learning. In 2022, our members completed a wide variety of classes and obtained various certifications and professional designations. These include but are not limited to attending the National Fire Academy, Front Range Fire Consortium leadership class, 40-hour Peer Support, various Fire Inspection and Investigation classes, obtaining certifications such as Driver/Operator, Fire Inspector I & II, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I and Fire Investigation Technician.

None of this would be possible without the exceptional members of this organization. They are all committed professionals and embody our mission of “Providing professional fire and emergency services with *Dedication, Compassion & Excellence*”. More detailed information concerning the Fire District’s performance is contained in the pages that follow.

If you have any questions about the annual report, or how the Fire District operates, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jdesalvo@evansfiredistrict.org.

Respectfully,



Joe LeSalvo
Fire Chief
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OUR COMMUNITY

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 boundaries of the City of Evans.

The District provides 24/7 fire and emergency services from one fully staffed fire station on 37th Street. Our apparatus fleet includes a 2013 Rosenbauer Ladder Truck, 2014 and 2019 Rosenbauer Pumpers, and a 2016 Ford F-550 outfitted for wildland and medical responses. In December 2022 a Request for Proposals was issued to begin the process of replacing the 2013 ladder truck.

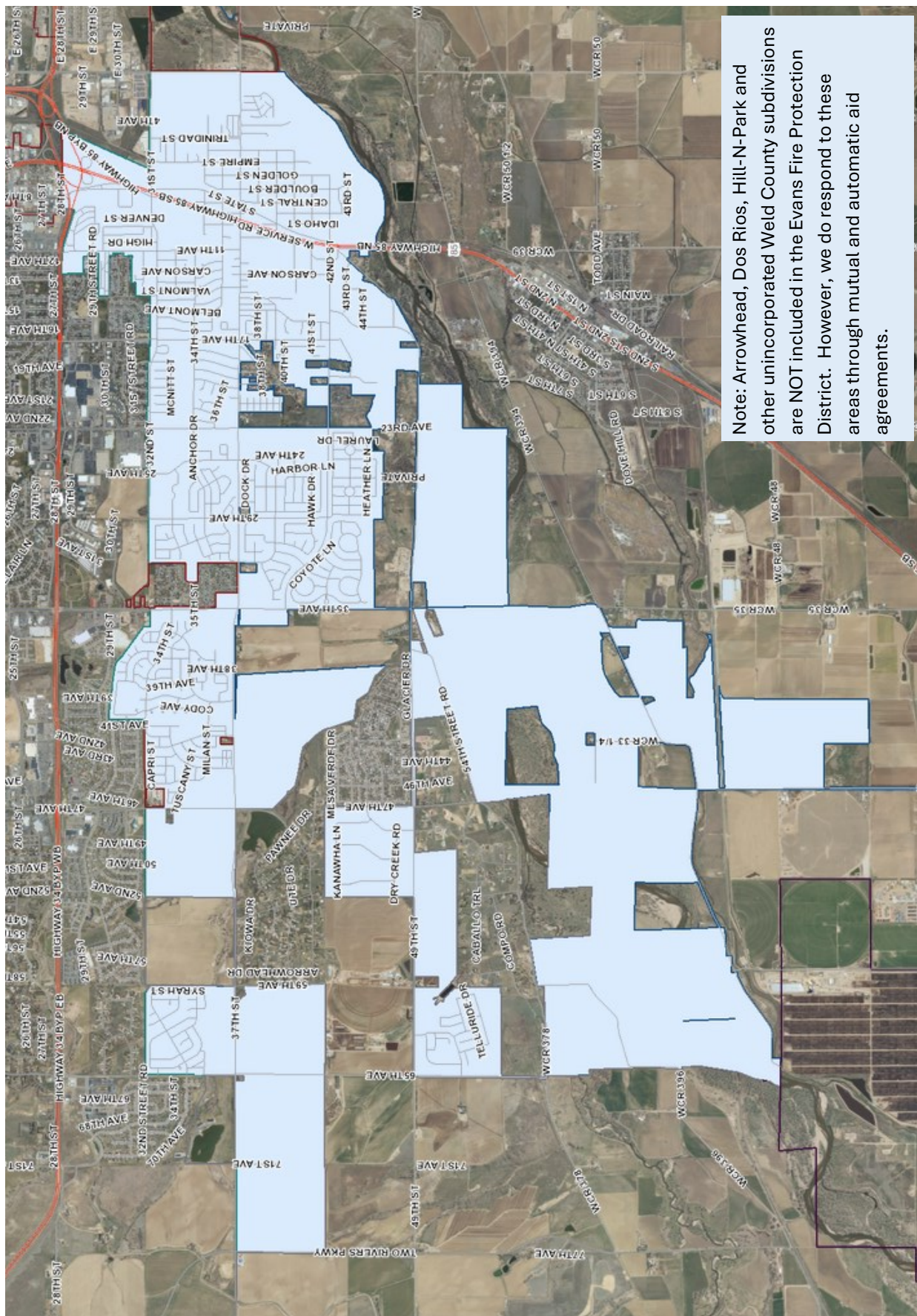
In addition to the normal range of fire suppression, emergency medical response, rescue, wildland fire, fire prevention, and training services common to suburban fire departments, EFPD maintains agreements with other area agencies to allow for:

- ⇒ Special Operations teams such as Dive/Ice/Swiftwater rescue and Hazardous Materials response.
- ⇒ Dispatch and communications services 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 under contract with UC Health.

The District participates in automatic-aid agreements with Front Range Fire Rescue, 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. With on-duty staffing and automatic and mutual-aid, the District is generally able to deploy 10-12 firefighters to structure fires within 10 minutes.



Boundaries of the Evans Fire Protection District



Note: Arrowhead, Dos Rios, Hill-N-Park and other unincorporated Weld County subdivisions are NOT included in the Evans Fire Protection District. However, we do respond to these areas through mutual and automatic aid agreements.

DISTRICT FACILITIES



STATION 2

This is our primary facility that is staffed 24 hours a day with a minimum of three firefighters. This building, originally built in 1995, has undergone several major renovations and expansions over the years. Currently, all District personnel work out of this location, alongside UC Health ambulance crews.



TRAINING GROUNDS

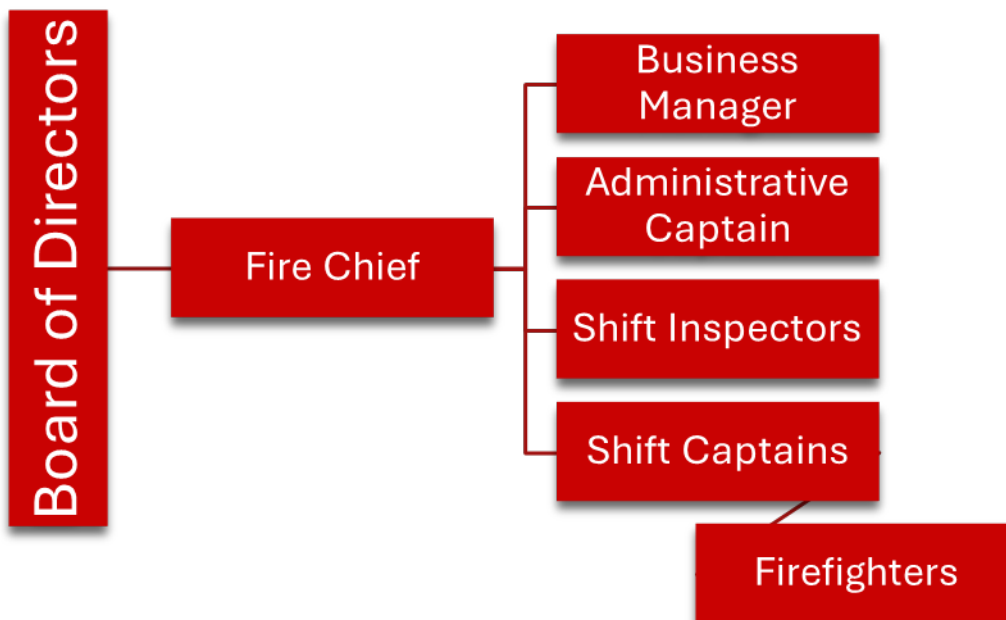
Located at the City of Evans maintenance facilities, here our crews can simulate a variety of situations using a two-story live fire building, propane tanks, and a vehicle fire prop.

STATION 1



This historic station 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 serves as storage for our reserve engine and equipment.

STAFFING



Staffing is comprised of 15 full-time firefighters, 3 company officers, and 2 part-time firefighters. The administrative staff includes the Fire Chief, Administrative Captain, and Business Manager.

The District has set a goal of always having at least five firefighters on-duty so that two engines are available to respond to calls. To supplement staffing, Part-Time Firefighters self-schedule to cover for Full-Time Firefighter time off for vacation, holiday, or illness.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

In March 2022 the Board of Directors welcomed Joe DeSalvo to the position of Fire Chief. Chief DeSalvo has been serving the District for over 20 years; he began as a Volunteer Firefighter in 2002, moved into one of the first paid Firefighter positions, then advanced to Fire Marshal, and Interim Fire Chief.

Chief DeSalvo was sworn in on March 28, 2022 with the full support of the District membership.



“We are thrilled to welcome Mr. DeSalvo to the position of Fire Chief. His decades of dedication to Evans Fire make him uniquely qualified to lead this District into the future.”

***-Mary Achziger
Board President***



One of Chief DeSalvo’s first acts was the promotion of Firefighter Tony Riofrio to the position of Captain. Captain Riofrio took command of A-Shift on May 10, 2022.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Evans firefighters remain actively involved in the community by participating in events that raise public awareness of dangers and safety issues.

During 2022 Evans Firefighters enjoyed participating in Evans Heritage Day, Drug Take Back, and Trunk or Treat. We also enjoy working with local groups and business to conduct fire extinguisher trainings and welcoming scout troops and students to tour our station.



The annual **National Night Out** was held in August with 11 registered neighborhood events in Evans. Evans Firefighters and members of the Board of Directors were able to attend each event held in 2022. We enjoy this opportunity to meet our citizens and build relationships in our community.

TRAINING

In our effort to continually improve service to our citizens, Evans firefighters regularly train to maintain their skills and stay focused and prepared for the demands of the job.

The District has one administrative captain responsible for developing training programs, working with shift captains to schedule training, and maintain the District's training facility. Regular training topics include practicing basic emergency medical skills, ladder work, connecting hoses, and driving apparatus through cone courses. Additional training includes:

- Peer Support Counselor
- Leadership Encounter
- Fire Officer
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Building Evacuation and Emergencies
- Vehicle Extrication
- Electric Vehicle Fires
- Rope Rescue
- Fire Code Enforcement
- Pediatric Emergencies
- Rural Water Supply
- Wildland Firefighting
- Forcible Entry



2022: Year at a Glance

INCIDENT COUNT

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
EMS	1,855
FIRE	824
TOTAL	2,679

PRE-INCIDENT VALUE

\$1,070,884

LOSSES

\$190,378

MUTUAL AID

Aid Type	Total
Aid Given	61
Aid Received	139

OVERLAPPING CALLS

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757

% OVERLAPPING

28.26%



EMERGENCY RESPONSES

In 2022 Evans Fire District responded to 2,679 calls for service, dispatched through the Weld County Regional Communications Center. This was an increase of 9.4% over the previous year. Since the District was formed in 2011, our annual call volume has increased by 82%.

Requests for service have been steadily increasing since the District was formed. As the budget permits, we have added resources, however, we are also dependent on our mutual aid partners when we experience concurrent calls.



MUTUAL AID

Evans Fire continues to work closely with our mutual aid partners LaSalle Fire and Platte Valley Fire. Training together ensures a coordinated effort when responding together.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The largest contributor to District revenue is Property Tax and Specific Ownership Tax. The District assesses a taxpayer approved rate of 15.5 mills. In 2022, the total assessed value reported by the Weld Assessor's office is estimated to be \$217,191,618. This generated \$3,558,102 in actual revenue. This is a 14% increase from the 2021 budget, due to continued residential development and the rising costs of homes in the area. The second largest revenue category is the payment from the City of Evans in accordance with the Service Plan and IGA. In 2022 this payment was \$552,386. However, it should be noted that 2022 is the last year in which the City of Evans will make this full payment to the District. For the following four years, the City of Evans will pay a decreased amount of \$200,000 per year. The City will cease payments for Emergency Services in 2027.

Revenues:	2022	2021
Property Tax	\$3,375,357	\$2,915,588
Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 182,745	\$ 146,029
Intergovernmental Agreements	\$ 552,386	\$ 538,789
Grants	\$ 1,800	\$ 4,587
Fees	\$ 4,850	\$ 1,600
Misc Revenue	\$ 25,359	\$ 54,599
Total Revenues:	\$4,144,517	\$3,663,214
Expenses:		
Personnel	\$2,695,357	\$2,288,258
Administration	\$ 255,227	\$ 275,236
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 104,978	\$ 84,050
Operations	\$ 117,296	\$ 104,321
Total Expenses:	\$3,172,857	\$2,751,865



