



# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2024

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Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue  
Leadville, CO 80461





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## Letter from the Chief

It is my honor to serve this community, and throughout my career it has been to serve others. It is the goal of the Fire Department to always seek ways to increase the quality of service and reduce costs. We now have in place better tools and resources to bring a new level of service to our community by the visionary work that has been done by the governing bodies and the teamwork performed by the organizational firefighters. Leadville/Lake County Fire Rescue (LLCFR) has the responsibility of providing professional and efficient services for 384 square miles in Lake County, including the City of Leadville. We use three (3) shifts to ensure 24/7/365 coverage for the safety of our citizens and visitors. Each shift has a Captain, Engineer, two (2) Firefighters along with residents and reserves. Additional staffing includes a full-time Administrative Assistant, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal, an Operations Chief and a part time training Captain through an agreement with CMC. LLCFR is an all-encompassing, all-hazard, customer service-based fire department. We work with other emergency service agencies to ensure the best response in every situation.

Our mission remains “Reducing Community Risk Through Excellence in Emergency Services.” Reducing risk requires training, practice and exercises with other agencies. Wildland fires have become more frequent and more destructive each passing year. We continue to work on mitigation efforts within our community. We continue to create a stronger wildland fire team, and continue to partner with Colorado Mountain College for the success of the fire academy and the training program.

Last year we were able to purchase a Type I, Type VI, and a Type III engine. The Type I is the typical engine that takes care of the majority of the all-hazard response. The Type VI, and Type III is primarily used for wildland fire response. These critical assets for emergency response were purchased by city, county taxation, and supplemented by the revenue that the fire organization works for to offset costs.

We were also able to obtain grants in the past few years; the SAFER (staffing adequate fire emergency response) that paid for salary and benefits for 3 firefighter positions for 3 years. We were also able to pay for 15 sets of firefighting bunker gear in the amount of \$65k. We were able to close out the grant for the plymo-vent exhaust removal system in station II in the amount of \$73k. We were also able to obtain a grant for two radios.



**“Reducing Community Risk Through Excellence in Emergency Services”**

# Services

Our emergency services include:

- NIMS (National Incident Management System)
- Structure Fire Suppression
- Wildland Fire Suppression
- ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting)
- EMS Response
- Hazardous Materials Identification, Mitigation, and Containment
- Vehicle Extrication
- Low Angle Rope Rescue
- Swift/Still Water Rescue
- Ice Rescue
- County Disaster Response and Recovery

Community Services:

- Fire Prevention (both structure and wildland)
- Fire Safety Education
- Commercial Fire Inspections
- Home Fire Safety checks
- Instruction of CMC-Timberline's Firefighter I Academy and other courses
- Wildland Fire Class Instruction
- School Fire Drills
- Free Fire Extinguisher Training
- Free Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation
- Free Smoke Detector installs

Community Involvement:

- School Events
- Boom Days
- The 9 News Health Fair
- Red Cross Home Fire Campaign
- Parades
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Station Tours
- Fire Prevention Week
- 4th of July Functions and Safety





Station II is complete and has been used in many ways this past year.

- Meetings and trainings have been held in the meeting room.
- Station II was the Command Center for the Interlaken Fire.
- Public Works and Search & Rescue are able to store equipment for easy access for work in the south end of the County.
- Housing has been provided for residents and Sheriff deputies as needed.

### Long-term objectives include:

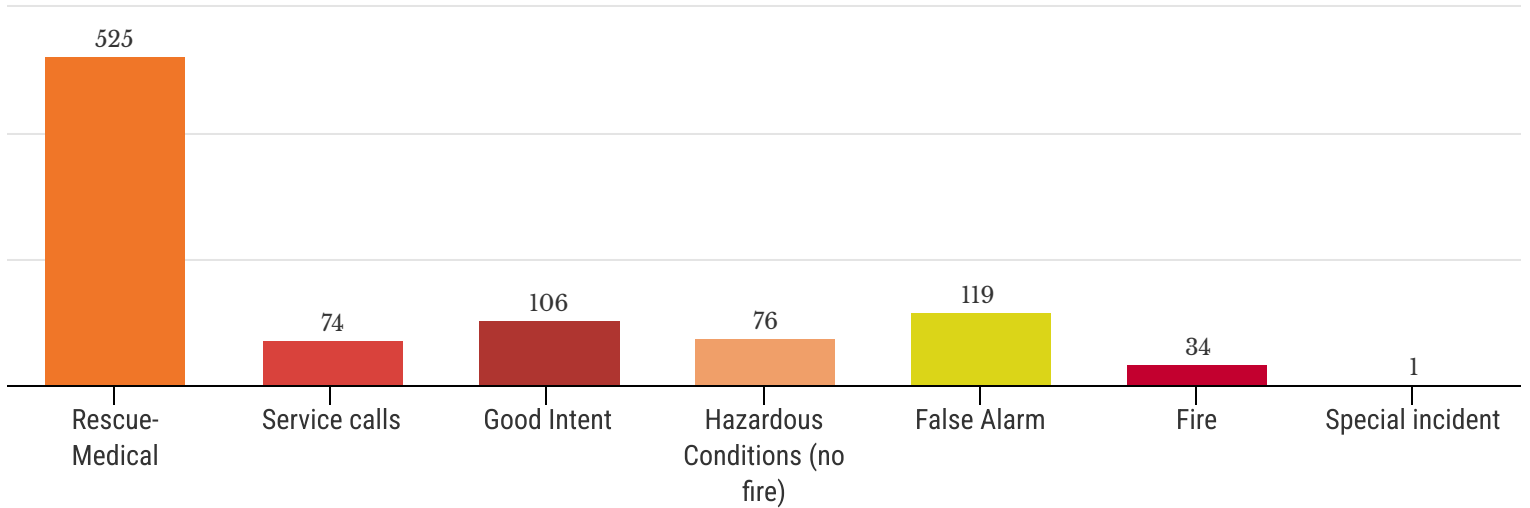
- Continue developing a mitigation team for future progress.
- Work with Upper Arkansas Watershed Collaborative, Colorado Forest Service & other partners on mitigation efforts for the Lake County Community.
- Train and deploy seasonal wildland firefighters to gain wildland fire experience. Funds allocated for this program, \$19,350, are allocated for 2025 from the Fire Fund.
- Develop a chipping program using seasonal personnel and resident reserves.
- Build a communications tower at Station II to improve communications at the south end of the county.
- Build out the Headwater Training Center (HTC) for greater local and mountain region training opportunities.
- Seek a solar grant for Station II to reduce utility costs.



# LLCFR responds to all types of calls

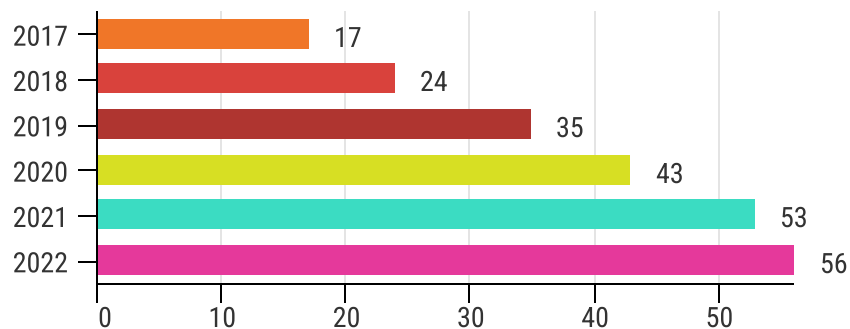
365-24/7 serving Leadville~Lake County residents and protecting what matters the most. Starting with 2024 our types of calls are reported differently so going forward the reporting will be different.

### 2024 Calls

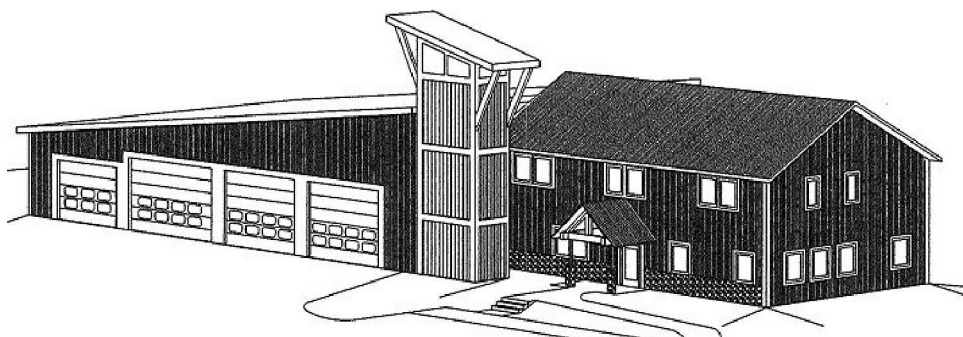


Call volume has increased over time as well as simultaneous calls. Since 2017 call volume has tripled and in 2024 that growth continues.

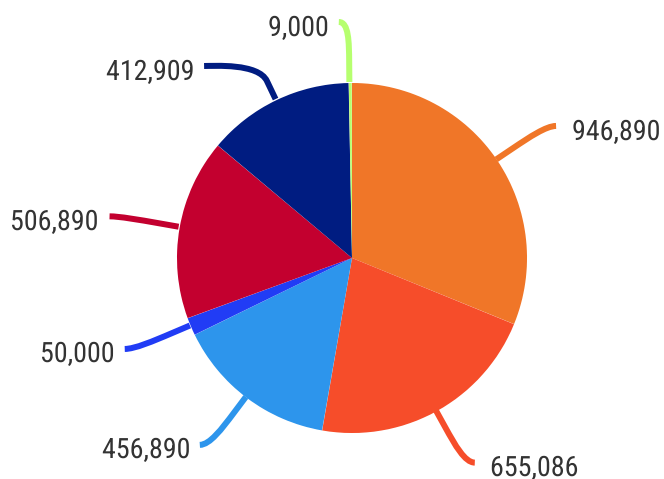
### Additional Call Volume



# Grants and Wildland fire Deployments



## Funding Station II

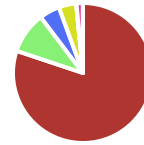


- Lake County
 ● DOLA (FOTL)
 ● City of Leadville
 ● Climax Grant
- Fire Fund Deployment Revenue
 ● Friends of Twin Lakes (FOTL) & public donations
- Golden Eagle Drilling

# \$4,069,013

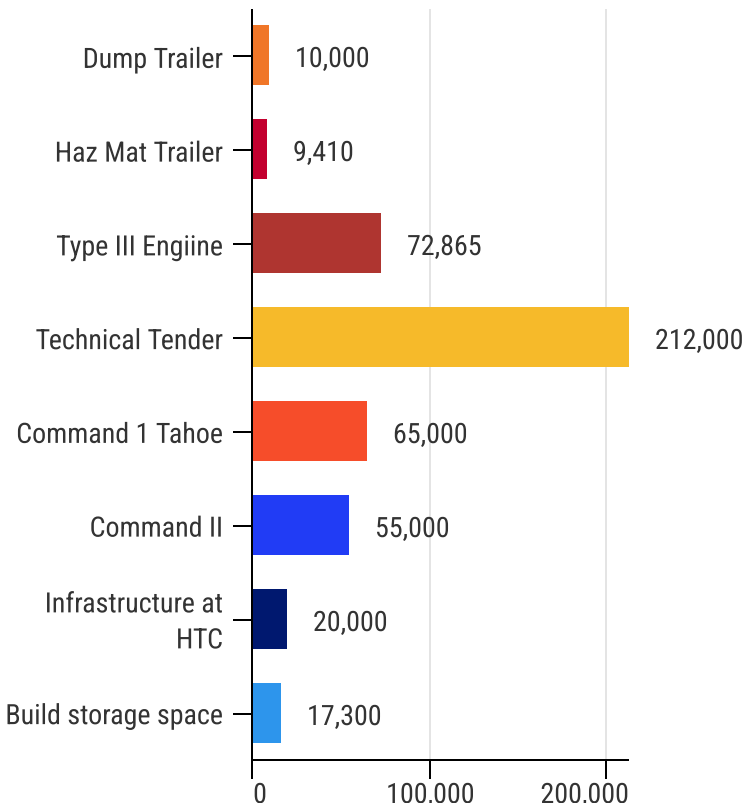
## IN GRANTS & WILDFIRE DEPLOYMENTS

From 2012 - 2024 LLCFR has actively received grants and sent wildland fire crews to generate revenue for the agency, providing funds to the fire fund account. These funds offset the cost of large capital purchases



- 2012-2020
- 2013-2023
- Flight Standby
- Personal Protection Grant (PPE)
- Peer support
- 2004-2012
- 2024

Recent capital equipment purchases from the Fire Fund/CMC/Ops Budget/Donations:



### Capital equipment purchases for 2024 & 2025

- A dump trailer was added in 2024 for use at the HTC. Funding came from CMC/FF
- Haz Mat trailer was funded \$5,000 from the operational budget, and \$4,410 from the fire fund
- The Type III Engine is funded annually from the Fire Fund at \$72,865
- The Tactical Tender was paid off from the Fire Fund in 2024 (\$212,000)
- Two command vehicles are being replaced in 2025
- A UTV will be added for greater wildland and other operational response.
- HTC Infrastructure built out for electric and water
- Build non-climate-controlled area storage space at Station II

# Building for the Future

Lake County is growing! LLCFR is ready to serve both the community and visitors of Lake County. We train regularly for emergencies, work closely with other agencies in and out of county, and are prepared for what the future may bring.

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## #1

**The former SAFER grant provided staffing for 2017-2021 for the resident reserve program, in the amount of \$737K, the second SAFER grant in the amount of \$595,027.86 for 3 firefighters full-time salary and benefits**



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## #2

**The AFG grant provided an exhaust removal system for Station II at \$73,325. It also provides 15 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) for \$65,000**



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## #3

**Fire staff have responsibilities such as keeping equipment mission-ready, clean, and in good working order. All staff members have program responsibilities that support operational results**



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## #4

**Ongoing efforts include training for all staff positions as well as updates to standard operating procedures.**





# Headwaters Training Center & Resident Reserve Program

This training facility fits the needs of Colorado Mountain College and its efforts for emergency response personnel and educational opportunities. It is open to all agencies for training if they desire to use it. The additional staffing and resident reserve program was supported by a Staffing Adequate Fire Emergency Response grant (SAFER) from January 2017- January 2021 in the amount of \$737,490.

## #5

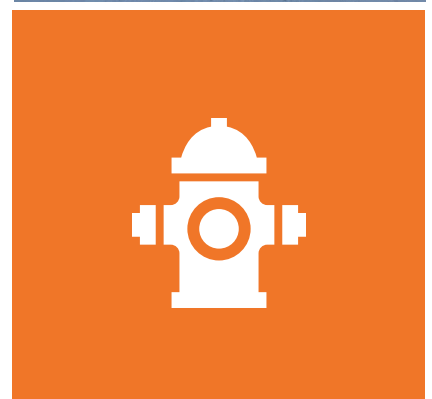
**Opportunities for outside emergency services agencies to train at the HTC in Lake County will be available in the future.**



## #6

**Provides education up to an Associate's Degree, technical training**

*Such as swift water, rope rescue, auto extrications, Colorado State certifications. All current LLCFR personnel have gone through the Fire Program.*



## #7

**The resident program provides housing, a food stipend, and on-the-job training in Lake County**

*Fills the 5th position on the fire engine to meet greater staffing needs. Housing is provided at Station II for residents.*

*Colorado State certification standards are met and it starts with the Fire Academy that has been in place since 2003.*

