

Estes Valley Fire 2019 Annual Report

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Outline



- Administration / Financial



- Prevention & Life Safety



- Training



- Operations



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Administrative

Erika Goetz, Office Manager



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2019 IGAs / Agreements

- **Signed Special Use Permit (SUP) with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for operation of Station 71**
- **Initiation of Peer Support Team**
 - **Including grant support from Larimer County Behavioral Health**
- **Disaster Management IGA, Larimer County**



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2019 Financial Stewardship

- Clean Audit
- Pension Actuarial completed
 - Opportunity to increase benefits and decrease District burden
- Contract negotiations
- Recession Planning



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2019 Policies

- **Updated Active Membership to ensure right things were incentivized**
- **Social Media Use**
- **Purchasing Policies / HGAC**
 - **Aided in process for Ladder 71 & equipment**
- **Staff Salary Ranges**



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2019 Other Accomplishments

■ Outreach / Transparency

- Website updates
- Website Resources (members only)
- Social Media
- PIO roles and usage
 - Active with Larimer County PIO Group
- Eventbrite

■ Other

- Workflow documentation
- Attended 24hr Training on FLSA for Fire Departments

Community [See All](#)

David Wolf and 92 other friends like this or have checked in

Invite Friends

3,992 people like this

4,206 people follow this

220 check-ins



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2020 Goals

- **Hiring / Onboarding Fire Marshal**
 - As of 1/14, interviews concluded, candidate invited
- **Hiring / Onboarding Seasonal Training Position**
- **Spring Election**
- **Onboarding New Board Members**
- **Policy Manual Update**



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Financial Report

David Wolf, Fire Chief



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Financial Overview

- **District is financially sound**
- **Balanced budget**
 - **Operating and Capital Reserves**
- **Multiple, independent income sources**
 - **“De-Gallagherized” property tax revenues**
- **Long range capital purchase plan**
- **Recession plan in place**



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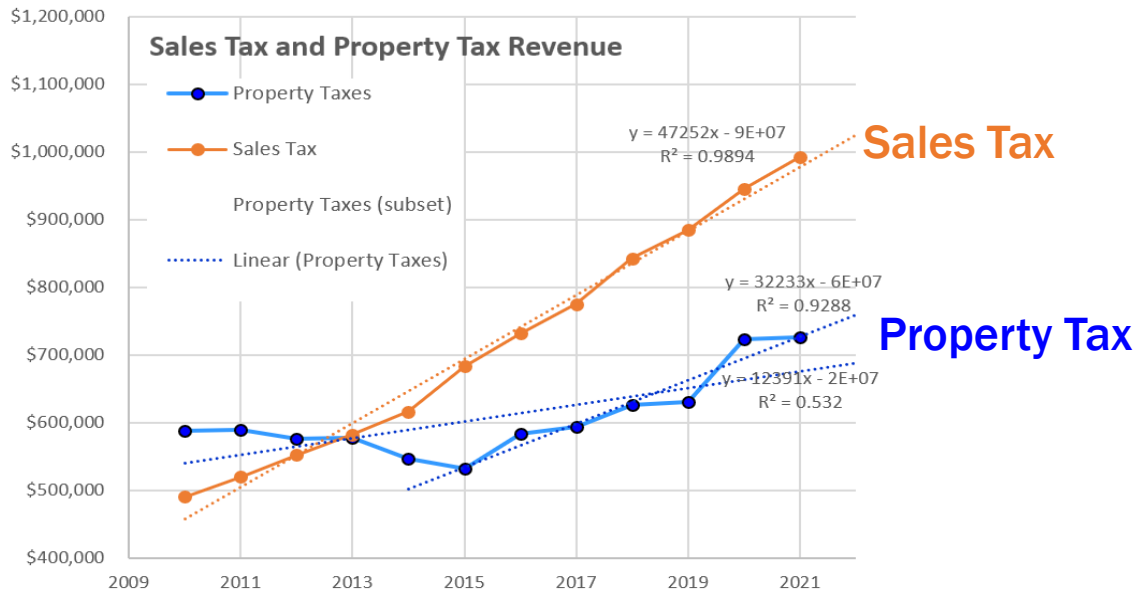
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District Revenue

Source	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Property Tax	\$531,439	\$583,100	\$593,587	\$627,699	\$630,023
Sales Tax	\$682,932	\$731,853	\$775,260	\$838,413	\$884,534
Other	\$282,472	\$173,351	\$159,524	\$133,568	\$269,252
TOTAL	\$1,496,843	\$1,488,305	\$1,528,371	\$1,599,680	\$1,783,808



- Specific Ownership Tax
- Donations
- Investment Income
- Sale of S3 and L6



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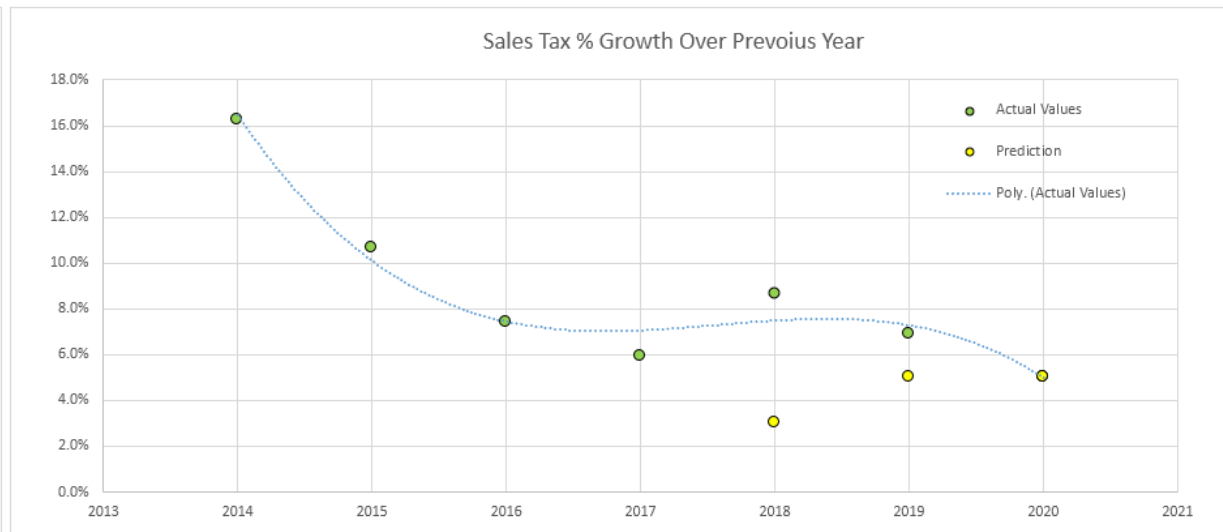
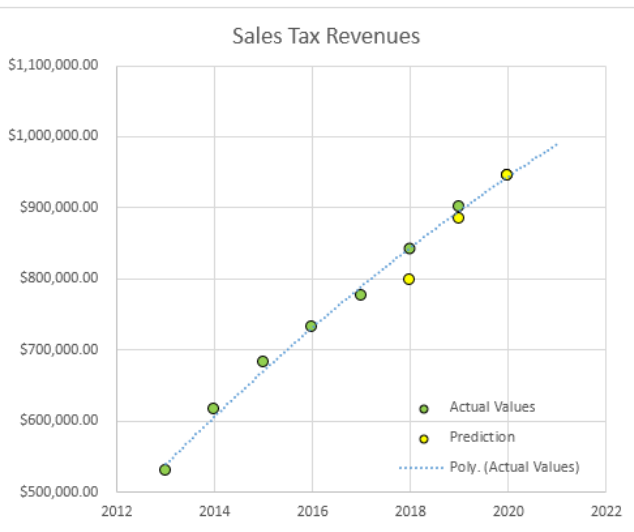
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Sales Tax Revenue

▪ Expectations for future growth?



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District Expenses 2019

- **Operations: \$1,282,370**
 - **District Overhead: \$594,695 (46%)**
 - **Operations Division: \$418,904 (33%)**
 - **Training Division: \$102,790 (8%)**
 - **Prevention Division: \$165,981 (13%)**

- **Capital: \$501,437**

- **Salaries and Benefits**
 - **District Staff: 39% of Operating Budget**
 - **Volunteer Benefits: 19% of Operating Budget**



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Reserves and Financial Standing

- **Operating Reserve**
 - **\$350,000**
- **Capital Reserve**
 - **Added new Ladder 71**
 - **Investment in Training Site**
 - **Current annual contribution sufficient for long term plan**
- **Contractional Reserves**
 - **TABOR, LOSAP, etc**
 - **\$74,858**



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Prevention

Nate Mutzl, Fire Inspector



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2019 Accomplishments

- **Adoption of 2018 International Fire Code (IFC)**
 - Remained in alignment with Larimer County
 - Included Appendices not previously adopted
- **Review of 2018 International Wildland Urban Interface Code (IWUI)**
 - Opted to not pursue at this time



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2019 Inspection Program

- **Inspection Program Completed:**
 - 465 First Contact Inspections
 - 209 Reinspection
 - 12 Wildland Urban Interface Inspections

- **Completed Occupancy Database**
 - 761 Total Occupancies
 - 7 Educational (E)
 - 1 Institutional (I – EPH)
 - 109 Assemblies (A)
 - 105 Hotels (R1)
 - Assigned all occupancies with priority based on risk



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2019 Public Education

- **Estes Park Schools Fire Prevention Week**
 - **Approximately 500 in attendance**
 - **Successful due to support from volunteer membership**
- **Camp Postcard and Burn Survivors Camp**
- **Combined with Firefighter II class to conduct pre-planning of local businesses**



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2019 Outreach

- **Smoke alarm distribution through Firefighter II class and Crossroads Ministries**

- **Slash Collection**
 - Moved to new site
 - Increased efficiency with positive public response
 - Filled several large roll-offs.

- **FireWise Communities**
 - Assisted Mountain River Townhomes HOA to gain certification
 - Assisted Windcliff HOA with an action plan to retain certification
 - *Two of five Larimer County FireWise Communities*



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2020 Goals – Decrease WUI Risk

■ Single Family Homes

- Increase education about WUI risks and available resources
- Increase WUI surveys for private homes

■ FireWise Communities

- Document and provide pathway for HOAs to become FireWise certified
- Increase number of FireWise Communities in Estes



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2020 Goals – Inspections

- **Required occupancy inspections (n=216)**
 - Annual inspections to compliance for statutorily required occupancies (E & I) and higher risk (A & R1)
- **Biennial inspection plan for all others (n=545)**
 - For occupancies risked as lower hazard (e.g. mercantile, business, storage)
 - Single inspection every other year
 - Self-Inspection program
- **Develop plan for bringing existing buildings/businesses into compliance**

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PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM

General Business Self-Inspection Form

The Estes Valley Fire District prides itself on its proactive approach to life safety. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for all our community's citizens and visitors. Our staff cannot regularly inspect our over 750 commercial properties every year, so we are asking for your help.

The following Self Inspection Checklist is an educational tool for business owners and managers to provide a fire safe business for their patrons, visitors, and staff. This form can be used proactively ahead of a scheduled in-person inspection or may be used for businesses in lieu of in-person inspections at the discretion of the Prevention Division. The items are general requirements based on common Fire Code violations typically found in most businesses.

Building Exterior:

- Address numbers are posted, contrast with the background, are at least five (5) inches tall, and visible from the road.
- Fire lane signs are posted for driveways and access roads.
- Gas meters and attached piping are protected from vehicular damage by concrete or steel posts.
- If the building is equipped with a fire sprinkler or standpipe system, the fire department connection (FDC) has a clear space of at least three (3) feet around connections and caps are in place.
- There is at least three (3) feet of clearance around all hydrants.
- Dumpster or trash containers are at least five (5) feet from building openings or roof overhangs.
- Up-to-date keys are within the Knox Rapid Entry System Box (where applicable).

Building Interior:

- All exit doors are free of obstructions and unlocked during business hours.
- Aisles and exit paths are at least 36 inches wide. If there is storage and/or equipment on both sides, they must be at least 44 inches wide.
- Aisles and exits are free of storage or obstructions.
- Exit signs and emergency lights are operational with primary and emergency power supplies.
- Each floor has one fire extinguisher for every 3,000 square feet.



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2020 Goals – Outreach

- **Providing education for firefighters to utilize on every public interaction**
- **Additional pre-planning in conjunction with Firefighter II**
- **High School program for DUI awareness before prom**



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Training

Paul Capo, Division Chief of Operations & Training



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2019 Accomplishments

- **Training Hours**
- **External Training**
 - **Student Count**
 - **Courses**
 - **Hours**
 - **Revenue**
- **Fire Academy**
- **Training Props**
- **2020 Goals**



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Training Hours

Year	Hours*
2016	2,473
2017	5,194
2018	8,910
2019	9,795

- **EVFPD Member Hours Only**
- **Averaged 20.8 Estes members per training**
- **(21.9 including outside members)**
- **No training injuries**



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External Classes

- **Training provided to others**
 - In additional to standard Tuesday/Saturday schedule
 - **13,206 Hours**
 - **>850 Non-Estes Students**

- **Course Types**
 - Certification – 8
 - Seminars – 3
 - Conference – 4
 - Other – 8

- **Revenue (back into Training)**
 - Gross: \$29,745
 - Net: \$25,881
 - Fire Academy - \$15,150
 - Non- Academy - \$10,830

Course	Attendees
Ice Rescue	19
FF Rescue & Survival	68
Tricks of the Truck	73
Instructor I	21
Aggressive Interior Search	24
1 Day FF Rescue	20
1 Day FF Survival	17
Officer Development	15
Street Smart Forcible Entry	21
Swiftwater I	17
Swiftwater II	7
Unconventional Ground Ladders	20
Mile High Fire Conference	60
Step Up and Lead	60
Red Feather Exterior Academy	14
FRI - Wolf Training Programs	~50
CSFC - Capo Training Methodology	~200
CSFC - Wolf Training Programs	~40
CSFC - Wolf Chief Process	~80
Academy - Exterior	27
Academy - Interior	24
Academy - Firefighter II	7
Academy - HazMat	19



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Fire Academy – Class 3

- **Student Totals:**
 - Exterior: 27
 - Interior: 24
 - Firefighter II: 4

} Total: 32
- **Mutual Aid Involvement (all mutual aid departments)**
 - Estes: 9
 - Lyons: 6
 - Allenspark: 5
 - Loveland: 4
 - Pinewood Springs: 3
 - Big Elk Meadows: 3
 - Glen Haven: 1
 - Other: 1
- **100% pass for Academy**
 - Awaiting final state testing
- **Instruction:**
 - Estes instructors: 15
 - Outside: 4 (AP, LY, LF)
- **Graduation**
 - YMCA Hempel Auditorium



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Estes Valley Fire Training Grounds



- 2,240 sq. ft. Interior Hands-on Training Tower with 2 Burn rooms and 2 Story Apt
- Classroom 49 occupancy w/flagpole and exterior seating
- Painted (New - 2019)
- Storage Awning
- Conventional Forcible Entry Props (*New - 2019)
- Unconventional Forcible Entry & Through the Lock Props
- Updated Peaked Roof, Subfloor Rescue, Gable Cut, Drywall Ladder Climb & Doors off Hinges Props (New - 2019)
- Flat Roof ventilation Props
- Maze

- Utility Props; Gas & Electric (New - 2019)
- Extrication Pad
- 15' Entanglement/Collapse Prop (New - 2019)
- 2 Logistic/prop containers
- Flammable Liquid Gas Prop (New - 2019)
- Propane Tank Prop (New - 2019)
- 7' Hay storage bin (New - 2019)
- Basketball Hoop (New - 2019)
- Steel Door Chocks for training tower windows (New - 2019)
- Porta John
- Hand Washing Station (New - 2019)



Training Grounds Progress

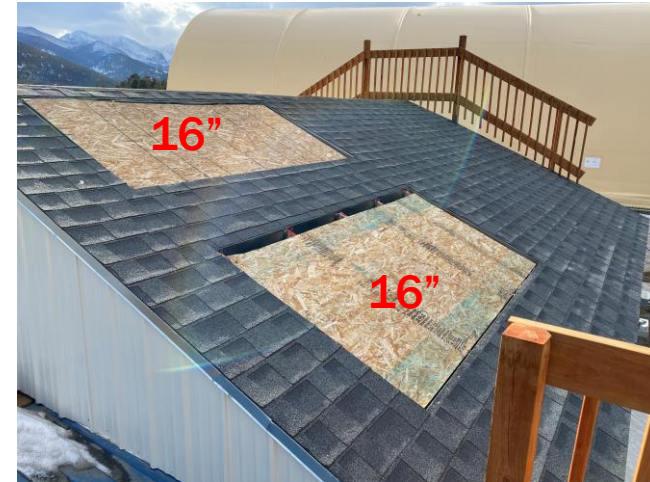
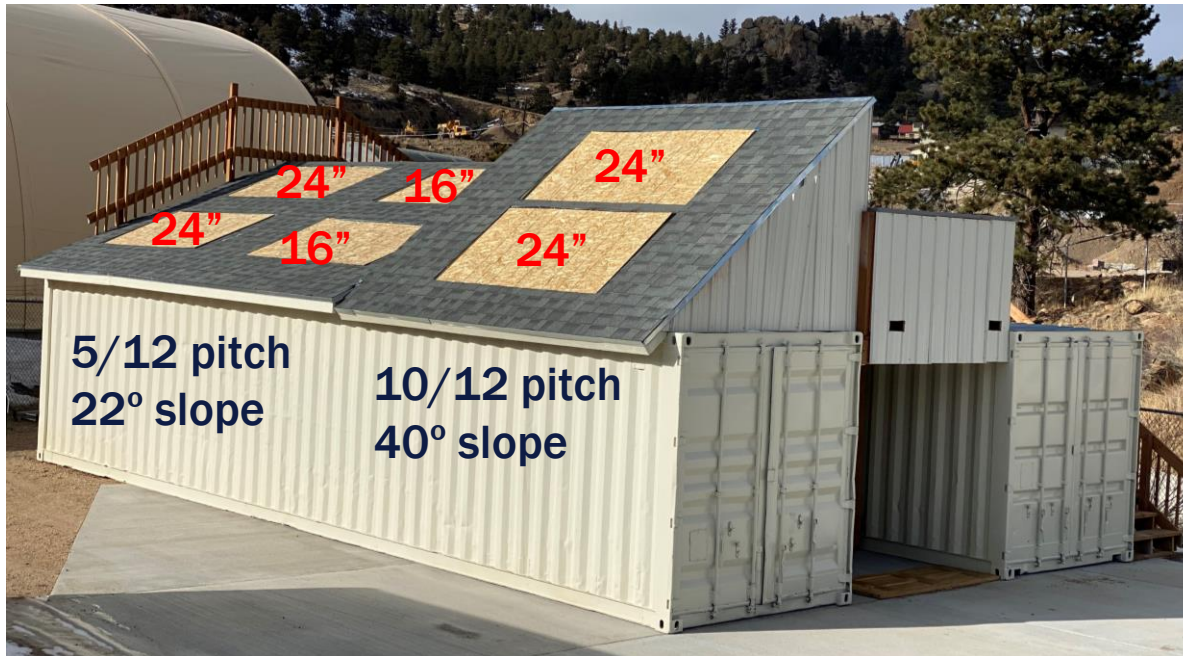


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Peaked Roof, Subfloor Rescue, Gable Cut, Drywall Ladder Climb & Doors off Hinges Props



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Subfloor Rescue, Drywall Ladder Climb & Doors off Hinges Props



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Gable Cut & Handwashing Station



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Inside Storage

Box 2



Box 1



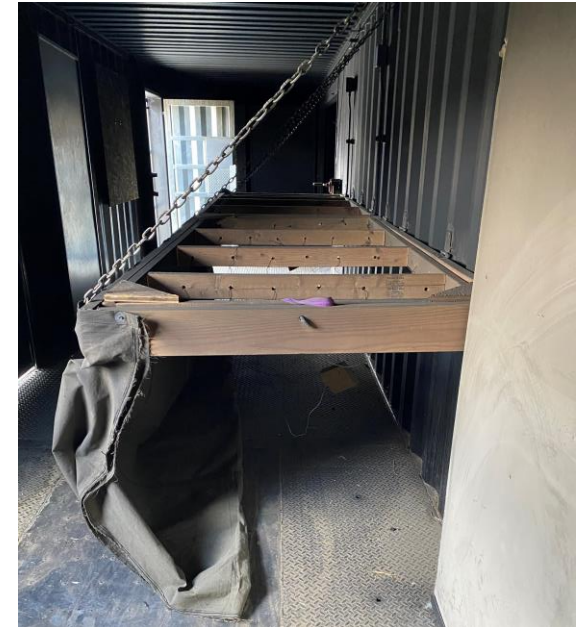
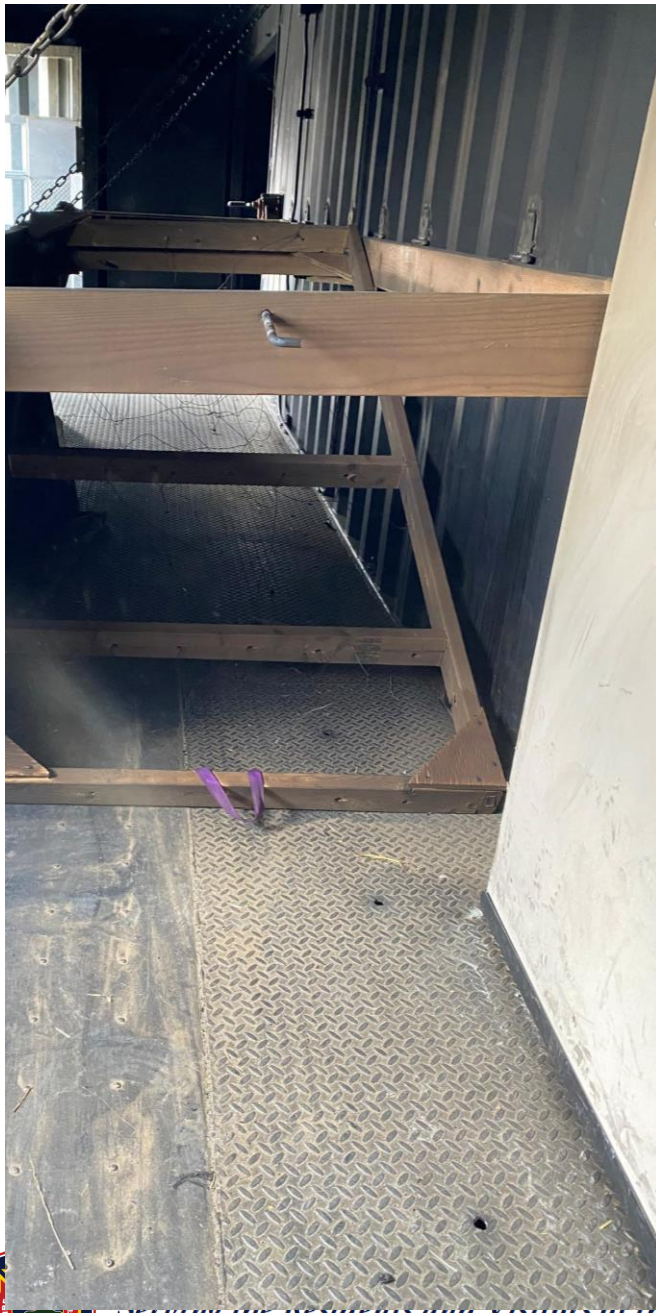
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Entanglement & Collapse Prop



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Gas & Electric Shut Off



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New Conventional Forcible Entry Prop

- **Portable**
- **Relocated to Station 71 during winter months for spontaneous training opportunities**



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Liquid Gas Props



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Member Qualifications

FIREFIGHTING		
Qual. / Cert.	2018	2019
Interior Firefighters	27	32
DFPC Firefighter I	12	15*
DFPC Firefighter II	10	11
Exterior Firefighter	9	6
Probationary Firefighter	3	0
Wildland FFT2 or Above	29	32

* - 5 pending state Hazmat test

EMERGENCY MEDICAL		
Qual. / Cert.	2018	2019
EMT-Basic / IV	6	11
Paramedic +	5	6

ADVANCED CERTIFICATIONS		
Qual. / Cert.	2018	2019
Instructor I	6	13
Instructor III	2	2
Officer I, II, or III	3	3

TECHNICAL RESCUE		
Qual. / Cert.	2018	2019
Swiftwater I Swimmer	18	7
Swiftwater II Swimmer	2	7
Swiftwater I/II Trainer	2	2
Ice Rescue	12	12
Ice Rescue Trainer	3	3
Rope Technician	3	5



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2020 Training Goals

- **Support Operational goal of organizational consistency & reliability**
- **Continue to create innovative ways to provide state of the art training**
 - **WTGB programs (7 scheduled)**
 - **Hosting Can Confidence**
 - **Instructor I**
- **Increase Organizational Depth**
 - **Dual Tract Driver Program**
 - **Battalion 71 Task Book**
- **Increase Organizational Capabilities**
 - **P.A.C.E.**
 - **Swiftwater II**
 - **Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations/Tech**



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Operations

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2019 Accomplishments

- **Ladder 71 in service**
- **Sale of Squad 3**
- **Donation of Ladder 6**
- **Signed mutual aid agreement with Lyons Fire Protection District**
- **Mutual aid agreement for Air Trailer with Loveland Fire Rescue Authority**



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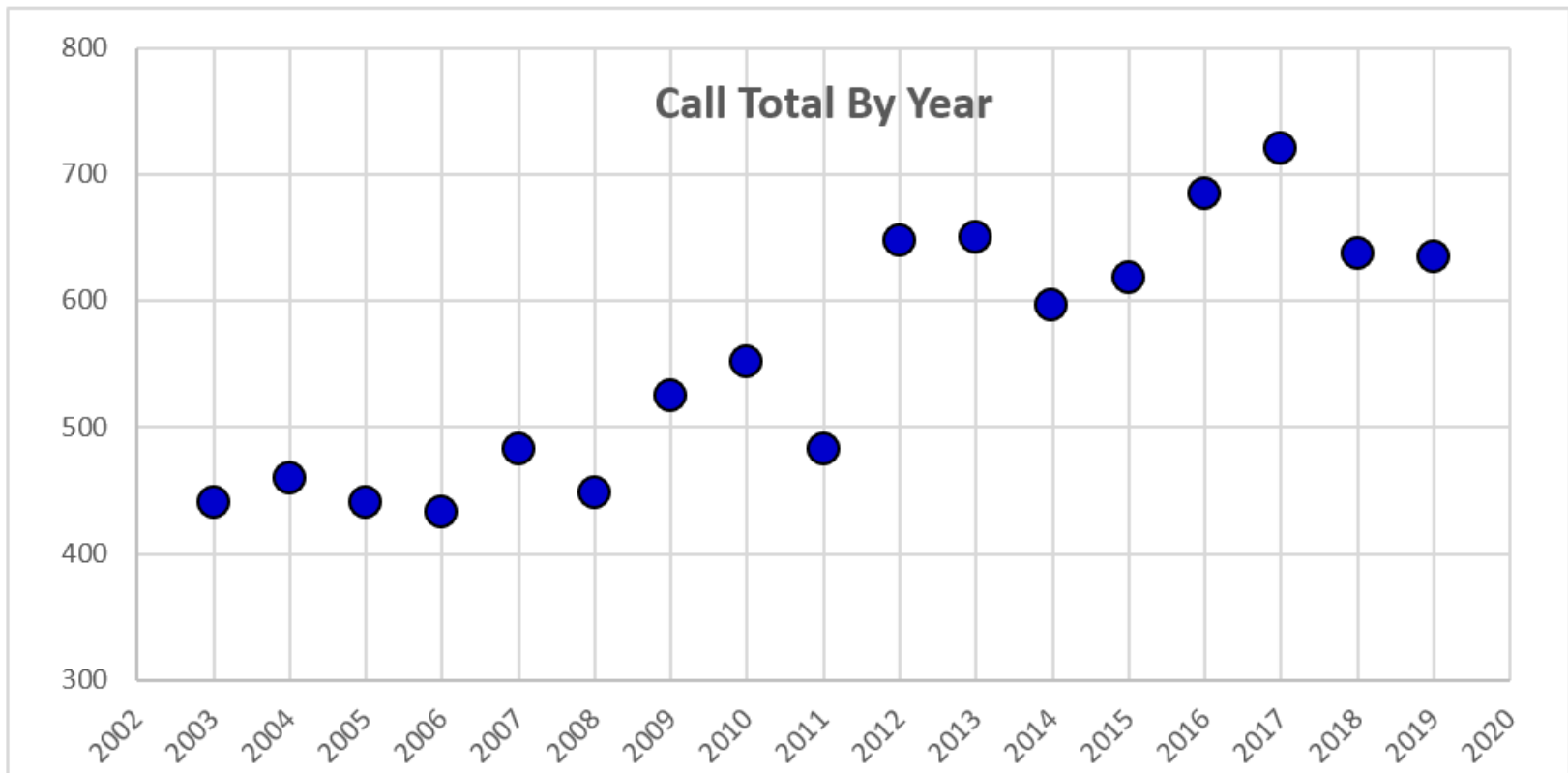
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Calls for Service

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	525	551	482	648	650	596	618	685	720	637	634



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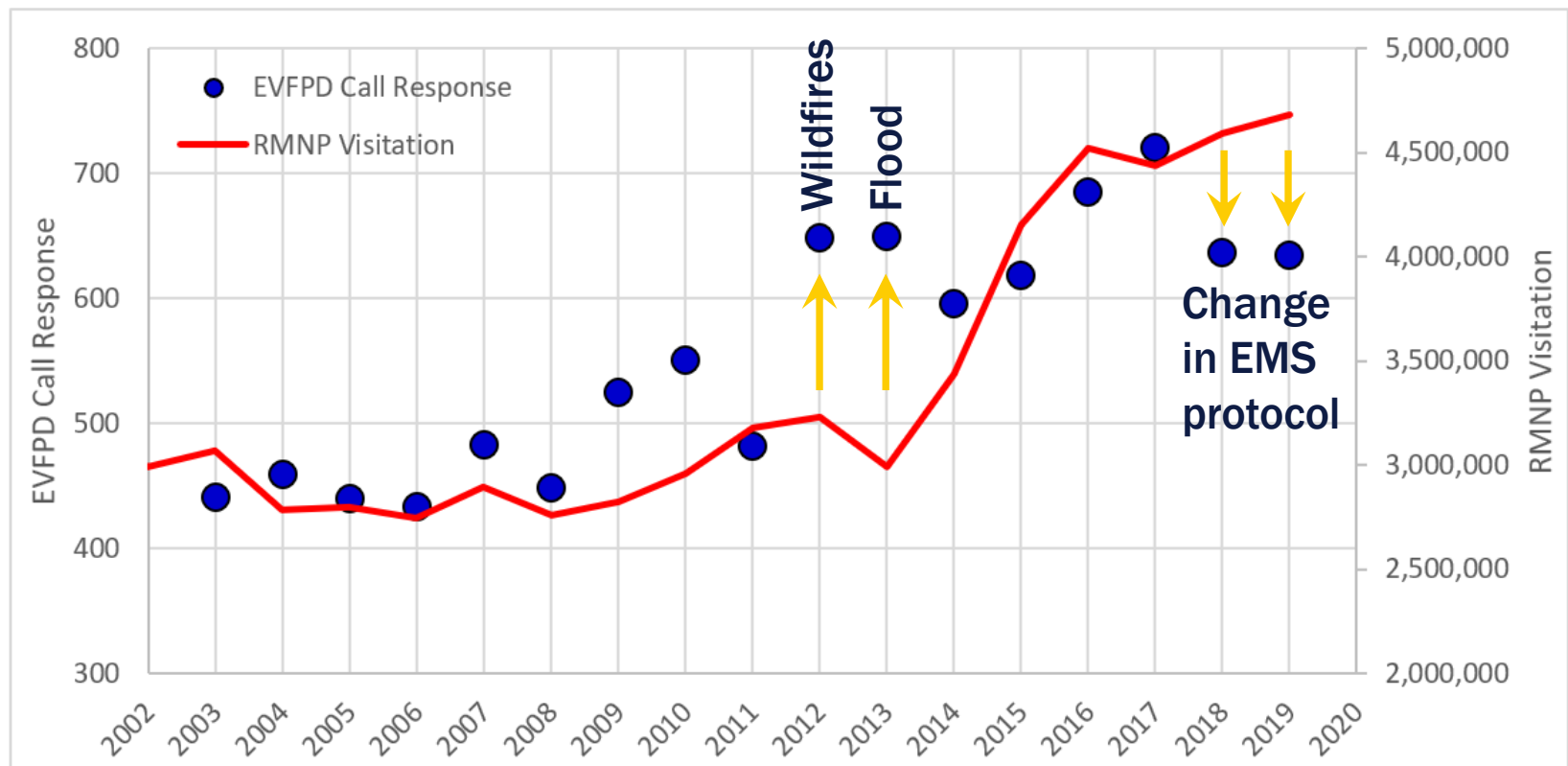
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Driving Factor – People

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Comparison to Previous Years

- **Change in EMS protocol (June 2018) resulted in 14% reduction in 12-month period after change**

CALL TOTAL BY MONTH	2017	2018	2019
January	42	53	48
February	58	47	36
March	45	45	52
April	45	53	38
May	63	55	53
June	80	62	49
July	82	73	92
August	81	65	61
September	65	56	49
October	61	57	67
November	52	44	42
December	46	27	47
TOTAL	720	637	634

- **Increase of 2.7% between second half of 2018 and 2019 (all after protocol change)**
- **Encouraging net change thanks to different protocols**



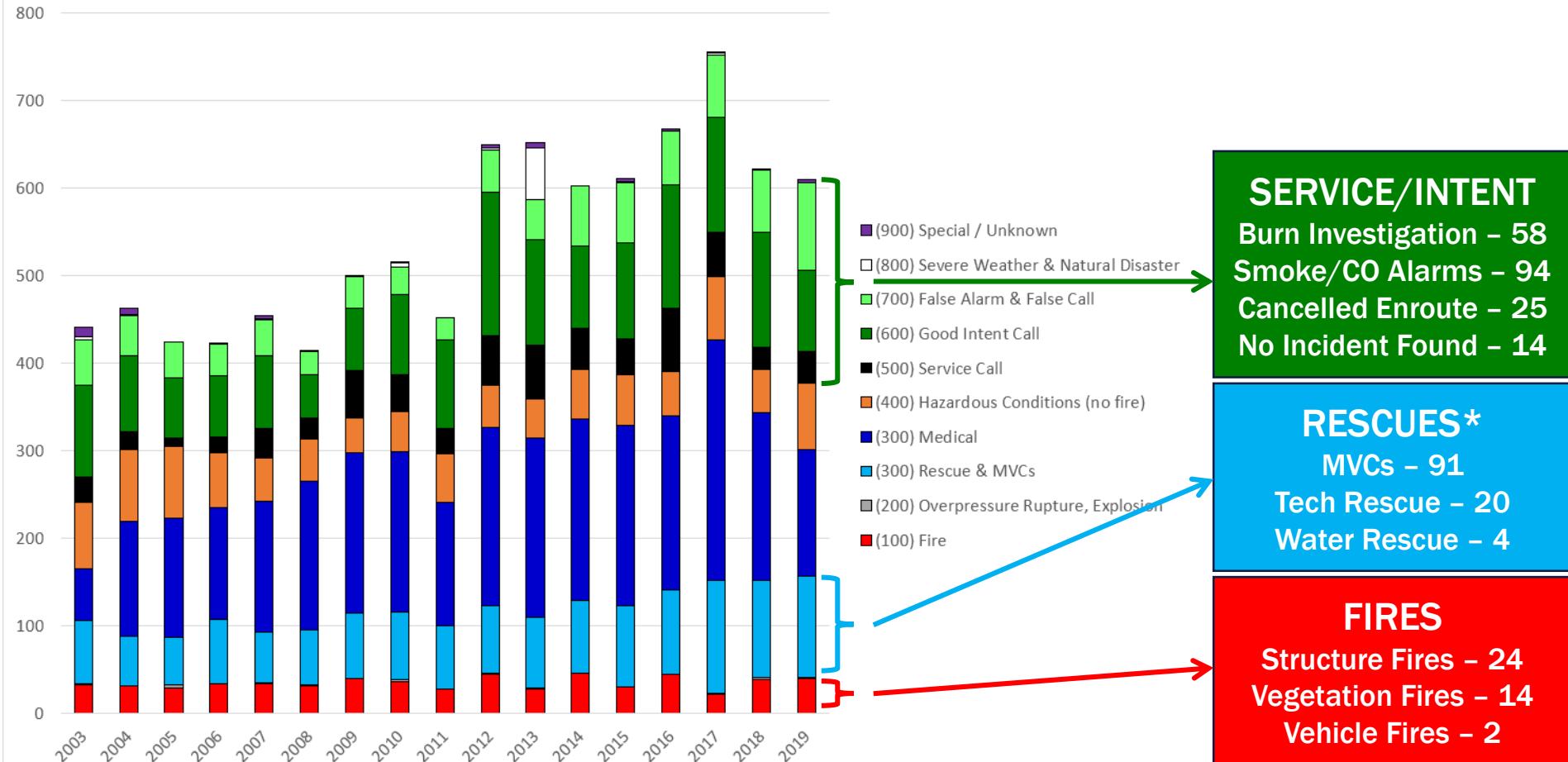
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Call Type Breakdown



* - Largest growth in call type



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Increased Engagement Equals Improved Delivery

- **Total volunteer responses (staff excluded)**

	Calls	Volunteer Responses	Volunteer Responders Per Call
2016	661	2,219	4.6
2017	723	2,920	5.4
2018	620	3,350	7.1
2019	609	3,432	7.3

- **We are putting more responders on scene, with higher training and better equipment than ever before**



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2020 Goals

- **Increase consistency & reliability**
- **How We'll Do It Internally:**
 - **Shore up competencies in current classifications**
 - **Add depth to crucial roles (e.g. drivers)**
 - **Additional potential duty officers (Battalion 71)**
 - **Completion of Standard Operating Guidelines**
- **How We'll Do It Externally:**
 - **Closest Unit Dispatching**
 - **County Wide Numbering**
 - **Participation in County Operating Group**



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Summary

- **Organization continues to be financially and operationally sound**
- **2019 held successes across each Division**
- **Staff have set obtainable goals to continue forward progress for the organization**



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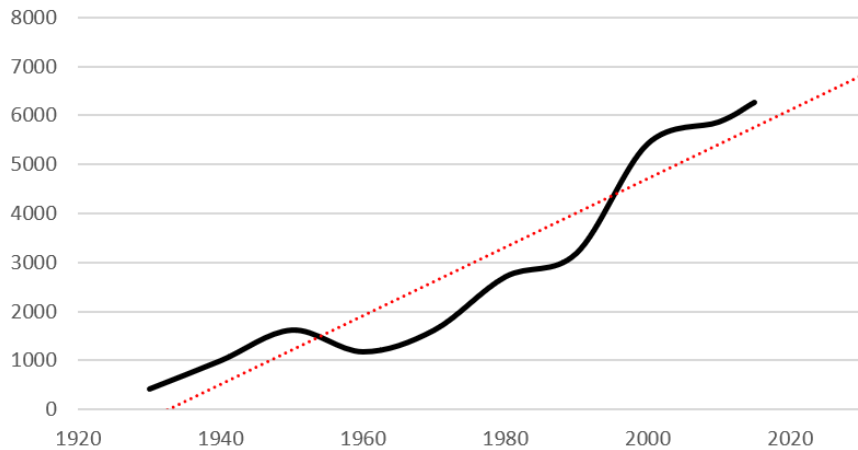


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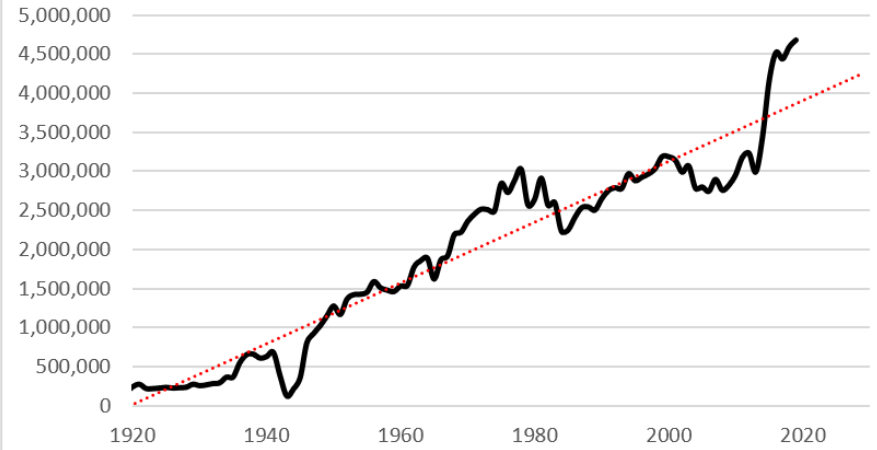


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