Welcome to the Lewiston Fire Department’s 2019 Annual Report. This last year was a significant year for the fire department. Staffing levels for emergency responders were increased for the first time in over 11 years. The department was awarded over $500,000 for a FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response grant commonly known as SAFER. This is a three year grant that provides 75% of the funding for year’s one and two and 35% in year three. This grant allowed the department to hire three new firefighters in February 2019. Because of the extra staff, Engine 72 now has three people serving the East Orchards. This greatly improves the safety of our citizens and firefighters and brings our engine company staffing more in line with industry standards.

LFD MILESTONES

LFD formed by Ordinance 120 ......................... 1891
Ambulance service established ....................... 1961
Orchards FPD becomes substation of LFD ........ 1971
Reserve Firefighter program started ................. 1983
LFD’s 1st Paramedic program completed .......... 1993
Promotional Badge Pinning
- Reserve FF to Firefighter: 5
- Firefighter to Engineer: 2
- Engineer to Captain: 1

Retirement
Engineer Jim Thivierge
1986 - 2019

2019 Reserve Firefighter Academy

SAFER Grant Award
Three additional personnel assigned to Station 2

Chris Cook
Chris Currie
Ryan Rhodes
Staffing
All line personnel, plus the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Division Chief of Training & Safety are cross-trained to respond to any emergency, whether it’s an EMS call for help or a response to a fire, rescue or hazmat incident. In February the department went from 15 emergency staff per day to 16 due to a SAFER grant award.

- Minimum emergency response personnel staffing per day – 16
- Command staff – 3
- Prevention personnel – 3
- Admin support staff – 2

Work Schedule
Crews work a 5/6 schedule within a three shift platoon rotation – employees work a 24 hr. shift every other day for 5 days then are off for 6 days in a row. Firefighters start their day before 8:00 am; exchanging information and getting their gear set up. After exchange, the vehicle and equipment checks are completed. A quick station clean up, then training takes place. Firefighters are also required to participate in a physical fitness program to stay in top shape to respond to any emergency during any part of their shift. All this is constantly interspersed with EMS and fire calls, station tours and of course, report writing.
REVENUE

- Grants accounted for 4% of the department’s revenue for FY 2019
- Revenue from EMS contracts with neighboring cities plus fee based fire protection made up 23% of LFD’s actual revenue
- In total 37% of the department’s revenue came from sources other than property taxes
Ambulance Transports

4,453

Ambulance Non-Transports

2,392

Engine Fire Calls

519

- Structure/Vehicle Fires: 52
- Good Intent Calls: 22
- False Alarm/Malfunction: 148
- Hazardous Conditions: 52
- Brush/Rubbish Fires: 32
- Dispatched & Canceled: 104
- Public Assist: 59
- Other Fires: 50

Emergency Response Team

3

Response Revenue

- Ambulance Response: $2,642,562
- Revenue Reductions: $-820,146
- Ambulance Event Standby: $7,297
- Fire Protection Contracts: $177,287
- Area EMS Contracts: $551,394

Councilor Cari Miller during her ride-along
Touring the New High School

Training with the “Hose Dummy”

Risk Manager Gene Harrington at Fire Operations 101 with Engineer John Thompson

LC Valley Fire Department Partnership Training

Training Hours – FY 2019

Avg monthly training hours per person......... 128
EMS ................................................. 1,536
Fire (low freq/high risk) .......................... 12,000
ARFF .................................................... 600
HazMat ................................................. 158
Career Development ................................. 300

CPR Class in Progress

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LC Valley Fire Department Partnership Training
Lewiston Fire Department was very active again this year providing public education and participating in community events.

Fire Prevention Week…

Engine companies go to half the schools and deliver safety presentations to Lewiston 2nd and 3rd graders.

The Life Safety Team travels around to the other half of the schools spreading safety messages in their own special way.

Show and Tell at the Library - Kids were fascinated with the extrication tools Captain Metcalf was showing.

Admin Secretary Jamie Mowery and Engineer Cody Koth manned Ladder Truck 71 at Pumpkin Palooza. They handed out candy and Cody participated in a pie eating contest; too bad the pies were frozen.

Prevention Stats

Citizen Serve – community development online processing

Total activities addressed by Inspectors ........................................1,525
Business license inspections ..........................................................284
Commercial reviews ..................................................................299
Residential reviews ...................................................................244

Tegris – improving business compliance for required inspection and repairs on fire protection systems. (program started in 2018)

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Fire Investigations: 25
Engineer Test
Nine personnel competed in January for the top spots on the Engineer 2-year list.

Staffing of New ARFF Truck & Station
The new airport ARFF truck was placed into service on February 11, 2019. Crews immediately began familiarizing themselves with the vehicle and the new building. Chiefs worked with IT, airport staff and LFD crews to make sure everything was ready for the next emergency.

Elite Patient Care Reporting
The department moved to the State’s newest PCR reporting platform. A panel of employees (Covington, Graves, Nilsson) along with Admin Secretary Mowery and Deputy Chief Waits worked very hard to put this program through its paces to make this transition as painless as possible.

New Ambulance
New ambulance was put into service as Medic 71 downtown.

Asotin County EMS Contract
In 2010 LFD signed a contract with Asotin County Fire District #1 and the City of Asotin to provide ambulance service. At this time the Lewiston Fire Department did not seek compensation for responding to the unincorporated areas of Asotin County. Since then, the call numbers in this area have increased dramatically and it was necessary to strike an agreement with the Asotin County Commissioners. Compensation began in November 2019.

New Engine
The new Engine 74 was delivered in November after a 10 month wait. Captain Dahmen traveled to Appleton, Wisconsin in October to inspect the engine before it was driven over 1,600 miles to its permanent home in Lewiston at Station 4 on Burrell Ave.

Lateral Reserve Firefighter Interviews
After years of spending money and taking time to train Reserve Firefighters then losing most of them, the department has decided to hire lateral Firefighters for our part-time positions. Three potential candidates were interviewed in November.

Battalion Chief Test
Three personnel tested to be placed on the Battalion Chief 2-year list. Two will be eligible to fill the next vacancy for that position.