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To: Whom it may concern

07/31/2013

From: Chief Daniel L Dailey

Subject: Proposed changes for better fire protection in the southern end of Lake County

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to discuss matters of fire protection and perhaps fire mitigation, and how we can all work together as a community to work toward a common goal. I am honored that so many of you have a great interest in life safety and for the safety of others in this part of our county.

My goals as your Fire Chief to serve you better as we move forward will not happen over night, but I do assure you that they will happen with great dedication for funding, policy, process, procedures and support.

1. To continue to work towards a fire district for Leadville/Lake County residence for better funding and better service to our community.
2. To build a remote station. "STATION 2" This station will be located on county land around, or near county road 10 and Highway 24 south. (mineral impact grant with a tremendous amount of in-kind already toward the project)
3. Staffing this firehouse will depend on whether or not there is a SAFER grant awarded like there has been in the past. If awarded... This will give young men and woman the opportunity to obtain their AAS degree in fire science while they reside at this station. They would be required to sign up for 5-24 hour shifts a month exchange for their education paid in full for them. Another option would be to obtain interest to house reserve firefighters in this facility, and pay for all of their required training in today's modern fire service. This training would be paid for and their requirement would be to pull 48 hours a month. I would like to believe that if this opportunity was afforded to an inspiring firefighter that "If we build it, They will come"
4. Apparatus that will be in this facility in the Southern end of the county will be, 2 Type 6 Engines, 1 Type 1 Engine, 1 Hazmat vehicle (Hammer 1), 1 Decon Tractor Trailer (Haz Mat), 1 Air and Light Compressor, the 1928 Model A, 1 Dodge Utility Vehicle, and possibly a Water Tender.

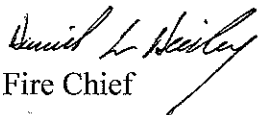
5. My Training Officer and I have had great conversation with CMC to become a training facility at high altitude for firefighters. We have the support of the college and will continue to work towards this goal. If this happens a couple of things will follow in suit.
  - A. We will continue to instruct Firefighter I academies and Hazardous Material Operations courses here in Leadville/Lake County which will retain reserve firefighters interested in serving this community and continuing their education.
  - B. A training facility can serve all emergency services with their needs for training... and those would be but not limited to, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Medical, Fire, Technical Rescue, and outside agencies.
  - C. I have also understood that if our county becomes a recognized training facility area that it can possibly lower your ISO rating by 1 point. This still needs to be confirmed.
6. My Training Officer and I have also formed the Headwaters Joint Training Officers Association for the Upper Arkansas Valley area in the month of June. The key players in this are Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue, Chaffee County Fire Protection District, Buena Vista Fire Department, South Arkansas Fire Protection District, and Salida Fire Department. This will open lines of communication! This Association will answer the questions on what the needs are for this valley, and how we better serve our community through training and coordination. To include the out laying areas of our communities and what that coordination looks like.
7. My Wildland Firefighter Program Coordinator and I are working towards better ways to reach out to the public pertaining to fire mitigation and what it will take to fund this project. We are currently working with the State Forest Service on grant funding and TARGET areas of interest on where to start first. My officer and I are also working toward putting together a task force and or a strike team for the Upper Arkansas Valley area. This will give us the opportunity to ask for a lot of equipment and personnel in a more effective way to have them deployed to areas of active wildland fires.
8. I am also going to place a Type 6 engine in the Twin Lakes building until further notice. There are strict guidelines and policies that I need to follow in order to take care of **ALL** of Lake County. So while all three type 6 engines are in district, E-603 will be placed in Twin Lakes. When one of the Type 6 engines is deployed on a wildland fire or one is out of operational service then this Type 6 engine in Twin Lakes will be picked up and brought back into the corps area of Lake County. The Standard Operating Procedure will be complete soon on this directive to my staff, and what this change means.

In Closing: I have understood as one of your firefighters, Engineers, Captains, Battalion Captain, and now as your Fire Chief that some sort of resolve for better fire protection has always been a concern and has always been a discussion of topic. I am here to tell you that I am full support of better fire protection in the southern end of our district. All areas to include Beaver Lakes Estates, Mount Massive Lakes, Pan Ark, Twin Lakes and all other remote housing in this area, especially as we continue to see growth.

So I am asking for your help... I need volunteers to do some fundraising toward a new station or costs associated with going for a district. I need someone to attend a grant writing course, so that we can start writing grants for funding toward our project. I need for you to give me your ideas and your need assessments to work with, as we move forward. I need for you to appreciate the vision in which this organization is moving, understand that anything good or that is worth doing takes time. This is not going to happen over night, but if we stick together and work together as a team, this will happen!

I want to thank all of you for your time and support. I am excited for the future of Lake County and the direction in which we are moving. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have, and am available to talk with you about your concerns anytime.

Daniel L. Dailey

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel L. Dailey".

Fire Chief

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LEADVILLE/LAKE COUNTY FIRE - RESCUE  
MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE  
SECTION 300 APPARATUS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

***307 FIRE APPARATUS IN TWIN LAKES/ OPERATIONS***

*revised 07-31-13*

*This SOP establishes Departmental policy and procedure for who may operate and how to operate the apparatus in a safe and effective manner.*

**III. SCOPE:**

All Members

**II. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this section is to ensure that personnel, drive, operate, maintain, and train on the apparatus that will be stored at the Twin Lakes Building in a safe, effective and efficient manner.

**IV. POLICY**

Professional organizations like the Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue Department succeed in part because dedicated members take personal responsibility for fulfilling the agency's needs.

The degree to which the Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue Department can safely, effectively and efficiently respond to emergencies in great measure rests on the state of readiness of its apparatus.

**APPARATUS OPERATIONS:**

A Type 6 Engine will be the primary type engine that will be in Twin Lakes, unless at a later time there is a need for another type engine in that location. This engine will respond only in the time of need, and will be requested by the officer on duty. There will be a minimum of 2 personnel that respond on this apparatus and they will all be trained to the standard outlined in the SOP's. That standard will be followed at all times! Anyone responding on any apparatus will meet or exceed Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue current standards on certifications, and training. They will follow all rules and laws of the road as stated in this section 300 of the SOP's.

**PROCEEDURES:**

Maintenance procedures shall be as follows... This apparatus shall be checked on a monthly basis to ensure that it is in service. (Addition and change from section 305) The apparatus coordinator shall coordinate with the officer on duty during a time where he or she has a fourth rider so that one person from the crew can drive to twin Lakes to check on the status of this vehicle. If at anytime it is not possible for the fourth rider to make it to the Twin Lakes area to perform the proper check procedures on this apparatus, then it will be common practice that a staff member will get overtime for two hours to make this trip and conduct business by the end of each month. If there was anything found under policy "routine maintenance" or "repair", please reference section 305 of this SOP. If there is any routine maintenance that needs to be performed on this apparatus, it shall be passed onto the OIC so that the appropriate replacements parts may be ordered and coordinated for repair.

This apparatus shall be stored in Twin Lakes building until the fire Chief decides otherwise, or until it will be needed in the core area of Leadville/ Lake County. For example: In the event that there is 1 Type 6 Engine out on national or state wildland fires, this apparatus will be tranfered into the core area to support fire operations for everyone.

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When this apparatus needs to be picked up, Call out time of two hours will be paid at the overtime rate. All coordination will be done through the OIC and there should be information passed onto the Wildland Coordinator or the assistant coordinator on the location of all Type 6 Engines at that time. Information in the Pass-A-Long documents shall suffice.

EMERGENCIES:

During the event of an emergency the OIC will need to coordinate this apparatus as much as possible into scene operations as needed. If this apparatus is needed, the OIC will request it as a resource just like common practice. If staff members are in district to respond, they may respond to the Twin Lakes area NON-EMERGENT either in their POV's or another department vehicle. In the event that they are responding in their POV's and do not abide by the rules and laws of the road and are involved in an accident, then no claims for insurance will be provided. (THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THAT A POV CAN BE UTILIZED DURING RESPONSE WITH LEADVILLE LAKE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE)

Driver operators of this apparatus shall meet the minimum requirements of the SOP's with LLCFR, prior to driving this vehicle in the event of an emergency. Only department personnel shall respond on this apparatus at any given time. Any person or person's responding on this apparatus that are not affiliated with Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue shall be prosecuted accordingly.

Upon arrival on scene of an emergency this apparatus and all personnel shall follow the proper procedures of the Incident Command System and report to the IC for their respected assignment or go to staging until one is appointed to them.