

OUR VALUES

SAFETY	<i>We provide training, equipment and leadership to our members which emphasizes safety in all aspects of operations to ensure that "Everyone Goes Home."</i>
RESPECT	<i>We encourage all members to show a high level respect to each other and the public.</i>
PROFESSIONALISM	<i>We perform our duties with a high level of knowledge, skill and ability in accordance with current national standards of competence.</i>
INTEGRITY	<i>We serve the public with honor and the highest moral and ethical standards.</i>
HONESTY	<i>We exhibit reputable and respectable behavior at all times.</i>
RESPONSIBILITY	<i>We employ progressive policies, procedures and standards in our District's management which ensure efficient fiscal practices and effective planning for the future.</i>
ACCOUNTABILITY	<i>We are accountable to each other and the citizens and visitors of our District to provide effective, caring, trustworthy service when responding to all calls for assistance.</i>



2014 Firefighter of the Year
Lt. Jason McKibben



Professional firefighters, having fun in front of the camera!

GRAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 1



ANNUAL REPORT 2014

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

I invite you to discover more about Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 in the pages of this report. Learn who we are and how we proudly and humbly serve the citizens of our District.

2014 represented the 75th year of service by the Granby Fire Department, having been established as a Volunteer Fire Department in 1939, and then as a Fire Protection District in 1951. The celebration of this memorable year was shown at the 4th of July Parade, the October Open House and at the Firefighter Appreciation Banquet.

This year brought with it several significant events. I was named Fire Chief in January; Schelly Olson was promoted to Assistant Chief of Administration and Public Education in March; Brad White was hired as Assistant Chief of Operations and Training in July; the resident program participants increased from three to nine; and the number of active volunteers increased from 22 to 35. Our Department is able to serve the citizens and visitors of our District with even higher quality and efficiency. There were changes in the members of the Board of Directors as long time Chairman Jeff Crane stepped down due to relocation; Wayne Kerber was elected to the Board in the May election; and Alina Bell was appointed to fill Mr. Crane's vacancy in December.

I want to commend the members of our Department for their dedication, loyalty and commitment to training and education. Each and every time our volunteers respond to an emergency call, they sacrifice time and attention from their own lives and families to provide professional and compassionate service to the members of the community and visitors to Grand County who need their help.

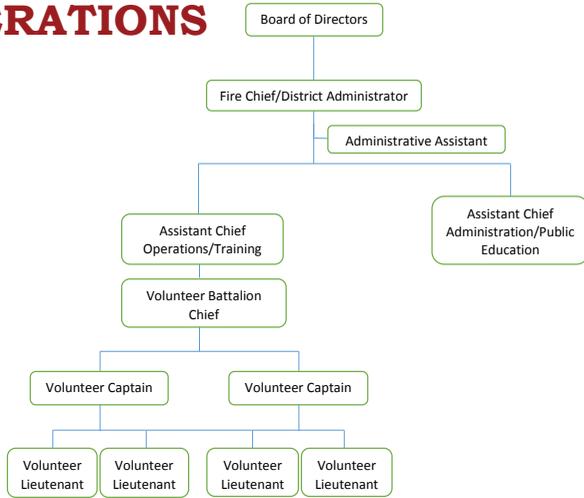
I am so proud to be a member of such a well-trained, self-sacrificing group of individuals. I am working alongside people who I consider some of the best in the business and I am looking forward to finding and implementing more innovative and efficient ways to provide the necessary services to our stakeholders. By being good stewards of the trust and finances of our District's citizens, we work to preserve the traditions long since established by our predecessors in this department. We will continue to provide service with honor, dedication and leadership as has been the tradition in America's fire service for more than 250 years.



**Fire Chief
Ronald D. Thompson**

Mission Statement:
The purpose of Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 is to safely deliver the highest quality fire and rescue services to our community in a professional manner so our citizen stakeholders receive the maximum benefit from our programs and assistance.

OPERATIONS



In the chart above you can see how we are structured. We follow the Incident Command System (ICS) on our emergency scenes and all of our pre-planned events as well. Using this nationally recognized standard keeps us organized and allows us to work seamlessly with other agencies at the local, state and federal levels. ICS is flexible, scalable and critical to efficient outcomes, whether we are referring to a large wildfire or a community open house.



Grand Fire responds to approximately 150 calls per year, and covers an area of about 150 square miles in east central Grand County including the Town of Granby. You can see the types of calls in the chart below range from fire calls to rescue incidents and everything in between. We don't get a lot of fires, which makes our training programs and live burn practicals all the more important.

TRAINING

Forty-four firefighters from Grand County participated in a Firefighter Academy hosted by Grand Fire that started in August 2014. In addition to the students, over a dozen instructors from four fire districts spent hundreds of hours in instruction and preparation time. Successful students completed the academy with a Firefighter I or II Certification from the state of Colorado. The fact that these firefighters were willing to volunteer so much time to educate themselves for a volunteer fire career speaks highly to their commitment to the citizens of the County as well as to keeping each other safe.



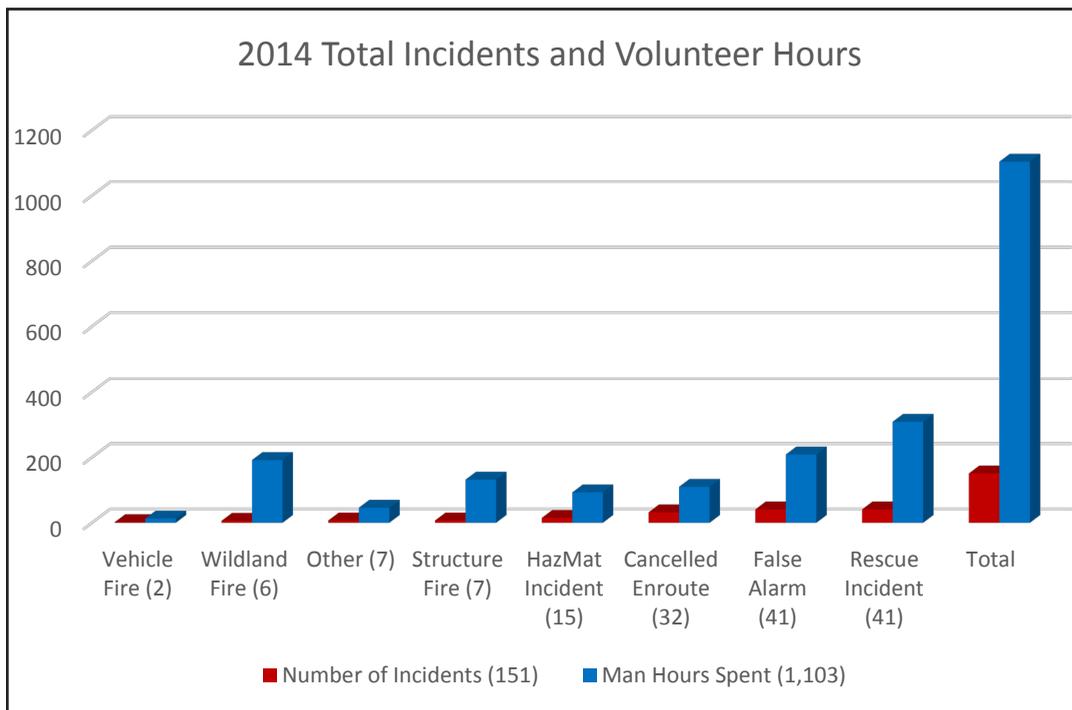
Donning gear in less than 1 minute is a required skill.

It is important to note that this academy was one of the first steps in their firefighting careers. Most of these firefighters will be completing state HazMat and Driver/



Operator Certifications next. The County Training Officers have planned these courses, as well as Wildland Fire training for the first half of 2015.

In 2014, the volunteer firefighters of Granby Fire trained over 3,300 hours on topics including ice rescue, helicopter safety, apparatus engineering, forcible entry, structure and wildfire tactics, incident command, hazmat, extrication, first aid and CPR.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2014, the staff and volunteers participated in many community events including “Touch A Truck,” visits to the all of the schools in the District, Independence Day, Patriot’s Day, Constitution Day, and Veterans Day just to name a few.



GFD hosted two annual events at the Headquarters station as well—Fire Prevention Week with an Open House and of course, the famous Turkey Bingo Fundraiser. Last year we gave away 75 turkeys to celebrate the 75 years of service the Granby Volunteer Fire Department has given to the community. All of the Bingo and pulltab proceeds are put into a scholarship and community assistance fund for students and families in the District.



Granby Volunteer Fire Department’s 67th Annual Turkey Bingo Fundraiser

Q: How many Turkey Bingos has Wayno attended??!!



A: Twenty-eight!



That is A LOT of turkeys! Thank you to all of the vendors who donated food and silent auction items. We were able to put \$1,400 into the scholarship/ community assistance fund.

FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION

The theme of the 2014 Fire Prevention Week was “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month!” The whole community was invited to the firehouse for station tours, fire prevention education, prizes and dinner. We must have visited with over 200 people that evening!

We had numerous requests for fire extinguisher training throughout the year. The staff and resident firefighters visited Mountain Parks Electric, City Market, and the high school catering classes to provide an instructional video and hands-on extinguisher practice.



A very important skill to have: how to properly operate a fire extinguisher.

In 2014, the staff, volunteers and residents spent over 9,100 hours (that’s almost 200 hours per week!) on fire department activities. You can see in the chart to the right that the resident firefighters put in almost 4,000 hours. At the beginning of the year, we had just three residents, but by November we had a full house with nine! These firefighters pull two 24-hour shifts per week in exchange for living quarters. In 2013, the value of a volunteer hour in Colorado was \$25.10. Multiply that by 3,930 and you get over \$98,640 of valuable volunteer time! With an annualized cost of around \$42,000 for the program, that’s a great benefit to the District. An even greater benefit is the faster response times with firefighters living on the property.

