

Lyons Fire District 2021 Annual Report

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2021 has been a challenging, and exciting time for the Lyons Fire Protection District. I started as the Fire Chief in March after moving to Colorado from Phoenix and began the process of meeting a lot of new faces and starting on the evaluation process that many new Fire Chiefs do as they take over a new department. Interim Chief Pischke did a wonderful job keeping the department together during the transition and has given me great guidance on the past history of the Lyons Fire Protection District.

As the pandemic continued to take ahold of our residents in Colorado, the Lyons Fire Protection District continued to provide excellent service to our community, while taking strict precautions to keep our members safe. We also had to alter our training schedule, with precautions, to make sure all of our training needs were still being met. The pandemic brought challenges with this, but the Lyons Fire Protection District continued to meet the needs of our community.

With all of the changes and challenges, the members of Lyons Fire faced all of this with a determination that would make any community proud to have Lyons Fire as its Fire Department. Through it all the Department continued to provide an excellent service level to the citizens of both the Town of Lyons and the folks living in unincorporated Boulder and Larimer Counties.

As the new Fire Chief, I cannot say enough about the members of this department and how they stepped up and took charge of and addressed all of the issues that came their way. I was very impressed to see their commitment and professionalism, especially with all of the changes I wanted to accomplish. Without the support of the Board, members of the department and the community it would have been difficult to achieve all that Lyons Fire did in 2021. The citizens of the District should know that Lyons Fire will continue to grow and be a full-service Fire department that the community can be proud of **and which will continue to meet whatever challenges they are faced with in the future.**

Lyons Fire Overview

Mission Statement:

Through leadership, professionalism, dedication, integrity and training, the Lyons Fire Department strives to protect the lives and property of the people of Lyons during any time of need. This is accomplished by responding safely and quickly with trained, skilled and motivated volunteer members. We continue aggressively to prevent the need for emergency response through public relations, fire prevention, and education. We also strive to protect and preserve the health and wellness of our volunteer membership, their families and the community...anytime, any need.



The Lyons Fire Protection District is a combination fire department consisting of both paid and volunteer members. The District covers almost 70 square miles that includes the Town of Lyons and portions of Boulder and Larimer Counties. A little more than 6,200 residents live in the District which has been largely designated as being in a wildland urban interface setting.

The District has two multibay fire stations. Station 1 is located at 251 Broadway, Lyons, and Station 2 is at 1250 County Rd. 37e, Unincorporated Larimer County.

The department has five paid personnel, a full-time Chief and three paid Officer/Firefighters; a full-time Administrative Assistant; a part-time Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal; a part-time financial/budget person, and 28 volunteers. The department also has six auxiliary members who support the activities and operations of the department as well as one contract service person who lends their expertise in all aspects involving the purchase and maintenance of the department's apparatus.

The following statistics provide a quick overview of the amount of time Lyons Firefighters spent serving the District in 2021.

- Total number of Day Shift hours for paid personnel: 4020 hours
- Total number of Night Shift hours for paid personnel: 3998 hours.
- Total number of Day Shift hours for volunteer personnel: 6998 hours 15 min.
- Total number of Night Shift hours for volunteer personnel: 4523 hours 45 min.

Notable Accomplishment of Lyons Fire in 2021

Despite all of the challenges and changes experienced in 2020, the members of Lyons Fire can be proud of the many accomplishments they were able to achieve during the year. All of these accomplishments could not have been done without the hard work and dedication of the men and women of Lyons Fire.

- The promotion of one of our Captains to the rank of Battalion Chief to manage the training and operations divisions.
- Intern Chief Steve Pischke agreed to stay with the Lyons Fire Protection District as the Part-Time Assistant Chief and is coordinating our Fire Prevention Division.
- The hiring of a Full-Time Administrative Assistant in July.
- Instituted a new electronic reporting system to assist with accurate reporting for Fire and EMS reports.
- Completed remodeling projects at Fire Stations 1 and 2 to allow for final inspections.
- All Officers enrolled and started to process to complete the Type 4 and Type 5 incident command Blue Card Training. This training will give our officers the ability to better manage incidents that occur in our district.
- Completed creating the specifications for a new full-size fire engine (referred to as a Type I Fire Engine) that will be delivered to Lyons Fire and be put in service in the first quarter of 2022. This will replace one of the Fire District's two 20+ year-old fire engines.
- Worked with Hygiene Fire and Lefthand Fire to create and sign an Automatic Aid agreement to improve weight of response for all three districts.
- Redesigned our training schedule to better educate our members in an all-hazard approach.

- Completed the budget process for 2022 with an addition of a Part-Time Firefighter position to enhance our staffing on a daily basis.
- Completed the process of outfitting our new Brush Truck (referred to as a Type VI engine). This project was over a year and a half in the making. This unit replaced an older model unit that had gone past its service life and was retired and later sold at auction.
- Worked with Hygiene Fire and Lefthand Fire to create a Standard of Coverage plan to ensure that adequate resources were being dispatched to specific call types.
- Began the process of purchasing new turnout gear for our firefighters. Our turnout gear has a 10 year usable lifespan so all of our gear needs to be replaced over the next three years.
- Wrote and were awarded a grant from the United Way for \$17,500 to assist with turnout purchases.
- Developed and completed a regional grant through the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for replacement of portable radios. This will allow us to become interoperable with other fire departments and other agencies during emergency incidents. The grant included Lyons, Lefthand Fire, Hygiene Fire and Pinewood Springs Fire. This grant is for \$703,384 to upgrade all radios in our region.
- Developed and completed a regional grant through the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the replacement of self contained breathing apparatus (airpacks). This would upgrade all airpacks in our region and enable us to operate safely together. This grant involved Lyons Fire, Lefthand Fire, Hygiene Fire, Allenspark Fire and Pinewood Springs Fire. This grant is for \$600,170 to upgrade all SCBAs in our region.
- Revised and updated the Wildland Fire Division of the Department. This consisted of appointing one of the new Lieutenants and one of our auxiliary members to make sure the requirements for each wildland Firefighter meet those established by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control and defined by the National Wildland Coordinating Group.
- Additionally, the department created a Public Information Division that has enabled Lyons Fire to keep the public up to date on incidents occurring in the District as well as other information that is intended to keep the public informed via news releases, public service announcements on our Facebook page and our website.
- Was awarded a grant from DOLA in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase two LifePak 15 heart monitors so we can start the process of providing Advanced Life Support level care in Lyons. This equipment is for Paramedic Level Care.
- The Fire Prevention Division began the process of visiting every business in Lyons to gather information to begin our Pre-Plan and Fire Inspection Program. This will start the formal process of helping our business owners make their business more safe from fires occurring and giving our members access to document hazards in the buildings in case a fire occurs.
- Hired 7 new Recruit Volunteer Firefighters and successfully completed their training academy.
- Attended two Live Burn trainings at the Boulder County Training Facility.
- All department members completed the refresher course for Swift Water Rescue to prepare for our busy river season.

- Developed the River Safety Task Force to start making our rivers more safe for tubers during our busy tourist season.
- The Department also continued to recruit volunteer Firefighters and after an advertising campaign in the fall, the department conducted interviews of an additional 9 new candidates who were introduced and became new recruits in January of 2021.

2021 Incidents Report

Lyons Fire responded to 355 incidents in 2021:

Medical: 171

Structure Fires: 8

Wildland Fires: 30

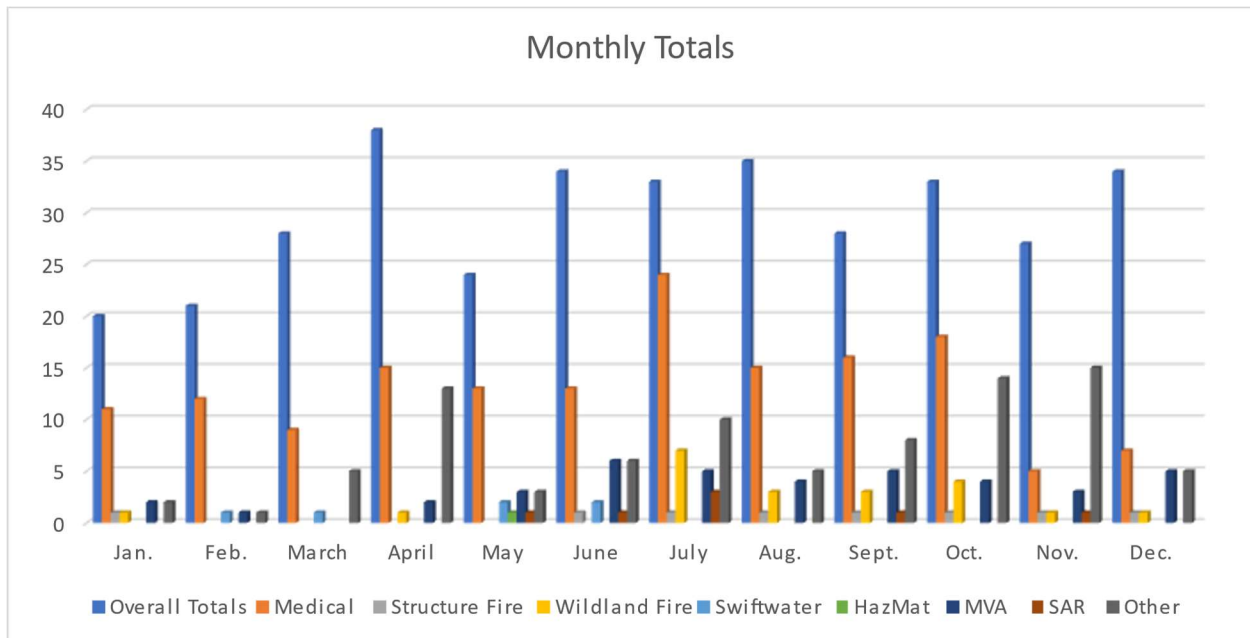
Swiftwater: 3

HAZMAT: 2

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 35

Search & Rescue: 16

Other: 90



2021 Training Hours

Lyons Firefighters attended 426 hours of training in 2021 in the following categories:

Medical: 52

Structure Fires: 124

Wildland Fires: 38.5

HAZMAT: 10

Swiftwater Rescue: 24

Ice Rescue: 9.5

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 13

Other Training: 135.5

	Overall Totals	Medical	Structure Fire	Wildland Fire	HazMat	Swiftwater Rescue	Tech. Rescue	Ice Rescue	Motor Vehicle	Other
January	33.5	6	5					9.5		13
February	28.5	9	10							9.5
March	22.75	2	17	1						2.75
April	37.75	2	5	9.5	4		4			13.25
May	45.5	4	24	6		2				9.5
June	63	7	6.5	6		22			4	17.5
July	36	9	8	5						14
August	42	4	5	10			8.5			14.5
September	31.5	2	6				1		8	14.5
October	39.5	2	23.5							14
November	22	3	5	1	6				1	6
December	24	2	9				6			7
2021 Totals	426	52	124	38.5	10	24	19.5	9.5	13	135.5

Board of Directors

The department is overseen by a five-member Board of Directors who serve staggered terms and are elected at large by the constituents of the Fire District.

- Paul Davidovich, Board President
- Keith Spenser, Vice President
- Brian Roberts, Secretary
- Chris Cope, Treasurer & LURA representative
- Dave Roth, Director & Lyons Fire Fund representative

Lyons Fire Department Roster

Four paid personnel: Full-time Chief and three paid Officer/Firefighters

Part-Time Assistant Chief

Full-Time Administrative Assistant

Part-Time Financial Administrator

28 Volunteers

6 Auxiliary

8 New Recruits

2 Firefighter I Graduates

4 Firefighter II Graduates

2 EMT Graduates

Officers:

- Chief Peter A. Zick
- Assistant Chief: Steve Pischke
- Battalion Chief: Allan Sheeley
- Captains Gregory Schrod, Josh Thompson, Zach Hart
- Lieutenants: Emily Gubler, Jon Stambaugh, Marya Washburn, Bowe Herman, Brian Vassel

Firefighters:

- Mark Bielecki
- Kevin Boccolucci
- Zach Brunson
- Ben Chilton
- Kaelyn Dabney
- Andres Diaz
- Shannon Davis
- Griffin Ferguson
- Kellen Froese

- Chris Gatlin
- Aaron Hickey
- Alias Maldonado
- Connor Messinger
- Juan Pliego
- Ann Reid
- Enrique Sandoval
- Chris Rudnick
- Dain Sattler
- Ivan Tellez
- Juliana Van Winkle
- Leigh Williams
- Kim Wilmington

Auxiliary Members:

- John Bohn
- Sue Cullen
- Kirk Garrison
- John Tuley
- Dave Roth (moved to the Board of Directors late in 2020.)
- Paul Davidovich (moved to Board of Directors late in 2020)
- Linda Thatcher

Financials

	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Estimated 2021
RESOURCES:			
Beginning Balance: Jan. 1	991,737	1,048,869	1,097,182
Fund Revenue:			
Property taxes	637,651	700,702	711,639
Specific Ownership Taxes	38,082	36,938	32,483
Grants	15,330	87,810	138,501
Interest Income	26,960	7,498	519
Other Income	14,265	66,864	16,151
Total Revenues	732,288	899,811	899,293
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	1,724,025	1,948,680	1,996,475
	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Estimated 2021
EXPENDITURES:			
Fire Administration	116,731	163,940	170,282
Salaries and Benefits	322,212	422,103	359,498
Operations	26,830	39,088	141,718
Training	14,983	27,193	19,579
Apparatus, Vehicles, Other	25,259	33,759	47,077
Site & Buildings	25,057	45,814	95,173
Capital Acquisitions	92,090	82,093	270,588
Volunteer Pension Contrib.	49,942	37,508	45,516
Other Expenses	2,051		16,088
Total Expenditures	675,157	851,498	1,165,520
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	57,131	48,313	(266,227)
Ending Balance: Dec. 31	1,048,869	1,097,182	830,955

Acquisition Fund

The Fire Department Acquisition Fund is a separate fund that contains monies raised by a tax levy that constrains its spending to only a few stated uses, like capital acquisitions, salaries and recruitment & retention.

	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Estimated 2021
RESOURCES:			
Beginning Balance: Jan. 1	150,034	197,918	260,584
Fund Revenue:			
Property taxes	138,142	155,384	154,681
Specific Ownership Taxes	8,250	8,176	5,449
Interest Income	5,038	1,789	104
Total Revenues	151,430	165,349	160,234

TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	301,464	363,267	420,818
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	4,772		252,252
Administration	2,205	2,469	2,535
Personal Protective Equip.	11,167		
Capital Acquisitions	85,401	100,214	
Total Expenditures	103,546	102,683	254,787
Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	47,884	62,666	(94,553)
Ending Balance: Dec. 31	197,918	260,584	166,031

Apparatus

Designator	Year	Model/Make	Type
4001	1996	Smeal	Type I Engine
4002	1996	Smeal	Type I Engine
4011	2014	International	Type IV Engine
4021	2015	Ford F-350	Ambulance
4031	2019	Ford F-350	Type VI Brush Truck
4032	2008	Dodge Sterling 5500	Type VI Brush Truck
4033	2012	Dodge Ram	Type VI Brush Truck
4041	2012	International	Type I Water Tender
4042	2006	Freightliner	Type II Water Tender
4051	2013	Ford F-350	Type VI 1-Ton Truck
4052	2013	Ford F-350	Fast Attack Med Vehicle
CMD (4050)	2019	Ford F-150	Command Vehicle
4053	2016	Polaris Ranger	Crew UTV
4054	2014	Polaris Ranger	Crew UTV
4055	2010	Polaris Sportsman	ATV
4057	2010	Polaris Sportsman	ATV