

# ANNUAL REPORT

2017



UPPER PINE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District is to provide exceptional service through response and mitigation of all risk/hazards in the Upper Pine River Valley and Region.

By

- Building resilience in our communities
- Engaging our neighbors in collaborative ideas
- Innovative financial strategies
- Delivering outcome based medical, rescue, and fire services
- Empower employees to engage in district processes
- Approach problems as opportunities through “Just Culture”
- Supporting staff in their professional development

## VISION

“We will be leaders in Rural EMS and Fire Protection Serving the Four Corners Region”

## VALUES

FAMILY  
DEDICATED  
COMPETENT

DUTY  
TEAMWORK  
INTEGRITY  
PROFESSIONALISM

RESPECTFUL  
COMMITTED  
ACCOUNTABLE

# IS WHAT WE DO

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This annual report  
covers January 1 through  
December 31, 2017



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Welcome to the Upper Pine River Fire District's second annual report. It is part of our ongoing effort to keep the residents and visitors of the Pine River Valley and surrounding areas informed on our activities and accomplishments. As customary the annual report contains information on the District finances, call volume and programming activity.

This year started out with news that our Insurance Services Office rating (ISO) dropped to an ISO 3 in the areas within the District and an ISO 4 in the non-hydrant areas. While this improvement in ratings mainly affects the lowering of commercial insurance rates it can also have a change in residential rates depending on the insurance company. This is a significant accomplishment for a small district. It was achieved by increased training, expansions in the water system and increases in programs that ISO awards bonus points towards. Through pursuit of grant funds, participating in Federal deployments involving wildfire and natural disasters along with a fiscally conservative approach to spending, we were able to close a \$600,000 budget gap and end the year with a slight surplus. A portion of the funds to close the gap came from new construction. The District remains actively supportive of the new businesses in Bayfield and Vallecito Lake. There are no plans to implement impact fees and we are happy to say we are open for business.

In September we received a grant from FEMA to support the hiring of three additional firefighters for Fire Station 4 for three years. The \$300,000 grant becomes effective in February 2018 and covers 70% of the cost of salaries and benefits for the first two years and 30% in year three. We continue to try to attune the fleet and develop people within the organization. We are moving towards accreditation in both the fire and emergency medical services which benchmarks us in the national standard against other fire departments. As we move into what is shaping up to be a dangerous wildland fire season you can be assured our devoted staff is working to protect public safety.

As a small fire district we continue to do big things. As always it is an honor to serve the District with a high level of dedicated professionalism.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Evans".

Bruce Evans, MPA, CFO, SEMSO  
Fire Chief

# FIRE CHIEF

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



## State of the Fire District

The Upper Pine River Fire Protection District continues to strengthen as the primary emergency response agency for the eastside of La Plata County. By adopting a conservative fiscal profile and aggressively retiring debt, the District forges ahead despite a challenging taxation year for the State. The response activities in the past year continue to evolve and improve for the residents and visitors to the District. The Board of Directors have secured a 5-year extension of the contract with Chief Evans, who continues to provide outstanding leadership for Upper Pine. 2018 promises to remain challenging for La Plata County financially. The District is positioned to continue its excellent service and fiscal responsibility for our taxpayers, while pursuing a debt free status in just 3 years.

As always, we appreciate the support and commitment of our community in pursuit of our public safety mission, and promise to provide you with the world class service you deserve.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dyar  
Board President

# PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



# FINANCIALS

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

The finance department prepares the annual budget and monthly financial statements; reconciles bank accounts, tracks expenses and invoices for interagency services and manages cash and debt. It also prepares the annual comprehensive financial report, which includes detailed audited financial statements and statistical information about the District. It ensures compliance with District policy, State and Federal law and generally accepted accounting practices.

To ensure the safe and effective use of taxpayer's dollars, the District is audited annually by a team from Rubin Brown LLP a Certified Public Accounting firm based in Denver, Colorado. Copies of past audited comprehensive financial reports are available at the District's website:

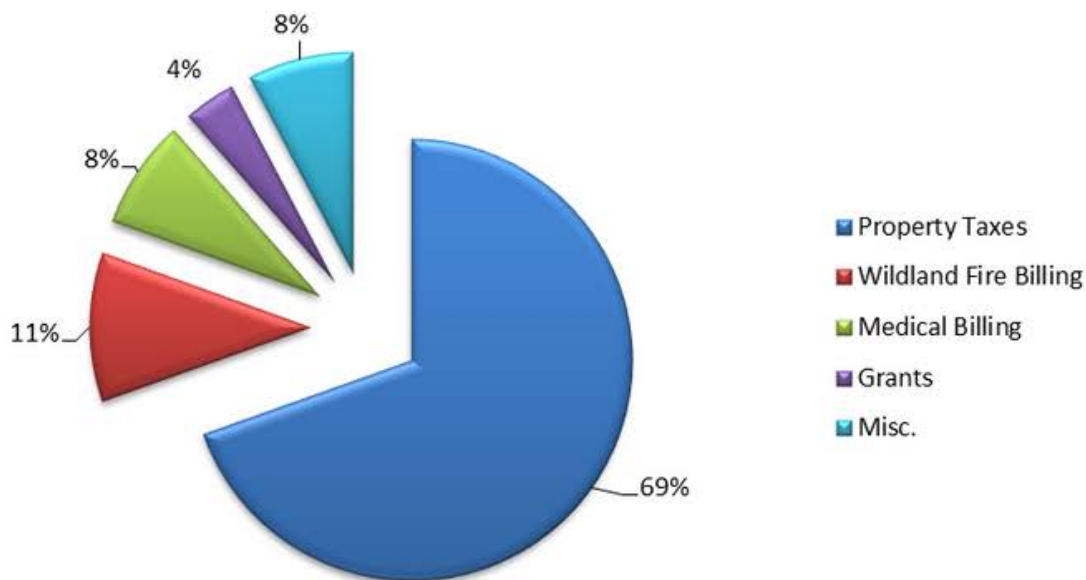
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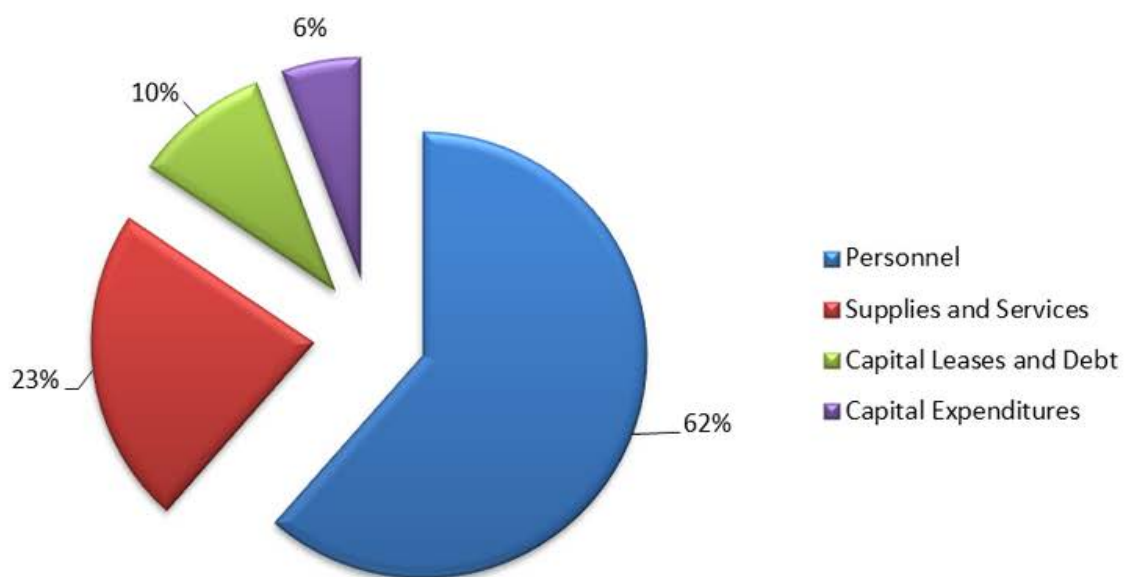
In 2016, the District received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the fifth consecutive year the District has received the award. The purpose of the award is to recognize local governments that go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

The major source of funding for the District is the property tax levy which makes up 69.5% of revenue. Revenue generated from contracting with federal agencies for manpower and equipment use to fight wildland fires accounts for 10.9% of revenue. EMS fees, grants and miscellaneous income comprise the remaining amount of revenue. Total revenues in 2017 were just under \$4.2 million. Total expenditures were \$4.2 million.

## 2017 REVENUES

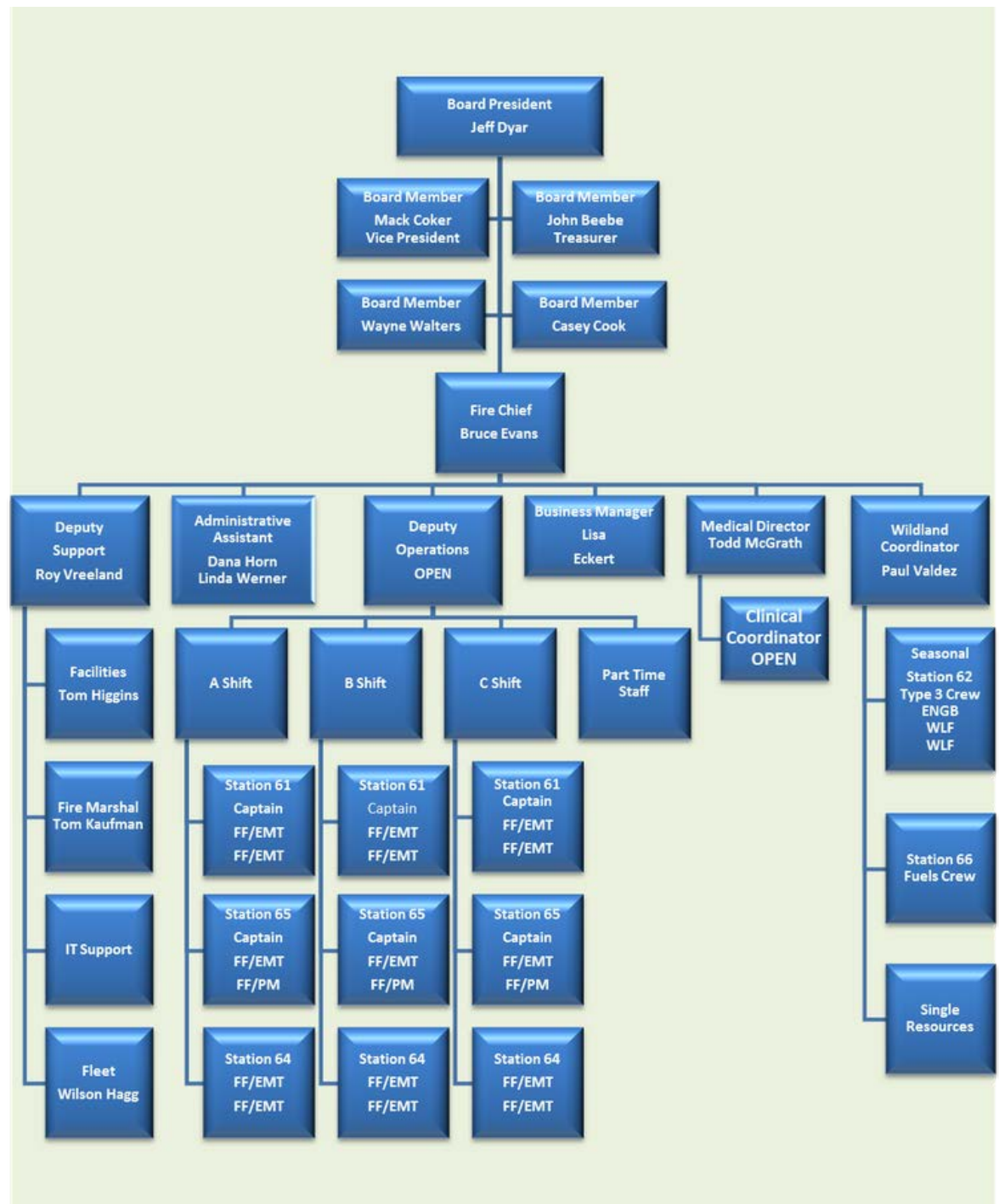


## 2017 EXPENDITURES



# COMMAND

## DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# OPERATIONS

DAY TO DAY

The primary function of the operations division is to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls. Firefighters conduct building familiarization inspections as part of pre-planning activities. On duty firefighters participate in training, public education, vehicle and equipment maintenance and other routine activities. The Deputy Chief of Operations oversees the division and the training requirements.

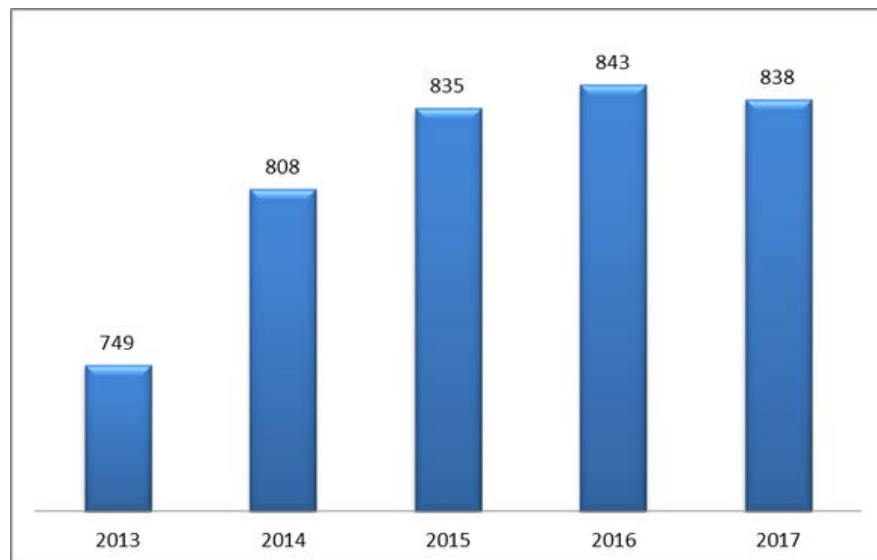
The District is staffed with 28 full-time employees supplemented with reservists. A daily crew consists of two fire captains, one paramedic and five firefighters. The District operates three fire stations with full time staff. Station 1 (Bayfield), Station 5 (Forest Lakes), and Station 4 (North Vallecito). Station 6 (Bellflower) and Station 2 (Vallecito Dam) are staffed with seasonal wildland firefighters from April to October. Stations 3 (CR 240), Station 7 (Narrow Gauge), and Station 8 (Deer Valley) have equipment that can be manned as needed.

Emergency responses are supplemented by the Fire Chief and the Deputy Chief. Additional support for ambulance needs or water supply for firefighting can also come from the fleet mechanic and the facilities maintenance technician; both of whom are EMTs.

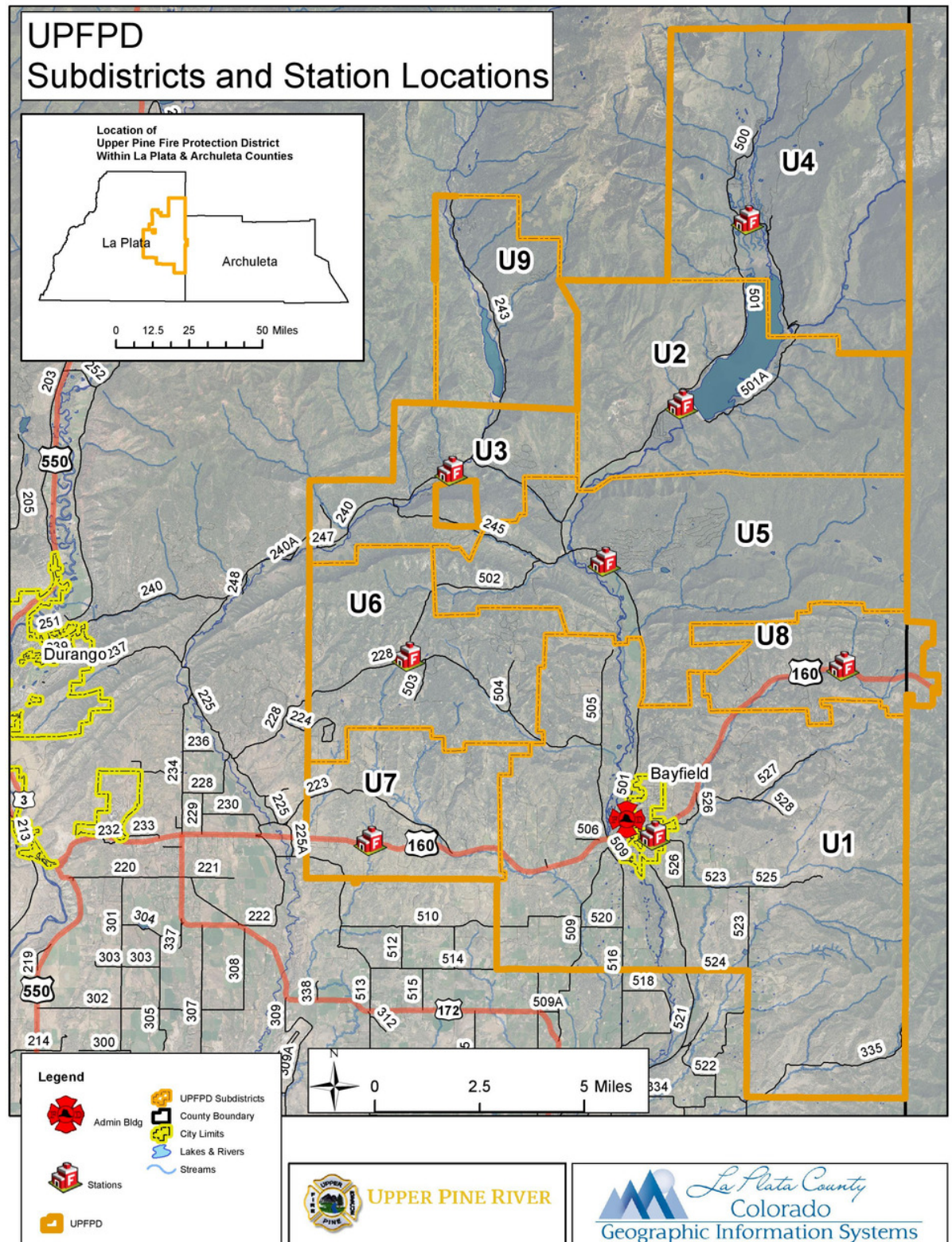
## In 2017 the District had a 15% Cardiac Arrest Save Rate

**\*National rural areas typically have only 1-2% rate**

### Call Volumes



District Fire Stations are located in the suburban density districts of North Vallecito, Bayfield, and Forest Lakes. (See District Map for exact locations)



ADMIN: 515 Sower Dr  
 STATION 1: 75 S. Clover Dr  
 STATION 2: 13100 CR 501  
 STATION 3: 13407 Cr 240  
 STATION 4: 80 W. Vallecito Creek

STATION 5: 6891 CR 501  
 STATION 6: 8476 CR 502  
 STATION 7: 35191 W Hwy 160  
 STATION 8: 49342 E Hwy 160

## RESPONSE TIME GOALS

The District's response time goals are designed to meet the District's Standards of Cover, the National Fire Protection Associations 1710/1720 Standard and the American Heart Association's response guidelines for Stroke, Cardiac Arrest and Acute Myocardial Infarctions (Heart Attacks).

- Suburban Zones with 500-1000 people/sq. mi. call for 10 staff to assemble a fire attack in 10 minutes, 80% of the time. (DISTRICTS 1, 4, 5)
- Rural Zones with <500 people/sq. mi. call for 6 staff to assemble a fire attack in 14 minutes, 80% of the time. (DISTRICTS 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)



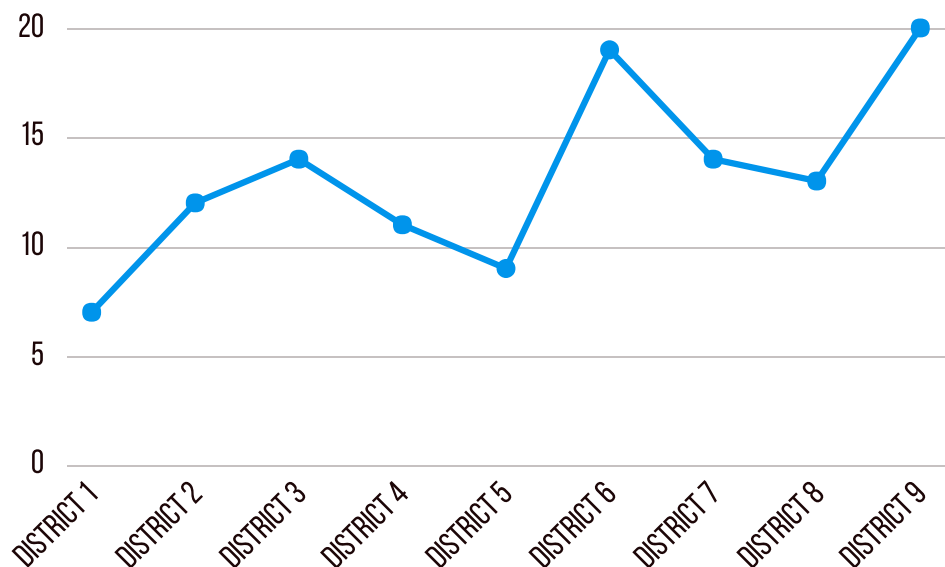
**IMAGETREND**  
FIRE BRIDGE

### Annual Alarm Summary Report

Reporting Between: 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

Situation	Total
Not Specified/Other	1
100 Fire	46
200 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)	5
300 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	561
400 Hazardous Condition(No fire)	28
500 Service Call	48
600 Good Intent Call	119
700 False Alarm & False Call	28
800 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
900 Series Special Incident Type	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>838</b>

## AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES PER DISTRICT



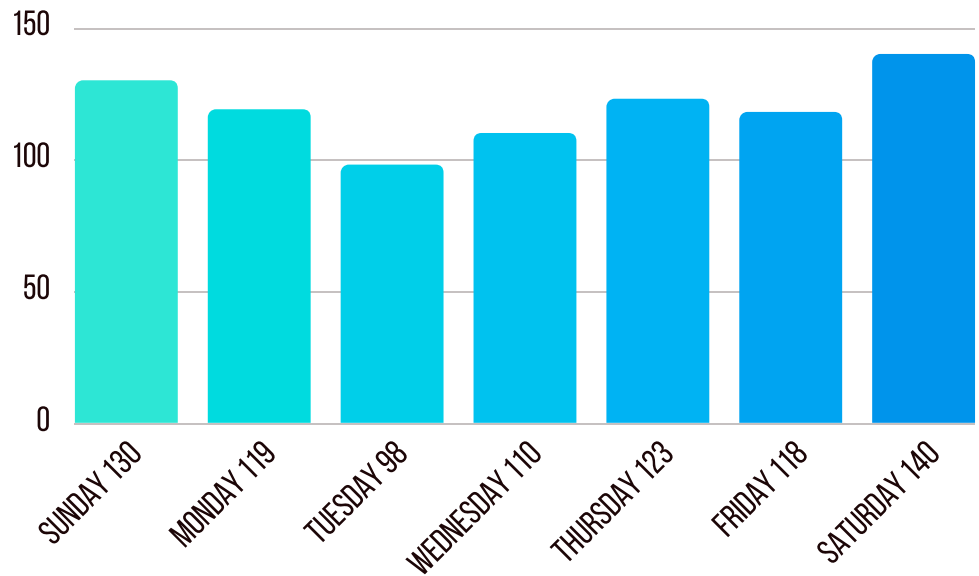
**The District's average response time is 10 mins  
90% of the responses a unit arrives in under 18 minutes**

# PERFORMANCE

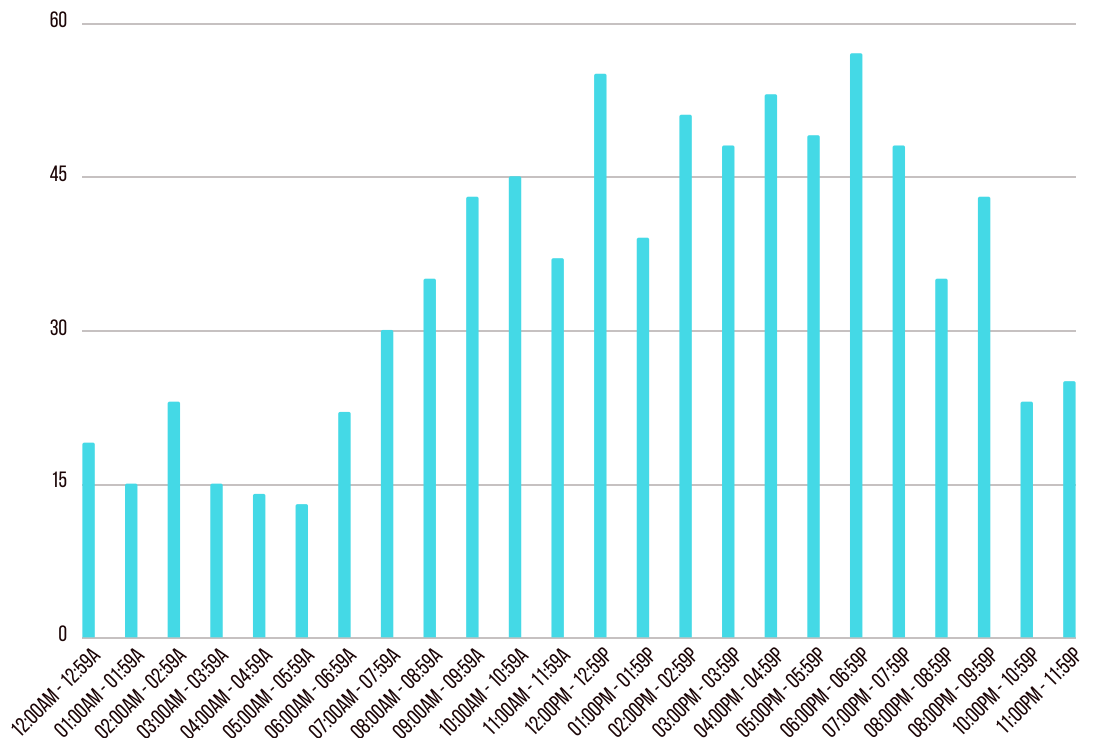
RESPONSE TIMES AND CALL TYPE

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NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY



TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS FOR 2017: 838

# TRAINING

LIFE SAVING EDUCATION

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The training division supports employee professional development and training at all levels of the organization through budgeting, scheduling and program administration.



FIRE : 2,033  
HOURS

EMS : 1,456  
HOURS

TOTAL: 3,489  
HOURS

## 2017 TRAINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Certification of 2 Driver/Operators and Pumper Certification
- Sponsored NAEMT courses in Driver Operations
- Officer development programs on leadership
- S-212 Sawyer Class and certification
- SDA (Special District Association) Leadership Academy
- Sponsored several employees to attend National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD

**CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR**

COVER STORY

Medic 61 was dispatched for a 76 year old male unconscious and unresponsive. Upper Pine crews arrived to find the patient lying on his bed with no pulse and not breathing. He was moved to the floor and CPR began. The defibrillator was engaged on our Life pack and IV access was established. During the first two rounds of CPR no shock was advised but on the third round the patient showed what appeared to be a shockable rhythm. He was shocked and regained a pulse and began to breathe on his own.

Due to the life saving efforts of Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate Tom Barnes, who was first on scene, we are happy to report the patient has recovered from the event and is back home with his wife.

**JOHN TATE AND FF/EMT-I TOM BARNES**

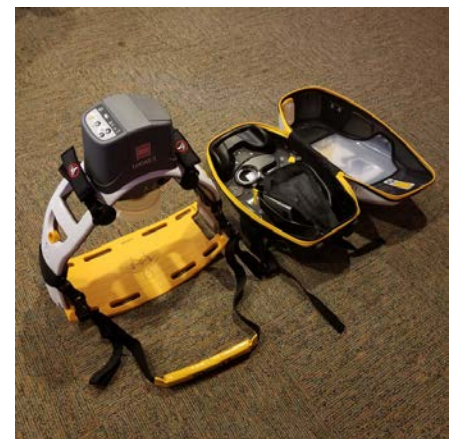
**THE DISTRICT WAS THE SITE OF A BETA TEST FOR A NEW COURSE CALLED "EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS" FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMT'S (NAEMT)**

**CPR/FIRST AID**

**CLASSES AVAILABLE  
CPR@UPPERPINEFPD.ORG  
YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE**

**CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The District Continuous Quality Improvement Program (CQI) utilizes the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's processes to enhance and improve the quality of care and customer service in the fire district. Three current CQI projects undertaken in 2017 included IV (intravenous) access and location, trauma scene times and evaluation of syncope (why people pass out). These studies are designed to improve the IV skills of EMT's and paramedics, decrease response times and improve assessments of patients. More CQI projects are planned for 2018.

**LUCAS CPR DEVICE****THE DISTRICT RECEIVED TWO EMS RELATED GRANTS:**

- EMS Systems Grant for Training Equipment and 3 Lucas CPR Devices \$45,000
- CREATE Grant from the Colorado Rural Health Organization funding EMS Education \$8,000

**EMS**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## HURRICANE HARVEY AMR STRIKE TEAM

The District deployed an ambulance staffed by Firefighter Pete Stockwell and Firefighter Will Shoesmith as part of the Hurricane Harvey relief effort. The crew had orders to report to a staging area in San Antonio, Texas. Firefighter Shoesmith was designated Strike Team Leader for Strike Team 36. The team was comprised of ambulances and crews from Texas, South Carolina and Missouri. From there, the drive to Houston exposed the sheer devastation with flood waters lapping at the side of the road and the roofs of cars barely evident under the rising tide. The initial staging area was deemed unsafe due to rising waters in the reservoirs above Houston, threatening to flood the area. While in route to an alternative staging area, the roads became impassible and multiple strike teams found themselves taking shelter in a nearby Bucee's gas station. As the waters continued to rise, it became apparent that this was going to be home for a handful of days. In that time United States Army Reserve teams brought in evacuees from assisted living homes throughout Houston enabling staged crews to triage and help place them on appropriate transport to shelters.

Strike Team 36 was then sent to Beaumont, Texas to aid in evacuations. Route finding in the flooded expanse of East Texas soon became an inherent skill for the Strike Team Leaders. Upon arrival in Beaumont, they found a city without running water. As the weather started to clear teams were sent into the heart of the city to help evacuate hospitals and get folks home where possible. This lead to an adventurous evening for a couple of ambulances, Upper Pine's included, that found the road back to Beaumont closed for the night. A detour through some of the back roads of Louisiana failed to provide safe passage resulting in the crews bedding down in their rigs in a small nameless town. Things started to wind down at this point and after a couple of days staged in Beaumont teams were sent back to Houston for demobilization as the emergency relief efforts came to an end.



## LEMON RESERVOIR ANGLE RESCUE

A miraculous rescue occurred in the Transfer Park above Lemon Reservoir on Sept 9, 2017. A climber fell over 100 feet sustaining life threatening injuries. A wilderness fire responder moved the victim to his side and prevented what would have been a fatal airway injury without that intervention. Upper Pine River Fire and La Plata County Search and Rescue retrieved the patient and moved him out and across a river to an awaiting Flight For Life Helicopter. The patient was air lifted to Denver and has since returned home to his family and is making a steady recovery.

The 2017 Wildland Division had another safe and productive wildland season. The season was a bit unique this year in that the USFS Columbine District contracted Upper Pine Brush 62 to patrol and engage fire suppression and fire management operations in their district. This worked out well as our district overlaps the eastern portion of Columbine Ranger District therefore providing protection for both the forest and our Bayfield customers. The contract (severity) assignment extended through the warmest and most active part of the monsoon season, June through August. It was a pleasure working alongside our USFS brothers and look forward to the opportunity again this summer.

### CHIPPER PROJECTS

The District continues to work with homeowners, HOA's and Fire Wise South West Colorado encouraging residents create good defensible space around their homes. Chipping is a convenient way to rid properties of slash without hauling or burning. The commercial grade chipper and a crew of 2 trained operators feed and safely operate the equipment for \$250.00 per day

Homeowners in Tween Lakes, Enchanted Forest, Deer Valley, Los Ranchitos and Aspen Trails organized a Chipper Day in their respective subdivisions. The program is building steam as the communities are starting to make the Chipper Day an annual event.

#### UPPER PINE CHIPPER PROGRAM:

\$250.00/DAY

2 TRAINED OPERATORS FEED AND SAFELY OPERATE CHIPPER  
GREAT WAY TO REMOVE SLASH WITHOUT HAULING OR BURNING

### MITIGATION PROJECTS

The Wildland Division completed the Stevens Grant Forest Lakes mitigation project mid-summer. In total over 350 acres were mitigated over the course of the grant, assisting homeowners with defensible space.

We have recently been approved for a FEMA mitigation grant for the Los Ranchitos subdivision. Crews began work on demonstration lots in the fall of 2017. Mitigation work will help decrease fire intensity in the area and will also help protect the watershed from debris flows that could contaminate the Florida River, a Durango water supply. Debris flows are often a bi-product of large hot fires as vegetation and root systems are destroyed as a direct result of high intensity fires.



We encourage residents to mitigate and maintain their own properties creating defensible space around their homes.

# WILDLAND

MITIGATION & FIRE RESOURCE

## COMMUNITY BURNS

When resources are available, the crew burns (or assists with burns) for those that are unable to burn agricultural property or slash piles. This year 11 agricultural/pasture burns were completed and 22 homeowners were assisted. We appreciated the total \$1,115.00 donated from some of the residents that requested our help.

**\$1,115.00 IN DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONTROLLED BURN ASSISTANCE**  
**\$6,755.00 WORTH OF GOOD WILL AGRICULTURAL BURNS/ SLASH PILES**  
**22 HOMEOWNERS ASSISTED WITH SLASH PILE BURNS**



## WILDFIRE ASSIGNMENTS

We send wildland engine crews, reserve equipment and contracted staff out all over the country to large fires. This generates revenue into the District. Crews and equipment participated in fires in Colorado, Washington, Montana and California this year. Experience gained on these fires better prepares crews for potential fires within the District.



## SONOMA FIRE

In October California was under a state of emergency. The wildfires grew so big it taxed their states resources. Colorado deployed numerous engines to California under a Large CalFire resource order. We sent one Type 3 engine and crew to help battle the California fires in Sonoma County specifically the Pocket fire. The Pocket fire was part of a complex that burned over 110,000 acres and devastated the wine country.

# PREVENTION

## FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

### PARTNERING WITH THE LIBRARY

- Fired Up Reading and Station Tour- Held at the Library and various fire stations. Firefighters read books to the children and conduct fire station tours. During one event an actual alarm was received and the children were able to see first-hand what the firefighters put on and did before leaving the fire station with lights and sirens. We reached 94 children and their parents at these activities.
- STEAM Fair- children learn about science at various booths. Firefighters taught the science of using steam as it expanded from water to help put out fire as well as the cooling effect of water. We contacted approximately 60 children and 30 adults at this event.
- Fire Prevention Week-Junior Firefighter Agility Course. Children ran obstacles dressed in a turnout coat and helmet which included a giant teddy bear drag, hose carry and a few other obstacles before reaching the finish line. They could also explore the fire apparatus and other vehicles onsite. Inside the library the children received fire prevention handouts and could watch videos about fire safety. We also featured handouts for adults informing them on fire safety, local services and mitigation information

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Mill Street block party- The children had a great time meeting the firefighters and getting to squirt water at our miniature house that was simulated to be on fire. Approximately 200 children and their parents and grandparents took part using this exciting educational prop.
- Forest Lakes Community Center Bucket Brigade- We showed the children how firefighters in the past used a bucket brigade. The children teamed up and passed buckets of water to each other and the last one in line would throw the water at the prop to put out the fire. They then used the fire hose and found that it worked much better to use a fire truck then the old time bucket brigade method. We saw 30 children and 10 adults at this event.
- Firefighters serve lunch to the Elementary School and the Primary School the day before Thanksgiving break. Between each serving session the firefighters would sit down with students at their tables. The children really enjoy meeting the firefighters and talking with them. We contacted approximately 500 children this past year at the schools.

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- The District responds to requests for ISO protection class questions from homeowners and insurance companies to insure they get proper insurance rates and in some cases get the homeowners insurance coverage when it was first thought unattainable.
- The staff conducts pre-fire planning on occupancies and/or complexes within our jurisdiction.
- The Fire Marshal continues to do code inspections for commercial business and works to get compliance on necessary corrections to the fire code.

## CHAPLAIN JAMES NEWMAN "CHAPPY"

James was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 30, 1930. Early in life, his family moved several times as his father's job dictated. They lived in Tennessee, Missouri, and Texas. James graduated from Ball High School in Galveston, Texas. He went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and completed his MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

James met his wife, Louise Steindam, while he was in college. They married on January 29, 1954. They had three children: Kathy, Don, and Leon. During James' life he pastored numerous churches, which included Iglesia Primera Bautista de Inglés in Maracaibo, Venezuela (1960-1963); served on the staff at First Baptist Church of Dallas, where he led the Good Shepherd ministry (1966-1975); and other churches throughout Texas. He also worked for the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Upon his retirement, James and Louise moved to Bayfield, Colorado. While there, he again pastored at First Baptist Church in Bayfield, Colorado, and filled in as Supply Pastor for other churches in the area. James also served for many years as the Chaplain for the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District. This is where he was lovingly given the name "Chappy".

It was his great love for our community and fellow man that prompted the District to dedicate an award in his honor in 2016. This award for outstanding community service has been affectionately dubbed "The Chappy". Each year a member from the District is presented this award for going above and beyond for those around them. The District is humbled to have had such a great man serve alongside the crews and be able to carry on a legacy in his name.

James Walton Newman, 87, passed peacefully on December 18, 2017, from complications of Parkinson's. A Memorial Service will be held June 9, 2018 at the Bayfield Cemetary.



CHAPLAIN JAMES NEWMAN

MEMORIAL



**OLIVIA CAPPETTA**

The District has hosted a total of five international interns for the past five consecutive summers. In 2017 the University of Institute Technology, Bordeaux, France sent Olivia Cappetta to our department for the summer to gain experience in the United States Fire Service. Interns often come interested in American fire department gear, tactics, programs and lifestyle. Their time is spent training with the crews, responding to emergency incidents and integrating with the community. Interns are required by their University to assume and complete a project to suffice their undergraduate requirement. The internship is usually the last step for some students before earning their Bachelor's Degree in a fire related topic.

Olivia Cappetta was studying Health Safety and Environment in Bordeaux, France and working as a volunteer firefighter in her local city of Sete. She came with experience in structural and wildland firefighting, as well as a good understanding of basic emergency field medicine. Olivia integrated with the crews very quickly and loved the challenge of training with the different shifts. On Olivia's first day in America she found herself participating in a multiagency exercise and had the rare opportunity to take a ride in our local Flight for Life helicopter. She was part of a weeklong chainsaw class put on by the Forest Service that taught the maintenance and safe operation of chainsaws. At the end of the class, students were graded on their ability to execute the precise procedures required to safely fall large diameter trees.

Olivia chose the western region of the US because of her special interest in wildland fires. Her undergraduate project was to create a comprehensive 265 square mile Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan to be utilized as an official document at the District. Her willingness to succeed as an intern and contagiously positive attitude made her a very memorable and valued individual.



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INTERNSHIP



## KALEB HECK

In 2017 the District had a unique opportunity to host a Bayfield High School student as an intern. Kaleb Heck, a senior at Bayfield High, enrolled in a class that required him to do an internship in a field that he was interested in pursuing after high school. Kaleb approached the District before the school year started stating that he was interested in becoming a firefighter/paramedic after graduation. Like most firefighters, Kaleb's interest in the field was sparked by his grandfather who is a retired fire chief from New Orleans.

During his internship Kaleb was assigned to work with C shift where he was given a rookie book and began training with the crews as if he was a rookie firefighter. In addition to trainings he also took part in the daily life with the crew including working out, cooking, cleaning and responding on calls. On his first shift Kaleb got to respond on a structure fire, a massive trauma that ended with a helicopter transport and other various medical calls. From that moment he was hooked and couldn't wait to come back.

Kaleb's dedication to learning all he could about the field led him to sign up for the EMT course that the District hosted. Upon completion of the course he will be eligible to take the National Registry test for EMT certification once he turns 18 in the summer. In addition, the District has offered to put him through training to obtain his red card which will allow him to work on the Wildland Division where he will be able to go out on wildland assignments.

The West Metro Fire Academy in Denver requires sponsorship and due to Kaleb's dedication and enthusiasm the District has offered to sponsor his attendance. The academy will provide the necessary certifications to be considered for employment at most departments.

We were very fortunate that such a committed student was so interested in working with us to help form his future in the field of fire and EMS.



# INTERNSHIP

BAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL INTERN

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### JANUARY

ISO rating upgraded to a 3/4

Fundraiser at Riverside RV Park with fireworks for Jared, a young cancer patient

### MARCH

Jim Tenza from Timberdale Ranch gets Wildfire Mitigation Award from International Association of Fire Chiefs

Mark Fleming receives Firefighter of the Year Award from the Masonic Lodge

### APRIL

French intern, Olivia Cappetta, arrives

### MAY

May 6th Wildfire Preparedness Day Aspen Trails Community Event

EMS Week Dan Miller Paramedic of The Year and Jason Jeep EMT of the Year



EMS Week BBQ and Awards



FF Fleming receiving Firefighter of the Year 2017 by Masonic Lodge

### JUNE

County Road 223 Structure Fire

District sent mutual aid to Durango Fire for Lightner Creek Fire

### JULY

Texas family crashed on US 160 and lost family dog. It was reunited with the family after a large area search.

E-60 assigned and managed a fire at Beaver Meadows for the United States Forest Service

### AUGUST

District deploys ambulance to Hurricane Harvey under the National Ambulance Strike Team Program



FF Will Shoesmith and FF Pete Stockwell in front of their medic unit before heading out on assignment to meet up with Strike Team 36



## SEPTEMBER

Technical rescue of critically injured climber at Transfer Park  
CR 504 Wildfire contained to less than an acre  
MDA Fill the Boot raises \$677.43 despite lightning storm  
SAFER Grant awarded \$303,000.00 from FEMA for 3 firefighters over 3 years

## OCTOBER

Offers EMT class to local first responders  
Ambulance sent to Napa for Wildfires as part of the American Medical Response (AMR) National Ambulance Strike Team  
Engine sent to Napa Wildfires as part of Emergency Management Assisted  
Compact request to Colorado  
Swearing in of career firefighters



Swearing in ceremony



FF Vito Ciccirelli & his father

## DECEMBER

Passing of District Chaplin James Newman  
Lisa Eckert receives James Newman Award  
Valor Awards presented to Capt Andy Miller and FF Vito Ciccirelli for removing a victim under severe fire conditions  
Lifesaving Awards to Capt Graham's Crew for the A Shift cardiac arrest save  
Capt Josh Schmidt receives Fire Captain of the Year 2017  
Firefighter Mark Fleming receives Firefighter of the Year 2017  
Firefighter Corey Adamy commended for his efforts remembering local fallen firefighters



Lisa Eckert receives James Newman Award



A-Shift receives Lifesaver Awards



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



**IS WHAT WE DO**