



Lake Dillon Fire Protection District
2016 Year-End Report

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For Lake Dillon Fire-Rescue, 2016 proved to be a busy but productive year. While the number of emergency responses remained unchanged over the previous year, the department also moved forward with major projects, including our quest for professional accreditation and the planning for a new administrative building to be shared with the Summit County Ambulance Service.

Lake Dillon Fire continues to focus on the all-hazards approach to community service. While only about two percent of our emergency calls actually involve fires, we respond to all manner of emergency-medical and hazardous-materials incidents. Vehicle accidents on a busy Interstate 70 and Loveland Pass also contribute to a large percentage of our calls for service. I am very pleased to report that our district incurred no fatalities nor injuries due to fire in 2016, and our department remains dedicated to encouraging fire prevention and safety. The threat of wildfire remains our top community-wide concern.

One of our long-running challenges during the year was accommodating several extended absences from firefighters facing medical challenges. Through careful scheduling and juggling of crew shifts, Lake Dillon Fire managed this with minimal disruption or overtime expense.

With this annual report, we at Lake Dillon Fire would like to share with members of our community a look back at how we performed the duties that you entrust in us, in a fiscally responsible manner and adhering to our credo: “unwavering dedication to service with integrity, compassion and professionalism.” We thank you for your steadfast support, which we appreciate and do not in any way take for granted.

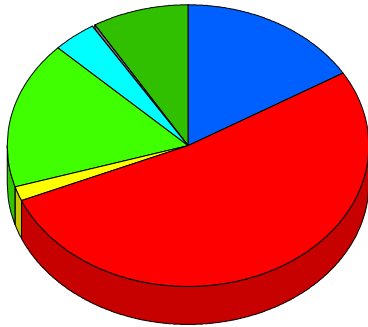
Jeff Berino

Lake Dillon Fire Chief

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On the cover: **LDFR Firefighter/Medic August Guettlein returned to the department after a brief hiatus and responded to a condominium fire in Keystone on his first day back.** Credit: Lake Dillon Fire Lt. Kevin Skaer

2016 Incidents



■ Alarms	338	16.4%
■ EMS	1,207	52.3%
■ Fires	39	1.6%
■ Good Intent	496	16.9%
■ Hazmat	83	3.8%
■ Other	3	0.1%
■ Excessive Heat	6	0.1%
■ Service Calls	227	8.7%
Total:	2,399	100.0%

Apparatus: Three first-response engines, a first-response 100-foot aerial ladder truck; three wildfire engines; one reserve engine; one water tender; and an air/light unit.

Personnel: 48 career firefighters, 10 full-time civilians, two part-time civilians and 12 Fire Corps volunteers.

OPERATIONS

Lake Dillon Fire has full-time, staffed fire stations in Frisco, Dillon and Keystone.

The firefighters operate on a three-shift schedule, which entails 48 hours on duty and 96 hours off. Each station has a four-person crew comprised of a firefighter/EMT, a firefighter/paramedic, a driver/engineer and a lieutenant.

Each shift is supervised by a battalion chief, and additional chief officers work weekdays during business hours and are available during non-office hours via pager.

The apparatus at each station complements the specific needs and demands for service in that location.

All Lake Dillon firefighters have the minimum medical training of basic emergency medical technicians. Additionally they are certified in hazardous-materials operations and have current federal wildfire "red cards." In addition, the majority of our firefighters receive advanced training and certification in specialty areas such as: para-medicine hazardous materials, ice rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, extrication and wildfire tactics.

In addition to regular duties, Lake Dillon Fire



Assistant Chief Joe Hegenderfer

crews participate in many community events, supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Wounded Warriors, the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, Adopt an Angel, Safe Summer Kickoff, Dillon Bonfire, Arapahoe Basin Hose Relay, Town Cleanup Days, Colorado Proud, Emergency Medical Services of Colorado, Flight for Life, the Boy Scouts of America and other community organizations.



Lake Dillon firefighters, assisted by numerous other agencies, made a quick response to a wildfire started above the Summit County shooting range on Oct. 8. Credit: Lake Dillon Fire Capt. Jason Bell

Lake Dillon's 48 firefighters and officers responded to 2,399 incidents in 2016, virtually the same number as in the previous year.

Lake Dillon Fire crews responded to 15 structure fires, saving an estimated \$11,256,292 in property that was threatened. Property damage in those fires was limited to \$497,981. Among the 39 fires to which LDFR crews responded, there also were 10 fires involving vehicles, resulting in \$644,048 in damage, and seven wildfires that resulted in no property being damaged or lost. Total fire loss for 2016 stands at \$1.2 million, down from the \$3.4 million that occurred in 2015.

A firefighter's day is spent doing many things other than responding to incidents. As an all-hazards response agency, Lake Dillon Fire strives to be ready for any kind of incident, and in 2016, Lake Dillon firefighters spent 9,693 hours training to respond to incidents involving fires, emergency medical services, hazardous materials releases, technical rescues, incident command, apparatus driving, officer development, emerging threats and other areas of concern.

Lake Dillon firefighters conducted hundreds of fire-code inspections and performed pre-fire planning in many of our businesses and multi-family residential complexes in 2016. They conducted fire drills in all our schools and assisted with various public-education programs such as the Safe Summer Kickoff, Fire Prevention Week and the "Ready, Set, Go!" program, among others.

Among the high-profile incidents to which Lake Dillon Fire responded were the Frey Gulch wildfire above the landfill in October, a moving-van fire on Interstate 70 and a beer-truck rollover on Loveland Pass in September, and a 30-car pileup on the snow-slickened interstate in April.

Fortunately, the district saw little other wildfire activity in 2016, allowing Lake Dillon wildfire crews to assist our neighbors in battling wildfires in Jackson, Chaffee and Larimer counties and Dubois, Wyo., comprising a total of 130 firefighter-days. Firefighters gained valuable experience about the many aspects of combatting large wildfires.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Division is composed of five full-time personnel and one part-time office administrator. Our primary function is fire code enforcement and public education.

Our daily operations include:

- Fire safety inspections of existing buildings within the district.
- New construction plan reviews, field inspection and testing of fire protection systems.
- Fire safety education and training for citizens, schools and communities.
- Site plan and PUD reviews for new projects and subdivisions.
- Issuing operational permits for controlled burns, special events and fire mitigation inspections.
- Fire investigation.

Lake Dillon Fire issued 327 permits in 2016 for projects such as new construction, fire sprinklers and alarms and business remodels. That generated \$169,755 in fees, a 2 percent increase over 2015. Additionally, the Fire Prevention Division conducted 90 defensible-space inspections for new homes and issued 35 pile-burn permits.

Among the larger construction projects during 2016 were Phase II of the Wellness Building, the SMC Specialty Clinic, the Holiday Center and the Boatyard restaurant remodel and expansion in Frisco; the Grease Monkey addition and sprinkler retrofit, the Angry James Brewery, Performing Arts Center, River's Edge Condominiums and



Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Steve Skulski

Aspen House community building in Silverthorne; the City Market and REI remodels in Dillon; and the A-Frame remodel and addition at Arapahoe Basin Ski Area.

Lake Dillon Fire public-education outreach included teaching fire-safety lessons to 1,334 students in 43 sessions at our four elementary schools during October's Fire-Prevention Week activities; presentations to homeowner's associations, business organizations and civic groups; and participation in community events such as Safe Summer Kickoff, the Frisco Family Fun Fest and our second annual ice-cream socials in September, which attracted more than 300 visitors to our fire stations.

A fire department permit is required for all non-residential tenant finishes, remodels, new construction (including multi-unit residences), fire-detection and suppression systems and other addition needing inspections under the fire code.

Please see <http://lakedillonfirerescue.org/permits-and-services> for more information or call the Lake Dillon Fire Prevention Division at (970) 262-5201.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is tasked with supporting the functions of the fire district in the following areas:

- Building and facility maintenance
- Fleet services
- Information technology
- Communications equipment
- Bulk purchasing and supply
- Coordination of the volunteer Fire Corps group

Support Services is primarily housed out of Station 11 in Keystone. The division is staffed by five full-time employees: the Support Services assistant chief, fleet manager, fleet services technician, systems administrator and support services technician.

Among the Support Services highlights in 2016:

- Lake Dillon Fire and the Summit County Ambulance Service completed a kitchen remodel at the shared Dillon fire station, which houses seven emergency responders each day.
- The department started converting lighting fixtures to the newer LED technology. The change is an effort to expand the lifetime of the fixtures and save energy at the same time.
- Lake Dillon Fire welcomed Colby Poole to serve as Information Systems Technician.
- Lake Dillon Fire said goodbye to an old friend that has been with us since the days of the Frisco Fire District: Our 1987 Pierce water tender was sold to the



Support Services Assistant Chief Bruce Farrell

town of Terry, Mont., in October. The sale of that apparatus marked the end of canary “chrome” yellow vehicles in our fleet. We will be taking delivery of a new, black-and-red 3,000-gallon tender in February of 2017.

Lake Dillon Fire acquired a natural gas-fired backup generator the Dillon fire station late in 2016. We expect to complete the installation by the second quarter of 2017. Additionally, significant projects planned for 2017 include upgrading the countywide computer-aided dispatch system, remodeling the kitchen at our Keystone fire station, upgrading the records-management system and continuing designs for a new administration building.

What's on a new fire engine?

- 2,500 feet of hose, \$11,800
- Eight nozzles, \$6,700
- Ladders, \$1,100
- Extrication tools, \$20,000
- Deck gun, \$8,000
- Power saws, \$7,000
- Smoke fans, \$5,000
- Thermal-imaging camera, \$10,000
- Heart monitor, \$20,000
- Four self-contained breathing apparatus with bottles, \$28,000

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Highlights in 2016 included:

- The district remains financially sound, debt free and within budget, as confirmed by an independent audit.
- The district has saved for the future, allowing capital expenditures for 2017 for the bulk of the cost of a new administrative building to be shared with Summit County Ambulance, the purchase of a new wildland fire engine and replacements for two staff vehicles, and the remodel of the kitchen at our Keystone fire station.
- Owners of three properties in the Lower Blue area north of Silverthorne elected to join the district. This brings the total of properties that have joined the district in the last few years to 74.
- New Lake Dillon Fire Protection District director Jim Lee was sworn in



Finance Manager Mary Hartley

to replace outgoing director Larry Gilliland.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Among the highlights in 2016 for Human Resources:

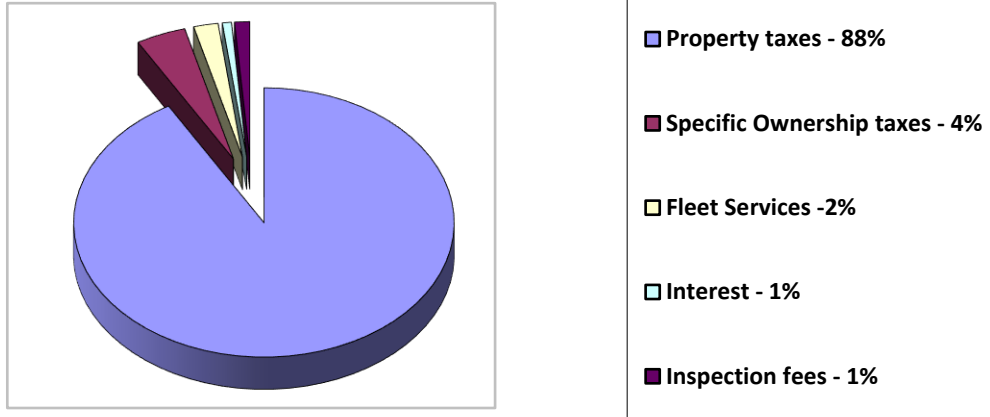
- Hired Josh Peters as firefighter, Colby Poole as IT technician and Jim Levi as firefighter/medic, and swore in Jim Lee to the board of directors.
- Promoted Jason Bell, Brian Schenking and John Wilkerson from lieutenants to captains; Donna Trainer from office assistant to administrative technician; and Frank Towers from firefighter/technician to driver/engineer.
- Celebrated longevity anniversaries of 10 years for driver/engineers Jeremy Antemesaris and Dennis Jackson, Lt. Casey Humann and Human Resources Manager Matt Scheer; 15 years for Assistant Chief Joe Hegenderfer, 20 years for Battalion Chief Shaun Sawyer and 25 years for Assistant Chief Bruce Farrell.



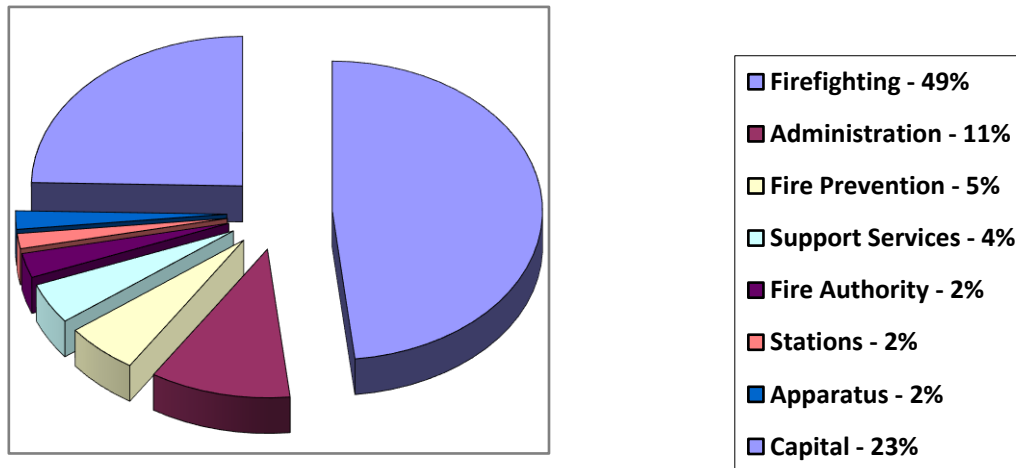
HR Manager Matt Scheer

LDFPD GENERAL FUND 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

PROJECTED INCOME: \$8,167,382



PROJECTED EXPENDITURES: \$10,499,165



2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Dillon Fire is dedicating \$1.75 million toward the design and planning for a new administrative building to be shared with Summit County Ambulance.
- General Fund income for 2017 reflects a 2.4 percent increase from 2016.
- General Fund operating expenditures reflect a 3.5 percent increase over 2016.
- Voters approved the tax rate for the Lake Dillon Fire Protection District at 9 mills, which means that the owner of home with a market value of \$500,000 pays \$358 annually in property taxes for fire protection.
- Lake Dillon Fire earned an ISO (insurance industry) rating of 2, meaning lower premiums for property owners.
- Lake Dillon Fire has 58 full-time, career employees and is governed by a five-member board of directors selected by all eligible voters in a special-district election.