



# Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc.

## Summer/Fall 2013 UPDATE

Since our last update in May, we have been focused on several items including the future of the Loveland Fire Exhibit and the 2013 Colorado Flood.

### **Loveland Corn Roast Parade:**

LFRA Chief Randy Mirowski was named 2013 career Fire Chief of the Year by Fire Chief Magazine. It was an awesome award not only for Randy but for the department and city as well. We honored Randy with a congratulatory banner on our '29 Model A that we had in the parade.



### **Honor Flight:**

Several committee members braved the rain on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to sendoff one of our committee members, Delmar Bonser, on the Honor Flight. We appreciate his service to our country and know that he enjoyed the trip.

### **Colorado Flood 2013:**

As you know the Big Thompson area and beyond was affected by a disastrous flood in September. We have all compared it to the 1976 flood that everyone was a part of. This flood caused so much more widespread damage than 1976 and because of the nature of the flood; people were able to evacuate which resulted in a lot less death.

We commend the City and County for their exceptional cooperation and dedication in providing the city and county excellent coverage and response. The disaster relief center was setup in 72 hours and was well run.

The Fire Exhibit committee members volunteered at the relief center as greeters. We signed the evacuees in, gave them support and tried to get them to the agencies that could help them. In total, we had 325 volunteer hours over 3 weeks.

The training area sustained major damage. Two of our trucks, the '69 Mack and '39 Ambulance, were stored in the garages. The ambulance had water to the running boards. We don't think either sustained damage but are in the process of evaluating them. In the next week we will be moving them to the old Agilent site. Cumberland and



Western Resources that owns the campus currently has graciously given us access to a garage that we can use temporarily. Hopefully we will be able to move them back to the training area after the first of the year.

Attached at the end of this document are links to a few videos that give you a sense of the destruction in the canyon and the city. After a month, it is amazing the cleanup that has taken place.

**Building Project:**

In August the Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc. voted to pursue a permanent location for the fire exhibit and vehicles. Several Exhibit members have had meetings with city officials, LFRA President Jeff Swanty, Chief Randy Mirowski, museum staff, and LFRA Battalion Chiefs. We will be meeting with the LFRA board in November and each shift of the LFRA members in the next few months. So far, everyone is supportive in our efforts. The city has not been able to find a building at this time but continues to look.

We also met with members of the Loveland Historical Society the day before the flood. It was suggested that maybe we could use a building at the Schwartz farm. We declined due to the possibility of flooding – which happened the next day!

Many retirees and citizens have expressed the desire to have the soon-to-be-built new Fire Station 2 as the museum site, but unfortunately this will not be able to happen.

**Loveland Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund:**

The concerns about The Loveland Volunteer Pension Fund have been resolved and an increase is in the works.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Our meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 1:30 pm in the conference room at Station 6. You are welcome to come to our meetings. If you have any ideas or can help to secure a location, we would appreciate the help.

Regards,

Jack Sullivan - Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc. President

2013 Colorado Flood Videos:

<http://youtu.be/9afUe4S5VHY>

<http://youtu.be/r8DtBkvIHKQ>