



In the Community



Above Frederick-Firestone Fire crews drive past Longs Peak Hospital in Longmont as a sign of support to all of the health care workers during this unprecedented time. The District has also been able to provide Birthday Parades to residents throughout the months of April and May. In April crews did 24 birthday parades, and are scheduled to complete 40 birthday parades in May!

Here is the latest news from your Fire District.

Thank You Residents!

The District's new water tender is here! The new tender replaces the 1987 tender that the District had been using. The District had identified the need for a new water



tender in order to continue to provide the best service to the communities and residents it serves. It is a multi-mission water tender that can be used for multiple facets for emergency services. This was all made possible by the passing of 6A last November. Thank you!

FFFD Partners with First Responder Organization to Collect Mental Health Data During Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed an increased burden onto an already strained US fire and rescue service. This burden has manifested not only in physical resource limitations, including a lack of PPE and staff, but has also negatively impacted the well-being of first responders. It is now more important than ever to collect mental health data.



The Frederick-Firestone Fire District has changed its emergency medical response protocols to include increased PPE when responding to ensure the safety of District staff, as well as the safety of those in need. While the District has been fortunate to have the needed PPE, how the daily changes in life around the station, on emergency calls, and at home has affected first responders is unknown.

This is why the District is partnering with the Center for Firefighter Injury Research and Safety Trends (FIRST) to conduct a COVID-19 RAPID Mental Health Assessment of the department. This project, funded in part by Drexel University, builds on two FIRST Center programs: Fire Service Organizational Culture of Safety (FOCUS) and Stress and Violence in fire-based EMS Responders (SAVER). Both portfolios were developed with funding from the US Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters grant program. FOCUS measures injuries and organizational outcomes within a fire department, including management commitment, supervisor support, burnout, job satisfaction, and engagement. SAVER provides a deeper mental health assessment using validated psychological scales.

Read the complete story online on the [*Fire District's website*](#).

As Businesses Start Opening Up, FFFD Will Resume

Business Fire Safety Inspections

During the State of Colorado's Safe at Home and Safer at Home directives, FFFD crews put on hold the District's annual business fire safety inspection program. Beginning June 1st, fire crews will once again resume business fire safety inspections. These



annual inspections allow for the Fire District to work closely with local businesses within the District to ensure that the building is safe and up to the most recent fire codes adopted by the Towns of Firestone and Frederick. To read more about the District's Annual Business Fire Safety Inspections, please visit the ***District's Community Risk Reduction page.***

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