

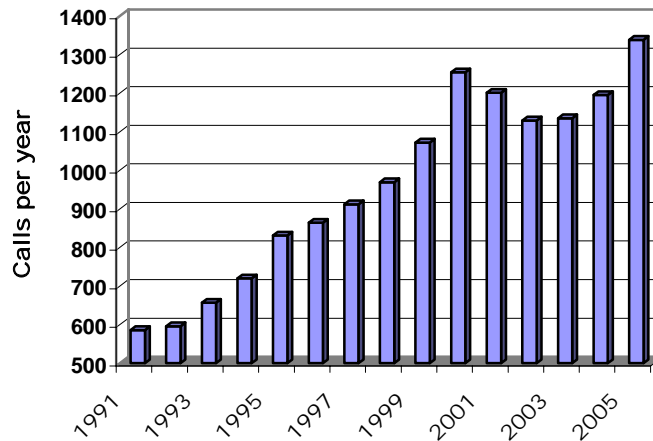
# Facts about the Louisville Fire Protection District



## Louisville, Colorado

**The Louisville Fire Protection District (LFPD) provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the citizens in our service area.**

- The district protects 17 square miles of property and approximately 23,000 residents in the City of Louisville and surrounding Boulder County.
- LFPD call volume has soared from 586 emergency calls in 1991 to 1338 calls in 2005. This represents a 128% increase.



- Currently we have 50 volunteer firefighters/EMTs supported by five fulltime Administrative, Training, and Support Personnel.
- All operations personnel are certified by the State of Colorado as Firefighters and EMTs. In addition, the District has three State Certified Fire Instructors, five American Heart Association Certified CPR Instructors, five State Certified HazMat Technicians, three Nationally certified Fire Investigators, and 24 Driver/Operators.

## **District Growth 1990-2005**

- Approximately 13,000 residents in 1990 to approximately 23,000 in 2005, a 76% increase.
- Growth in the service sector has impacted our call volume due to increased traffic flow on our roads and highways, and the ever increasing number of accidents. We are also increasingly impacted by an aging Louisville population that require Emergency Medical Services. It is likely that the demands for these services will continue growing.

## **Services offered by the Louisville Fire Protection District include, but are not limited to:**

- Emergency Medical
- Structure Fires
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Wildland Fires
- Citizen Assists
- Vehicle Fires
- Hazardous Material Spills
- Mutual Aid Assistance
- Plan Review and Inspection
- Public Education
- CPR & EMT Education

## **Comprehensive Planning Goals**

In 2005 the District Board of Directors approved a 10 year Comprehensive Plan. This Plan closely examined the needs of the Fire Department in association with planned or proposed growth in the City of Louisville over the next decade. The major goals derived from that document are:

- Limit of one fire fatality per 25,000 population (per 20 years)
- Limit firefighter injuries to two per year
- Provide response to fire calls within 8 minutes (90<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Provide BLS response to EMS calls within 7 minutes (90<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Provide ALS response to EMS calls within 8 minutes (90<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Limit fire starts to 50 per 25,000 population per year
- Maintain a high quality of life to the residents of the district
- Be a model customer service provider

## Continuing Goals of the District

- Provide the citizens of the District the highest quality delivery of fire suppression / extinguishment, life support emergency medical services, fire prevention, life safety, and rescue services in a responsible yet cost effective manner.
- Needs assessment and development of an additional fire station to meet a demand for increasing service.
- Ensure that district residents will have consistent and quality ambulance service.
- Preserve the lowest possible fire insurance ratings for the property owners in the district. The goal is to maintain a 4/9 ISO rating for homes in the district.
- Continue to develop a strong academic and hands-on training program for the volunteer firefighters and EMTs essential for meeting the growing demands in our changing and complex world.
- Improve and sustain a comprehensive public fire prevention and educational program.
- Upgrade district equipment to meet NFPA standards.

**In order to meet these needs, the District has targeted a 3.5 mill levy increase.** The funds generated by the increase will help pay for development of a much needed replacement of the downtown station, purchase replacement fire apparatus, purchase two ALS ambulances as well as general fire and medical equipment, and hiring of nine (9) full time firefighter/paramedics to support our volunteer staff.

The resulting monthly property tax increase will be approximately:

- \$100,000 residence = \$2.11 / month
- \$200,000 residence = \$4.10 / month
- \$300,000 residence = \$6.16 / month
- \$400,000 residence = \$8.20 / month

### Benefits for the District:

- Replace the existing downtown station so that it will accommodate 24-hour staffing
- Have 24/7 Firefighter / Paramedic coverage to support our volunteer Firefighter / EMTs
- More advanced fire and medical training for our personnel
- Better equipment that will meet national standards

An increase in the District's mill levy has not been sought since the founding of the Louisville Fire Protection District in 1978. Even with the proposed increase the mill levy for the District will be one of the lowest in the area.

