

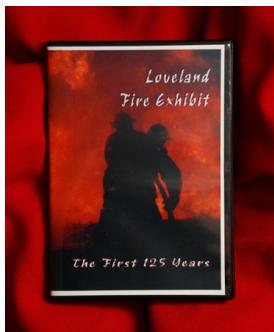


## Loveland Fire and Rescue Department

# “Fully Involved”

### Loveland Fire Exhibit plans 100 year Anniversary 1911-2011

See page 2 for details.



- Loveland Fire Exhibit DVD is available for \$10.00
- “Loveland Fire Department—The First 125 Years” book will be available on February 19th.

## The Fire Authority and our Future

As most of you know, we have been working hard for nearly two years on the review and evaluation of the best governance model for Loveland Fire and Rescue (LFR). We have utilized three different committees, poured over mounds of data and information, and carefully evaluated the positives and negatives of each type of model that could apply to our department. At the end of our review process, the fire authority was clearly

the governance model of choice for LFR. With all of the work and the reporting that has gone on over this issue the last two years, you may still be wondering, “why is this change in governance for LFR so important?” I’ll try to answer this question as succinctly as I can in this column.

For many years, our department has not been able to keep pace with the demands for service. Our committee’s



By LFR Fire Chief  
Randy Mirowski

research clearly suggested that LFR is significantly

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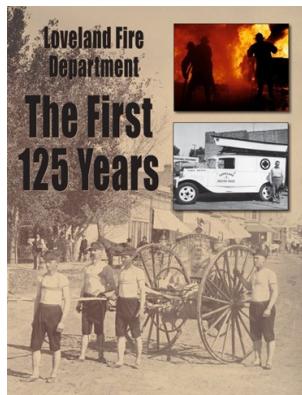
By Division Chief Ned Sparks

I hope this installment of Fully Involved finds you healthy and preparing for the end of winter and beginning of summer. The recent warm days and lack of significant snowfall this winter, has me concerned for the wildfire season ahead of us, with the po-

tential for severe and erratic fire conditions, we many be very busy. As you recall our last season had a couple of serious campaign fires; Round Mt and Reservoir Rd, both rapidly providing us with challenging, rapidly

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*...the First 125 Years!*



**Greg Ward**  
**Training Battalion Chief**

*... it is always good to inject new ideas and techniques into the team.*

## Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc. 2011

On February 21, 1911, the forty-one members of the Bartholf Hose Team and the Loveland Hook and Ladder No. 1 were consolidated and organized by the City Council under the name of Loveland Fire Department. This year we will be celebrating 100 years of the Loveland Fire Department/Loveland Fire Rescue.

The Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc. and the Loveland Fire Rescue have joined together to plan events to mark the

anniversary. The steering committee members include: Loveland Fire Exhibit: Art Erickson, Everrette Roberts, Mick Leighton, Jack Sullivan, and Loveland Fire Rescue: Rene Macias, Scott Pringle, Sandra Friedrichsen, RJ Varner and Chief Randy Mirowski.

Several events are planned or in the planning stages.

Tuesday, February 15, approximately 6:30 pm - Proc-

lamation Reading at City Council Meeting  
Mayor Cecil Gutierrez will be reading a proclamation of the 100 year anniversary at the City Council meeting. It would be great to have as many of the fire family members as possible in attendance for the reading.

Saturday, February 19, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Loveland Fire Exhibit - Official Opening of Events, Tours, Book Unveil-

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## Special Operations Team Update

**By BC Ward**

We have changed up the Special Operations Command Staff positions for 2011.

Special Operations Capt  
– Capt Starck  
Dive rescue Operations –  
Lt Pollema  
Haz Mat Operations –  
Lt Goodale  
USAR Operations –  
Lt Schuetz  
Training Coordinator –  
Lt Carmosino

These changes will no doubt make the team stronger; it is always good to inject new ideas and techniques into the team. These new section leaders will be evaluating our current programs for the next several months. The first assignment that they were given was to conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis

for each section of SOT, the Battalion Chiefs will review the results and identify areas to concentrate on for the future.

Capt Starck attended a three day large area search class at the West Metro Training Center in late 2010. He learned techniques for searching collapsed buildings and areas that have been devastated by a natural disaster. This training was provided free of charge by the Denver Area Homeland Security Office. Also in late 2010, Engineer Andersen attended a two week Hazardous Materials Chemistry Class at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland, Ben's described the class as "grueling". Later this month Engineer Friedrichsen will be traveling to Texas for a Confined Space Rescue Technician course that will give him the

credentials to be our Confined Space Rescue Trainer. In March, we will be sending three personnel to a one day Haz Mat Class hosted by the Colorado State Patrol, this class outlines a new approach to Haz Mat response called Haz Mat IQ, again this class is free of charge.

TVEMS has recently added three new SOT Medics to the Team, welcome Kathleen Hugenberg, Colt McDonald and Paul Sutton. The Medics provide a vital role within the team initiating patient care in technical rescue situations as well as proving EMS for our SOT personnel.

As spring approaches (although as I write this on February 1<sup>st</sup>, it is well below zero outside), I can feel the energy level of the SOT members start to pick up as

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## Special Operation Team Update Cont'd

the full team training approaches at the end of April. This year's training event will not be a full multi-day Rescue School, but a mix of shift and full team training over a four day period. The planning team for this year's training is led by Lt Carmosino.

At last year's Rescue School, we have four members of the Union Colony Fire Authority,

now known as the Greeley Fire Department. They were in the infancy stages of trying to develop a Technical Rescue Team. Following the Rescue School these four members convinced the Chiefs of GFD that they needed to form a Special Operations Team following the LFR model, a GFD Special Ops Team is now being formed. All members of LFR

SOT should be proud that other Departments in this area recognize what you have built in our Team.



*Job well done!*

## Wildland Team Update

By BC Rick Davis

Last year's wildland season brought about two challenging incidents: the Round Mountain Fire in June and the Reservoir Road Fire in September. Both of these fires provided opportunities for LFR and the Big Thompson Canyon VFD to work together alongside other agencies including Larimer County Emergency Services, the Colorado State Forest Service, and the United States Forest Service. I appreciate the hard work and effort that was put forth by everyone on these fires.

In addition to this, LFR provided a Type 6 engine for the Four Mile Fire in Boulder that was staffed by Lieutenant R.J. Varner, Engineer Shawn Williams, and Firefighter Braden Marker. In October we were contacted by the Colorado State Forest

Service to see if LFR could provide an engine boss for their Type 4 engine that had received a resource order for the Churches Fire near Fraser. This was a significant request because it illustrates the level of trust that has been developed between our two agencies. Lieutenant Varner was available and he went to that fire with two employees from the CSFS.

The following information was recently provided to the members of the Wildland Team:

**2011 budget is the same as 2010:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,843</b>
<b>02-25</b>	<b>\$7,483</b>
<b>02-33</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>02-99</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

As a reminder, the following individuals are the personnel making purchases for Wildland: Lieutenant Clark (QM); Lieutenants Chase and Lyons (Communications); Engineer Burke (Tools); and myself. If you see something that you believe we need please let me know and I will measure the want versus need against the budget.

•Training

-Following is the hyperlink to the 2011 Wildland training schedule:

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-You have seen my previous email regarding the S290 online classes. I met with Matt Branch from the Colorado

*Last year's wildland season brought about two challenging incidents: the Round Mountain Fire in June and the Reservoir Road Fire in September.*



**Battalion Chief  
Rick Davis**

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Scott Pringle  
Deputy Fire Marshal

### **Loveland Fire and Rescue Now Providing Free Car Seat Checks**

A  
few

simple facts: Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death to children ages 2 – 14.<sup>1</sup> They are also the leading cause of injury-related death to children under the age of 2.<sup>2</sup> Young children who are properly restrained in child safety seats have an 80 percent lower risk of fatal injury than those who are unrestrained.<sup>3</sup>

It seems obvious to say that a properly installed child car seat or booster seat can significantly reduce the risk of injury or death of a child involved in a motor vehicle crash. But the unfortunate reality is that car seats are often improperly installed, or sometimes not even used at all. This results in injuries and fatalities to children that could have been prevented. To help ensure that caregivers are able to properly select and install a child passenger seat, the Loveland Fire and Rescue Department is now offering free car seat inspections and installation training to members of our community. Recently, six members of the Loveland Fire and Rescue Department attended a 4-day training course and became nationally certified Child

Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians. The course is designed to prepare the technicians to be able to inspect car seats for possible misuse, and to be able to educate caregivers on how to properly install car seats and booster seats. LFR's new CPS Technicians are Bobby Bartlett, Darryl Grauberger, Tyler Olsen, Scott Pringle, Greg Van Heel, and Shelby Vrem. "Installing a child passenger safety seat properly may not be as simple as some people might think," says Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Pringle. "Caregivers must be sure that the proper size and type of seat is selected, that the seat is compatible with their particular vehicle, that the seat is properly installed in the most appropriate location in their vehicle, and that the seat has not been recalled or been involved in a previous crash which may have reduced the safety and effectiveness of the device."

Appointments for free car seat inspections are available by appointment only on the first and third Saturdays of each month (holidays excluded), beginning this March. Off-duty CPS Technicians will be scheduled to perform the car seat checks, ensuring that the on-duty crews are not impacted and can remain in-service for emergency responses and other normal activities. Anyone needing to schedule an appointment should call the Loveland Fire and Rescue Community Safety Division at 970-962-2536.

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National Center for Statistics & Analysis, Research Note DOT HS 810 742, March 2007.*

<sup>2</sup> *National Center for Injury Prevention, WISQARS (2004).*

<sup>3</sup> *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Status Report 32, no. 9 (Nov. 29, 1997).*



### **Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation**



Over the last three years, LFR has donated rides on a fire truck to the Loveland Library for their *SweetNight for the Library* event. This event supports the Traveling Storyteller in the Parks. The storyteller visits Loveland's parks presenting programs each week for eight weeks drawing attendance of over 300 children adults. The rides on a fire truck have become quite a commodity and are auctioned off each year to the highest bidder. The winner this year has bid

on the rides for three years in a row and finally won! The bids went for \$55 and \$60. The rides are always scheduled at Station 6 due to the ability to accommodate the allowed 4 people per ride. Thank you Shift Captains for taking the time and effort to coordinate the logistics and to everyone involved. Next time you attend a story telling in the park, you can think of the LFR donation!

# The Training Division

*Wow... this is my first opportunity to write the Training Division article for the Fully Involved, it is hard to believe that I have already completed six months of my three year sentence in the Training Division!*

by BC Greg Wrd

Several people have asked me how it can be a Training Division if there is only one person (me) in the Division, but in reality the Division is made up of several people that just don't spend all of their time working on training, it is only a piece of their duties. First, Volunteer Firefighter Matt DeDecker has been working between 60 and 80 hours a month at the Training Area, he is responsible for the upkeep of the facility. Nancee Schroeder receives all of the certificates and keeps your training files up to date (she will be doing file audits in 2011 of all personnel). The Captains take on a huge part of training by working with the Division of Fire Safety on all of the testing and renewal requests. Lt Kurt Willson will be leading the new

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment process that will kick off in March. Roylene keeps the ETI training records portion updated and Kim handles the outside schooling/travel request forms. DC Sparks, BC Smith, BC Cerovski, Eng. Klaas and Capt Willard continue to provide me with the information on how things have been handled in the past as I come up with questions. When you really look at all of the personnel that play a part in LFR Training, it really is a Division!

The Command Training Center is operational; this building is set up to run fireground computer simulations for the Blue Card certifications. We are completing the blue Card classes for the Chief Officers now and will be starting the classes for the Company Officers in February. There are way too many people to list here that had a part in getting the Command Training Center up and running, but know that I appreciate all of the help on this project.

We have a few new props at the Training Center thanks to the hard work of several people...The personnel listed below took the lead in each of the props, they all had a great deal of help.

Collapse rescue rubble pile – Eng. Klaas  
Confined space rescue prop upgrade – Eng. Friedrichsen  
Commercial roof ventilation prop – Eng. Bartlett  
LPG burn pit – Lt Varner  
Ned's Nationwide Airliner – DC Sparks

Capt Willard has been coordinating with the Army Reserve Construction Battalion out of Fort Collins on completing projects at the Training Area, so if you stop by and it looks like the Training Area has been invaded by the Army, it really has been. They are currently working on the SCBA Maze trailer; future projects include concrete work in front of the Command Training Center, smoke house upgrades and repairs. Craig has developed a pretty long list of projects for them. Firefighter Sullivan took on the pro-

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State Forest Service and next year we will look at doing a hybrid class so those of you that have not completed the course will have the opportunity. In preparation for that, I encourage you to finish the other modules online.

-Winter Wildland Academy: BC Cerovski attended the traditional S290; BC Smith attended S336 (Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire); and Lieutenant Lyons and Engineer Williams attended the S212 (Saws) class.

-Summer Wildland Academy: Not sure if we will be able to send anyone to this.

-S212: LFR is opening space at the Training Area to the CSFS for a 212 class from April 11

**Skills Crosswalk**  
at [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland\\_training\\_crosswalk.pdf](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland_training_crosswalk.pdf)

-14; however, we have a good number of sawyers now and I am not sure that we need to send anyone to the class. What is more important at this point is the need to get the current sawyers some refresher time. Ron Hill has been working with LCSO and when we finalize a date(s) and location we will let you know.

-LFR is opening space at Station 6 so the USFS can host a S230 and 231 class in April. This is good, but it is also bad because it is at the same time as 2011 Res-

cue School. Neither one could be moved. If you are interested, send me an email and I will review your request.

-Last month Ron Hill, Craig Willard, and myself met with the USFS, CSFS, and the National Park Service to review the 2011 zone training calendar. It was a good meeting and I had an opportunity to express our needs and concerns relative to training. All three agencies are willing to help us in any way that they can. At the same meeting we also discussed impromptu training with them and they were sent a copy of our training schedule. There is the possibility that we could receive last minute notification from either the USFS or CSFS that they are conducting training in our district and invite

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## Commitment, Compassion & Courage

Let's welcome a new member of the LFR family—**Engine #112**! Engine 112 arrived on scene at Fire Station #1 on February 9, 2011.



*A supplemental budget and appropriation to the 2010 City of Loveland Budget for the replacement of one fire engine was requested in February, 2010. Almost one year later the engine was put into service. Once the funds were appropriated by City Council and Apparatus Committee, consisting of both LFR employees and Vehicle Maintenance employees, specs were drawn up. An invitation to bid was posted the subsequently closed on April 8, 2010. The winner of the bid was our own local Super Vac Engines located right here in Loveland. Thanks to the hard work of Chief Mirowski and BC Ward!*

*This is the second engine appropriated by LFR, in as many years.*

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us to attend. For example, one of the USFS Type 6 engine crews may be conducting progressive hose lays and give us a call. In this same meeting, Matt Branch said the SEAT needs to conduct proficiency drops on a periodic basis, so there may be an opportunity for that to happen in our district; however, I emphasize the word *may*.

-Last month I spoke to Boyd Lebeda from the CSFS about a S336 Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire class being conducted for LFR. There is a need to get as many command staff members as possible through this class. When I met with Matt Branch this week we discussed this topic and he said that PFA and Berthoud are interested in this as well and he is looking into what can be done for all three agencies. I know that many of you would like to attend a class like this; however, as I said previously, there is a need to get the command staff through the class first.

-S234 Ignitions. Once again, there is a need for a class like this and Ron has been in touch with the CSFS to see if they are going to put one on. However, please remember that a need and desire to attend classes are weighed against several things (mostly money).

Skills Crosswalk. For those who may not be familiar with this, it is a method designed by the U.S. Fire Administration and the NWCG to recognize structural skills and abilities and apply them to wildland. This is the link to the document:

[http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland\\_training\\_crosswalk.pdf](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland_training_crosswalk.pdf)

Captain Willard and I have been working on this process for several months. For example, last year we filled in the gaps with the S131 as that was part of LFR's wildland training. There is a lot associated with this particular area of the Wildland Program and I will not attempt to explain it in an email. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

•The Nature Conservancy

-They have an office at the north end of Morning Drive here in Loveland. It is a non-profit organization that is involved in many things including wildland fire-fighting and land management through fire use. In 2010 we assisted them with two prescribed fires: one at the Bobcat Ridge Natural Area and the other east of town along the Big Thompson River. Next month I am meeting with two of their representatives to discuss a mutual aid agreement. Currently they have an

agreement with LCSO, but we learned that during the Reservoir Road Fire, LCSO forgot that they were here in town. Consequently, the Nature Conservancy had two Type 6 engines and a total of 11 personnel sitting in their office watching the smoke column. They understand that was not our fault and they did have a conversation with LCSO about it. Below is a link to their website:

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/colorado/features/art25387.html>

•Late last year I made a recommendation to the LFR command staff that all of our engine bosses be certified at the Fire Officer I level. This recommendation was unanimously approved and endorsed. All of the concerned individuals were informed that they have until 1 July 2011 to obtain this certification in order to go on a dispatch as an engine boss. That doesn't mean we will take away their engine boss qualification, it means that by 1 July all engine bosses must have Fire Officer I in order to function in that position.

•I am working on the updates to the 2011-2014 CRRF (Cooperator Resource Rate Forms). The agreements previously last-ed for

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At approximately 12:00 there will be a short official opening of the 100 year celebration. The 69 Mack, and the USA truck will be on display and the Exhibit will be open for viewing and tours from 10:00 - 4:00. The unveiling



T-Shirts are available for \$15.00

of the much anticipated book - "Loveland Fire Department - The First 125 Years" will also take

place. Fran Lyons has spent countless hours in reviewing and researching the historical data along with updating the more recent history of the department. Fran was able to verify or clarify many of the



dates and accuracy of the facts. The Loveland Museum/Gallery staff provided

help in formatting and editing the book. Final editing has been

done and the book is currently at the publisher. A HUGE Thank You to Fran and the staff for the many hours involved in this project. The book will be available on the 19th for purchase. It is a wonderful historical book of

the fire service in Loveland from 1883 - 2008 including bucket brigade, hose companies, Loveland Fire Department, Loveland Volunteer Fire Department and the Loveland Fire Rescue.

## Saturday, June 4 - Time and Events: TBD

Events are being planned that will be held at the Fairgrounds Park and the Loveland Training Area. Preliminary



Wendy Lyons stands next to the mural.

nary plans include a Pancake Breakfast at the Park, events at the Training area, and a barbecue later in the afternoon for the Loveland Fire Department/Loveland Fire Rescue Current, Past and Retired families. More information will be available when final plans are made. Of course, these plans will hinge on our budget. Several fund raisers including a charter bus trip to Blackhawk and a "Firefighters Ball" (a throwback to the old Fire Siren's dance/Firemen's Ball") are in the works. In addition, we will be soliciting for donations from the community.

Please mark your calendars so that you can participate in

our celebration. If you would like to help in any way or

have suggestions, please contact any of the steering committee members.

Red Zephyr Cap is available for \$15.00 members.

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**Visit the Loveland Fire Exhibit**  
**541 N. Lincoln Ave.**  
**Loveland, CO 80537**

## EXHIBIT HOURS:

**Saturdays: noon - 4pm**  
**Sundays: noon - 4pm**

**Special group visits can also be arranged by appointment.**

**For more information, call: 970-962-2410**



Fran Lyons puts the finishing touches on "Smilin' Bob"

# New Engine #112

## Apparatus Committee

### Members are:

Vance Stoltz  
Josh Valerio  
Ron Schroeder  
Floyd Foncannon  
Curtis Burke  
Kurt Nakata  
Corey Lane  
Warren Miller



Great Job Team!

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two years, but the State is now changing it to a three year form.

•Prescribed fires. Yes, there is a desire on the part of the Nature Conservancy, LCSO, and CSFS to conduct more Rx fires in our district. This isn't an easy process and is dependent upon multiple factors. If and when it happens this year you will be

notified. HOWEVER, please understand that it is almost always a last minute thing and they can be cancelled in a heartbeat. In 2010 LFR responded to a total of 5,736 emergencies of which 1,030 were fire related. This included 22 vehicle fires, 22 structure fires and 73 wildland incidents. In conclusion, it is my desire and intent to focus on ensuring that the command staff is receiving the adequate

wildland training in order to safely, efficiently, and professionally command wildland incidents. This means that this year and next you may not be able to attend some of the classes that you would like to, but it is vitally important that we do not have an imbalance in training. In other words: if we concentrate on sending firefighters, engineers, and lieutenants to all of the classes and ignore the captains and battalion chiefs then there will be command problems on wildland fires.

## Training Division Continued from page 6

ject of having some gravel delivered for the Training Area, he spent several hours over a weekend spreading the rock around the facility helping improve some of the parking areas as well as the area around the LPG pit prop.

A couple big items that FRFC is working on is the next Professional Development of Company Officers (PDFO) course.

This is a two week training event designed to help prepare our Engineers to become Company Officers. This is a program with a proven track record in the FRFC Departments. We are looking at doing a FRFC Truck Academy (LFR, PFA and Greeley FD are leading this effort), this would be five to six days of Truck Company Operations with the potential of bringing in a national speaker on the last day. There seems to be a

renewed energy in the FRFC that will bring some exciting things to our region.

I believe I have covered the highlights, I will close with a THANK YOU to everyone that has been very diligent at helping keep the Training Area looking good over the past few months. We are making some real progress at the facility with all of your help.



**FIRE FACT:** Did you know that in Larimer County, motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of trauma hospitalizations of children ages birth through 14 years old." Source: Larimer County Safe Kids

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changing, dangerous fires. The organization was able to operate flawlessly with our neighbors in a seamless manner, due to the foresight and training of our personnel and administration, (previous and current). We still have several weeks of winter ahead with March and April typically being the best time for the area to receive the moisture, let's hope so!

The part-time apprentice firefighter program began in September, following a short training program and have all continued to work into the system without any problems. I must admit this has been a very pleasant surprise, as I had anticipated we would lose a few by the end of 2010. Much to



Dave Schuetz during Blue Card Training.

the contrary, the 12 part-timers have met their obligations and are working on their task books to obtain the next level of firefighter training and certification. I want to thank each of you, and the crews you work with, for stepping up and making the program a success. Well done!

Battalion Chief Greg Ward and Lieutenant Jeff Genger have us working through the Blue Card training program at the training center. This program requires the 50 hour on line portion to be completed in preparation for the short classroom review and simulations. This has been an excellent addition to our training program and is one of the most significant contributions to our organization. Thank you Greg and Jeff for making this a success! I also want to thank Chief Mirowski for his vision and diligence to make the program happen, the

city and rural for their financial contri-



butions, the city computer techs for the their work on the computers and system, city facilities for the assistance with the modular set up and clean up, BC's Cerovski and Smith for their technical and physical assistance as well. \*As a side note, we are seeing a large influx of our neighbors coming to see the facility and asking what they can do make this a reality in their communities and asking us to work with them to train their personnel, (this will pay dividends in the future as we continue to work closer together and assist each other).

The FRFC—Front Range Fire Consortium-- will have a small academy begin-

ning on February 28th and will have a few days at our training center. CQT's -- Company Qualifications Tasks— are scheduled for the spring and will be an opportunity to observe how well we are functioning, and provide for the assessment necessary to continually improve and meet our qualifications standards. SOT training is heading our way in May, as well as PDFO--Professional Development for Fire Officer— following the same curriculum as the last class in 2009.

The FRFC member departments will be able to send 4 students each and several have



*Blue Card ...is that Brunacini?*

asked to send more, so if you are interested in taking the class get you r name in as the seats are going quickly.

What else has hap-

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under-funded and understaffed, has an inadequate number and placement of fire station facilities, has an inadequate large capital replacement program, and has no real strategic or operational planning in place to address the

**“why is this change in governance for LFR so important?”**

current and future needs of the organization. These are just a few of the major “issues” that were identified in our research and organizational needs analysis.

The most significant reason for our current state is an inadequate governance model. Our contract between the City and the Rural District has proven itself to be inadequate to address the needs of our department. The contract, by its nature, is problematic. In a contract relationship, both parties are trying to get the “best deal” for themselves. Now, this works fairly well for things like purchasing a house or automobile, but it does not work well at all when the goal is to provide fire/rescue related services to 87,000 citizens across

jurisdictional lines of two governmental agencies. What is needed in this type of an arrangement is an effective partnership.

The fire authority provides the best chance for us to build a true partnership between the City and the Rural District. With the governance model of the fire authority, both governing entities can be represented and work together for the good of the citizens within our community. What can develop from this model is a true effective relationship where there is a common interest

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pened since the last issue? The triennial ARFF drill was held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Cliff Shuffler assisted me with the planning and execution of the drill, (thank you Cliff!) and we were able to make a pretty successful drill for all who participated and meeting the intent of the FAA requirements for the airport and our department. There are too many agencies to list that worked with us in this venture, but I want to thank them for their participation!

We received the SVI Engine and the crew at station 1 had it in service within a week, this is an impressive

achievement, as the process typically requires a month, (obviously having the manufacturer in the same community helps). The 1995 General Tele-Squirt went to SuperVac in July for repair of the corrosion and was completed in September. The 1994 Tele-Squirt mechanical ladder will be tested soon so that we can sell the rig.

As most of you are probably aware, we have an opening for the FIT position and the process for selecting the person to rotate into the position will take place within the next few weeks. We will

be hiring a person to fill the vacant FTE position and this process will be taking place relatively quickly. The vacant position will be an internal selection from the volunteers and part-time personnel and will be a Firefighter position; no promotion will be required in the Engineer rank as we have one “extra” engineer from a previous over hire.

We continue to see change as a part of our daily life and our department and I **thank you all** for your contributions and support of the organization!



**ENGINE 1:** Jason Goodale, Zachery Sullivan and Ben Wynkoop



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and unity of purpose; that is the essence of “community.”

During the past eight months, we have seen a preliminary model of this in operation with Fire Authority Review Community. This group has the same make up as what a future fire authority board would have, two members of City Council, two members of the Rural Board and the City Manager. Since this committee has been meeting, we have seen a true partnership developing

and a spirit of unity and effort to help solve the problems and issues our department faces. It has been wonderful to see this relationship between our two governing bodies grow into something very effective and very special; a true and effective partnership is being formed.

The fire authority for LFR won’t solve all of our problems and issues overnight.

However, what this model will do for us is provide an appropriate governance model for our community and give us the best chance possible to solve our current issues and help us be better prepared to deal with the issues we will face in the future. Our experience as firefighters has taught us that in the heat of battle, we are far better together as a team than we are standing alone as individuals. The same can be said for the fire authority; together as a team, we are better.



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Shift Members not pictured are:

Floyd Foncannon, Devin Becker, Alex Klinger, Jeremy Bell, Steve Lester, Paul Fischer, Brian Christianson, Iggy Perez, Mike Fanning and Sean Houlahan and Chief Michael Cerovski

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**SQUAD 2:** Cy Pollema, Tony Curtis, Dan Englehardt and Ben Andersen



**TRUCK 6:** Shelby Vrem, Craig Willard and Ron Schroeder

## Loveland Fire and Rescue Month End Statistics

### January, 2011

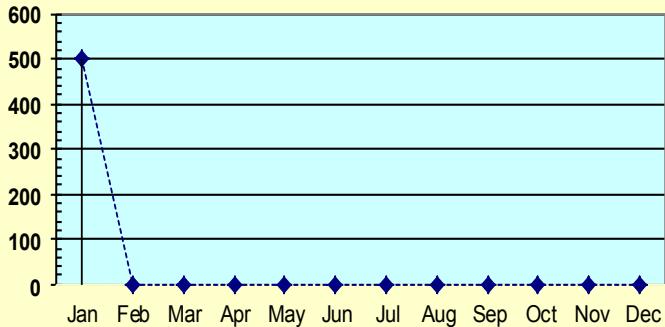
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CALL INFORMATION				
INCIDENT TYPE	CITY	RURAL	MO. TOTAL	YTD
Structure Fire (Residential)	2	0	2	2
Structure Fire (Commercial)	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Fire	4	3	7	7
Grass/Wildland Fire	1	1	2	2
Smoke/Odor Investigation	9	8	17	17
Fire Alarm	58	7	65	65
Other Fire	11	7	18	18
Total Fire Related	85	20	105	105
Total Medical (EMS)	216	31	247	247
Motor Vehicle Accident	34	19	53	53
Hazmat	3	2	5	5
Dive Rescue	0	2	2	2
Carbon Monoxide	13	1	14	14
Public Asst. (Service)	16	2	18	18
Cancelled En-route	21	13	34	34
Airport Standby	24	0	24	24
Airport Emergency	0	0	0	0
Total Miscellaneous	111	39	150	150
<b>Month-End Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>502</b>	
<b>Year Cumulative</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>90</b>		<b>502</b>

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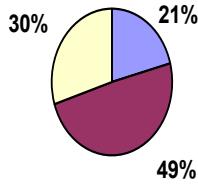
### TOTAL CALLS 2011



### MUTUAL/AUTO AID STATS

	Month	YTD
Mutual Aid Received	0	0
Automatic Aid Received	2	2
Mutual Aid Given	3	3
Automatic Aid Given	10	10

### INCIDENT BREAKDOWN



■ Total Fire Related ■ Total Medical (EMS) □ Total Miscellaneous

### CALLS BY STATION

Station	Month Runs	YTD
Station 1	131	131
Station 2	91	91
Station 3	86	86
Station 4	24	24
Station 5	65	65
Station 6	105	105
<b>Month-End Total</b>	<b>502</b>	
<b>Year Cu-mulative</b>		<b>502</b>

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION					
Activity	City	Rural	Total Hrs.	YTD No.	
Inspections	4	1	5	5	
Re-Inspections**	1	1	1	2	
Permits	9	3	8	12	
New Construction	49	0	60	49	
Plan Reviews	19	7	25	26	
Public Education*	1	0	4	1	
Service Calls/Complaints	2	1	1.5	3	
Investigations	5	1	4	6	
Juvenile Firesetter Program	0	0	0	0	
<b>Month-End Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>108.5</b>		
<b>Year Cumulative</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>104</b>	

75 Public Education Contacts YTD

REVENUES					
Type	City	Rural	Month Total	YTD	
Inspections & Permits	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 550	
Plan Reviews	\$ 918	\$ 524	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,442	
Contractor Licensing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Firework Stands	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fire Reports	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 10	
<b>Month-End Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,478</b>	<b>\$ 524</b>	<b>\$ 2,002</b>		
<b>Year Cumulative</b>	<b>\$ 1,478</b>	<b>\$ 524</b>		<b>\$ 2,002</b>	

LOSS/SAVE INFORMATION					
Type of Fire	City		Rural		
	Loss	Save	Loss	Save	
Residential Structure	\$ 69,075	\$ 327,206	\$ -	\$ -	
Commercial Structure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Vehicle Fires	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Fires	\$ 100	\$ 400	\$ 603	\$ 1,206	
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,675</b>	<b>\$ 327,606</b>	<b>\$ 603</b>	<b>\$ 1,206</b>	
<b>Year Cumulative</b>	<b>\$ 72,675</b>	<b>\$ 327,606</b>	<b>\$ 603</b>	<b>\$ 1,206</b>	