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**ACTION ITEMS**

**FOLLOW UP**

**OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION**

**Calls to date- 42 (as of 2/6/25)**

**Calls of significance:**

Only one call at Eldora this month.

Car crash on Sugarloaf road.  Non-injury but involved patient came by the station later with store bought treats because she was thankful for the kindness from our dept responders

Male pepper sprayed @ a local business after riding around on the hood of a car in town.

Stroke pt in Big Springs, AMR transported the patient emergent to the hospital.

Responders helped a man stuck in the snow in his wheelchair.

Patient with an axe injury to the arm.

We had 4 responders cover for Sugarloaf’s awards party,  We ran 1 call but were cancelled prior to arrival.

## Operations/ Wildland

## We had the main furnace fail during our cold snap and lost heat to all the offices on the first floor. Daniel was able to diagnose the problem and have it repaired the same day. Once he had the furnace up and running, he discovered the other furnace had failed. Oddly enough both furnaces failed within days of each other and had the same failed part. Since the Chief bought the last part in Boulder Daniel found another part in Denver the following day. Both are operating correctly now.

## Garage door opener for 5632 at station 2 failed. A new one is ordered.

## The snow maintenance continues.

## Captain Faes did a bunch of drywall repairs upstairs in preparation for painting.

## We received a generous donation from Jake Gaventa and Mammut of

## 4- 35 liter backpacks, 4 avalanche transceivers, 4 avalanche probes and 4 shovels. Thank you to Jake and Mammut.

## Several of the light covers in downstairs in the building have been replaced.

## We interviewed and offered jobs to 2 new PRN paramedics. Welcome Jason Blumen from Denver Health and PJ Moon (Nederland Fire) Estes Park Health.

## Capt. Wheelock, was called to a multi-use building that was a business and residence for a gas odor and identified several infractions including a gas leak. Once Chief and Fire Marshal Joslin were on scene we were able to contact the building manager and rehouse/relocate the residents. The infractions will be covered in the Fire Marshals report.

## Cad tunnel project has been completed. New monitor with cad access and updates has been installed in the hallway outside the radio room.

## Several SOP’s have been updated.

## We received several sets of new bunker gear just in time for fire academy.

## Special thanks to Elektra Greer for writing the DFPC Firefighter Disease and Safety Grant with the Chief and thanks to FF Briscombe for proofreading it.

## We completed the NFPD Annual Report, thanks to all the staff for their work on it.

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## Vehicles:

Approved the first set of drawings for our ambulance concept build, marking tangible progress in the acquisition of our new ambulance. Estimated delivery date for the new ambulance remains April 2026.

## 5633- New manifold for 5633 has been started, and most of the wiring has been ordered and delivered. We were able to order new lenses for some of the lightbars we already had. This refreshes the lightbar but saves us several thousand on the purchase of a new lightbar. Capt. Faes has also been working on building baskets for each side of the truck. (They will probably be complete by the time this has been presented.)

## 5650- Fuel gelled enroute to a call and had to be towed back to the station and kept inside to heat up the fuel.

## 5621- fuel tank fell out and was hanging by the hoses. Daniel repaired.

## 5651- 4 wheel drive failed twice, front axle actuator has been replaced, it is hopefully repaired now.

## 5642, Tire leaking, and a couple valves have failed, working on repairs now. We will most likely need to replace the tires on it.

## 5631 went into limp mode, Daniel read the codes, changed the air filter and solved the problem.

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## Safety/ Training

## Several SCBA trainings were hosted by all captains to help prepare our firefighters for fire academy.

## Capt. Wheelock hosted a Command training for officers in the department, others were allowed to attend but primary focus was for staff that will take command on larger incidents

## Chief attended the 40 hour section of the COTC Operations 2 (section 4 in the class) in Grand Junction. There are 32 hours left of the program in May.

## Capt. Wheelock taught additional an command training to LtC’ s Swanson and M. Papich.

## Capt. Faes hosted a class on respiratory emergencies and a different training on ladders

## AMR ran several different trauma scenarios for our members

## Capt. Moran ran further training’s on size up reports, donning and doffing gear and radio communications.

## Capt. Wheelock taught firefighter self-rescue and RIT

## BES (our new mutual aid partner) came up to teach us on traffic control.

**EMS**

Capt. Moran is currently in the process of renewing permissions for our state accounts and education center.

Due to more challenges with hosting the EMT program, we are working on a program called Cocera. Cocera is a hybrid course where some class is held online and skills are handled in a classroom. Capt. Moran is working on securing approval to host a skills session here but facing challenges in getting responses.

Capt. Moran has:

Initiated a relationship with Richard O’Neil of Lyons Fire EMS to explore potential collaborative efforts for improved efficiency and labor savings for teaching classes like EMT

Replaced all outdated medications to maintain compliance and ensure readiness.

Reorganized medical supply areas to enhance restocking efficiency and improve inventory control.

Built out medication modules in First Due, allowing for improved medication inventory and administration tracking.