

## PFA Overview

# PFA History

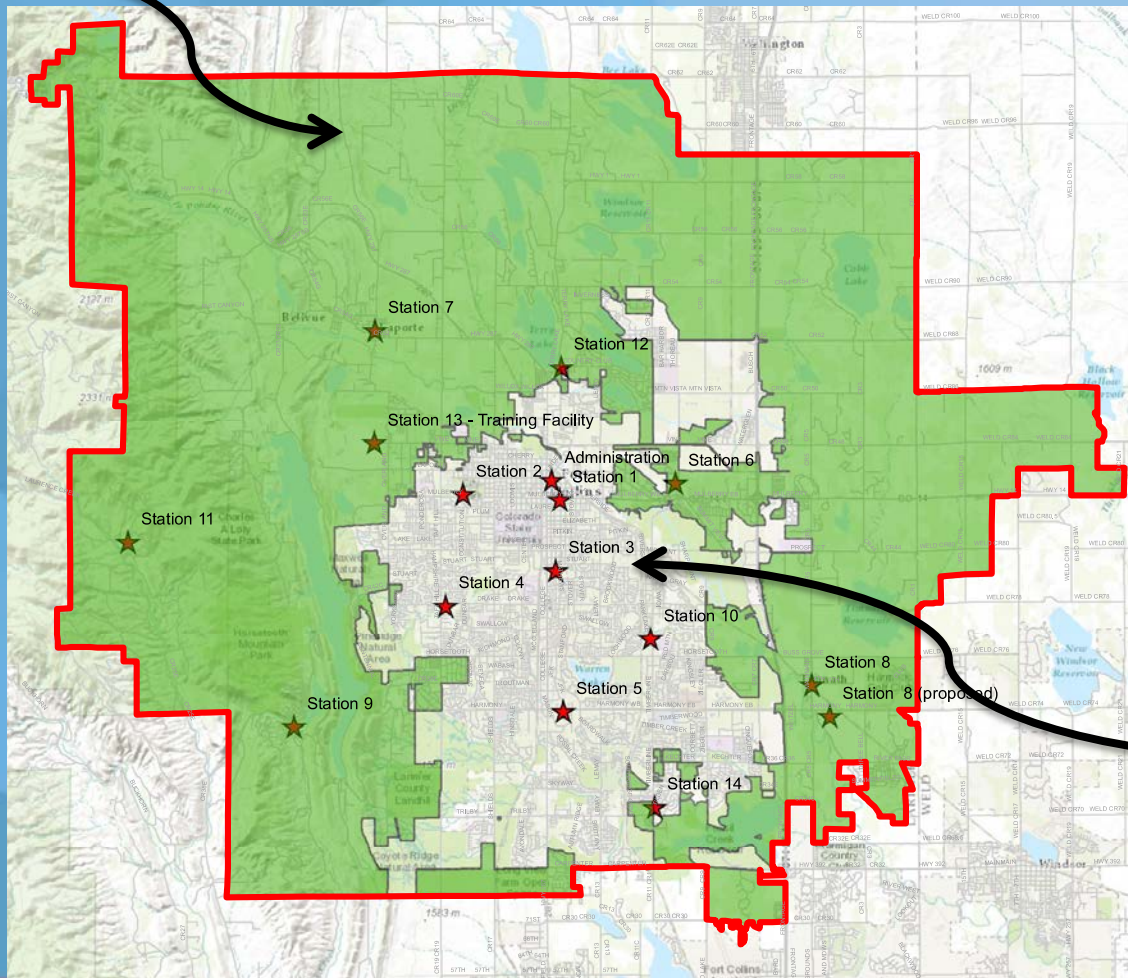
- Fire Service in Fort Collins began in 1880 (Paid in 1915)
- Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) was founded in 1981 by consolidating the City of Fort Collins Fire Department and the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD)



The hook and ladder wagon in front of the fire station on Walnut Street, mid-1880s. (Courtesy of the Fort Collins Local History Archive, Image H00880)



# Poudre Valley Fire Protection District



City of Fort  
Collins



# The “Authority” in Our Name

- PFA is an independent, governmental entity separate and distinct from the City of Fort Collins and the PVFPD
- We exist through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and District



# Legal Existence - Governance/Funding

- **Governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of:**
  - 2 Members from the City Council
  - 2 members from the PVFPD Board of Directors
- **These 4 members appoint:**
  - 5th member – usually the Fort Collins City Manager



# PFA Board

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City of Fort  
Collins City  
Council

Gerry Horak

Kristin Stephens

Poudre Valley  
Fire Protection  
District Board

Dave Pusey

Mike DiTullio

5<sup>th</sup> appointed  
Member

Darin Atteberry  
(City Manager)



# Geography and Population

- 235 square mile response area
- Elevations between 4,300 and 7,300 feet (5,000 ft. elevation is the norm)
- Primary City Served is Fort Collins (56 square miles)



# PFA Funding Overview

- **The Authority's funding is based on a revenue allocation formula.**
  - Takes into account call volume and assessed property value
- **Supports the relationship between the District and the City**
  - Total Budget of \$34 million – 2017





# PFA Funding Overview



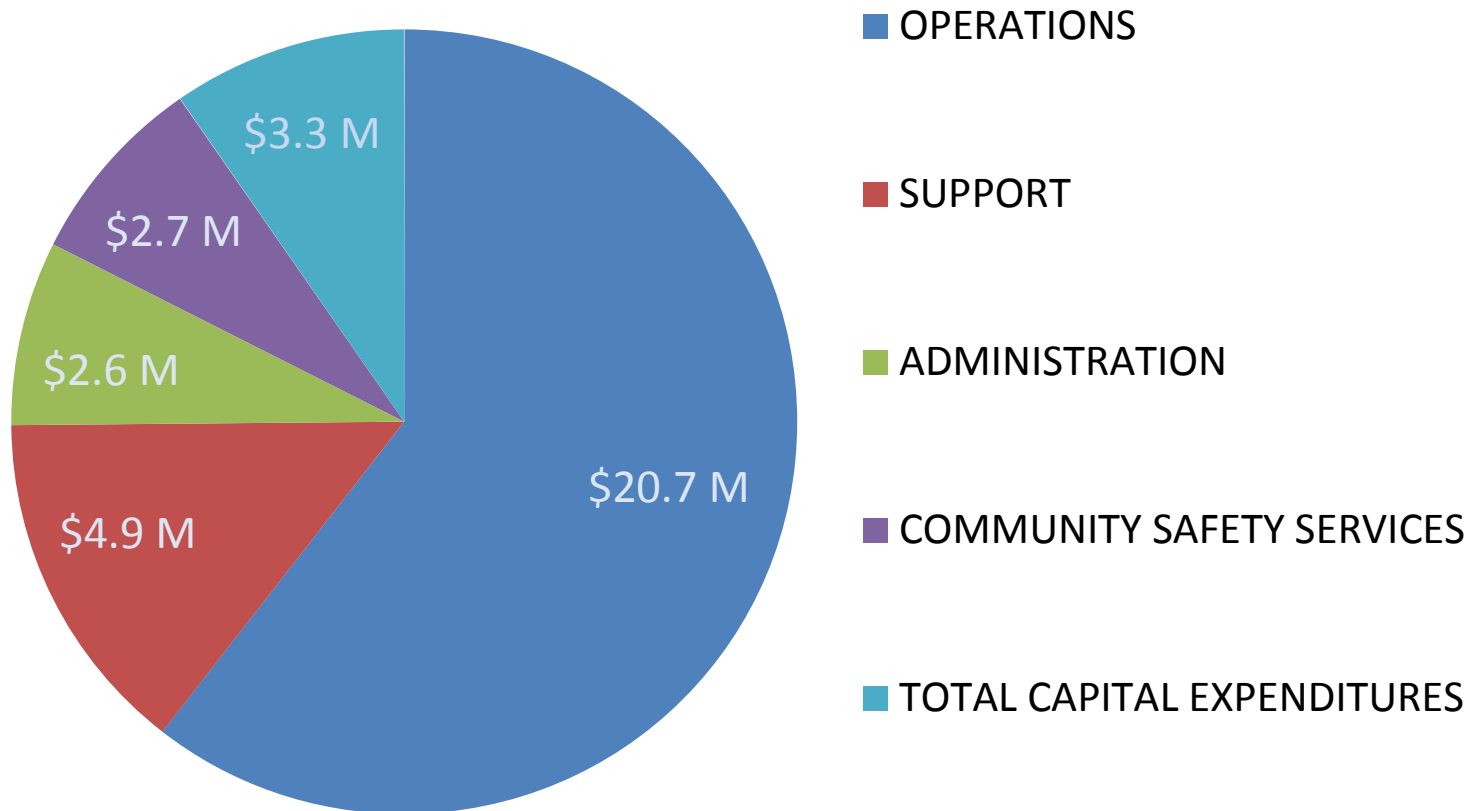
# Funding

- **City Funding**
  - Primary Source is Sales Tax (.29 cents)
  - 67% of City property tax
- **District**
  - Property Tax Funded
  - Timnath Tax Increment Financing (TIF)



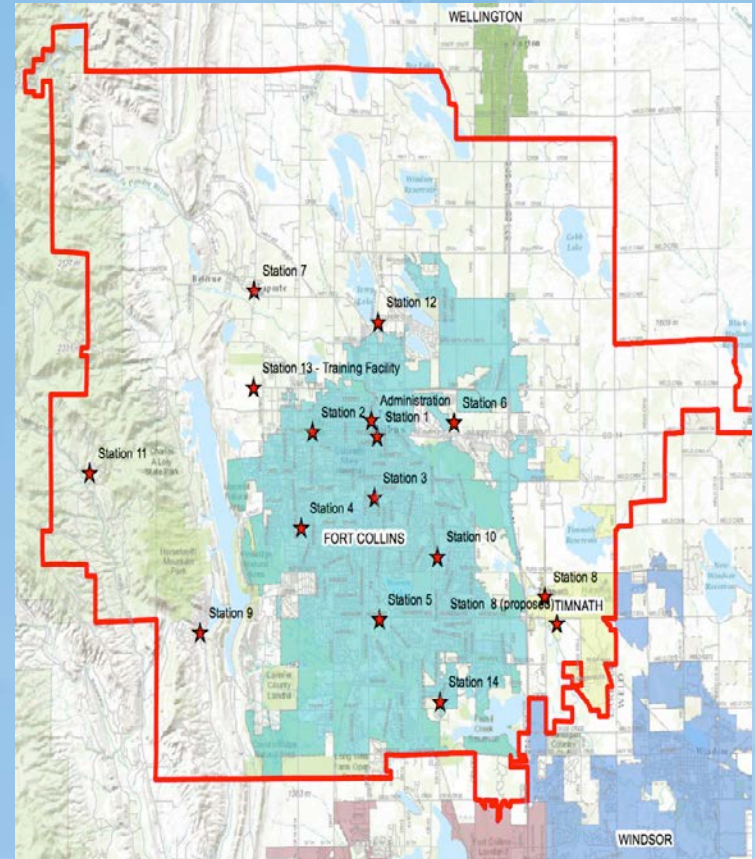
# How we spend your money

**Total Expenditures: \$34 M**  
**(86% personnel)**



# Population Details

- Total Population Served 206,000
- City of Fort Collins (~160,000) Growth Rate around 15%
- Town of Timnath (~3,000) Growth Rate around 145%

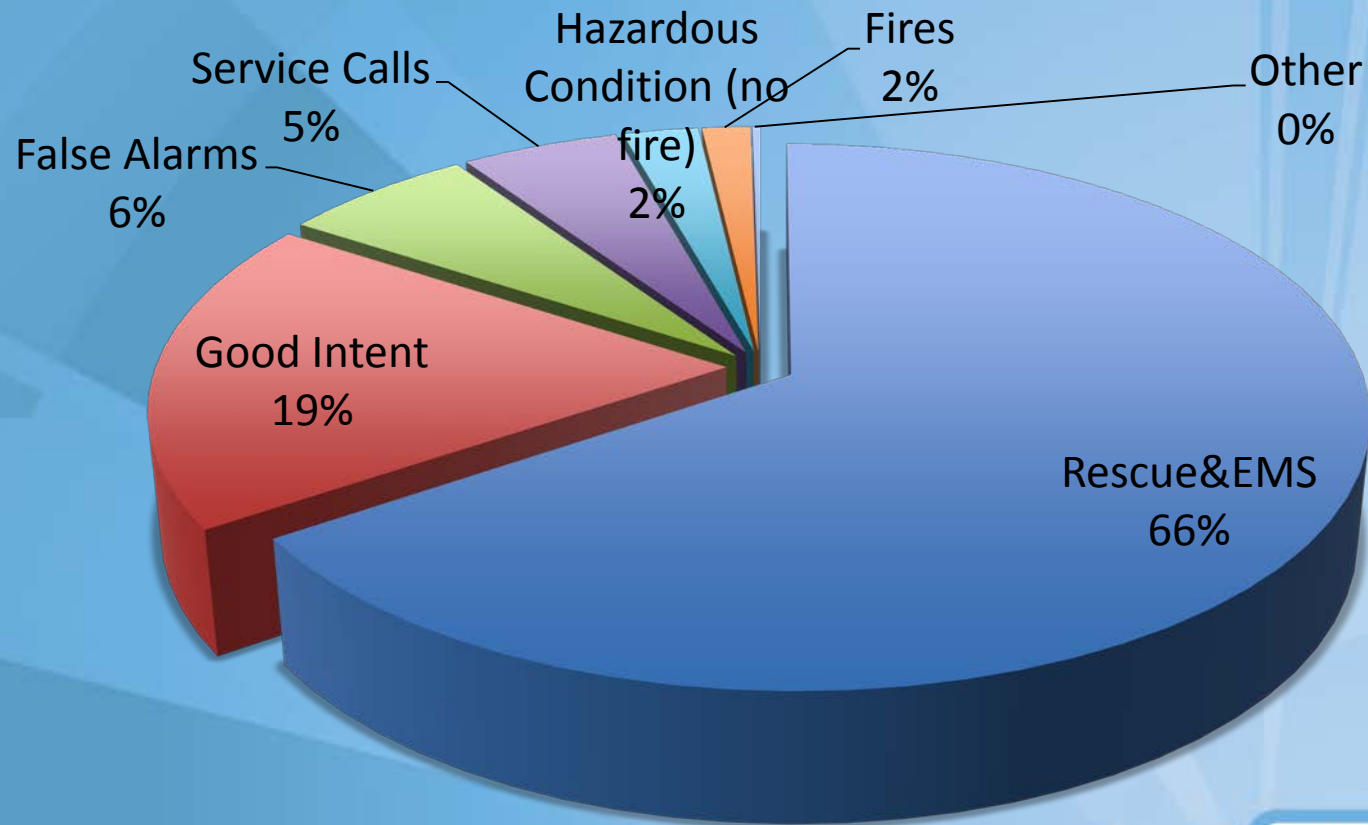


# Overview of our Facilities/Divisions

- 13 Stations – 11 Paid, 2 Volunteer
- 1 Training Center
- 1 Administrative Headquarters Building

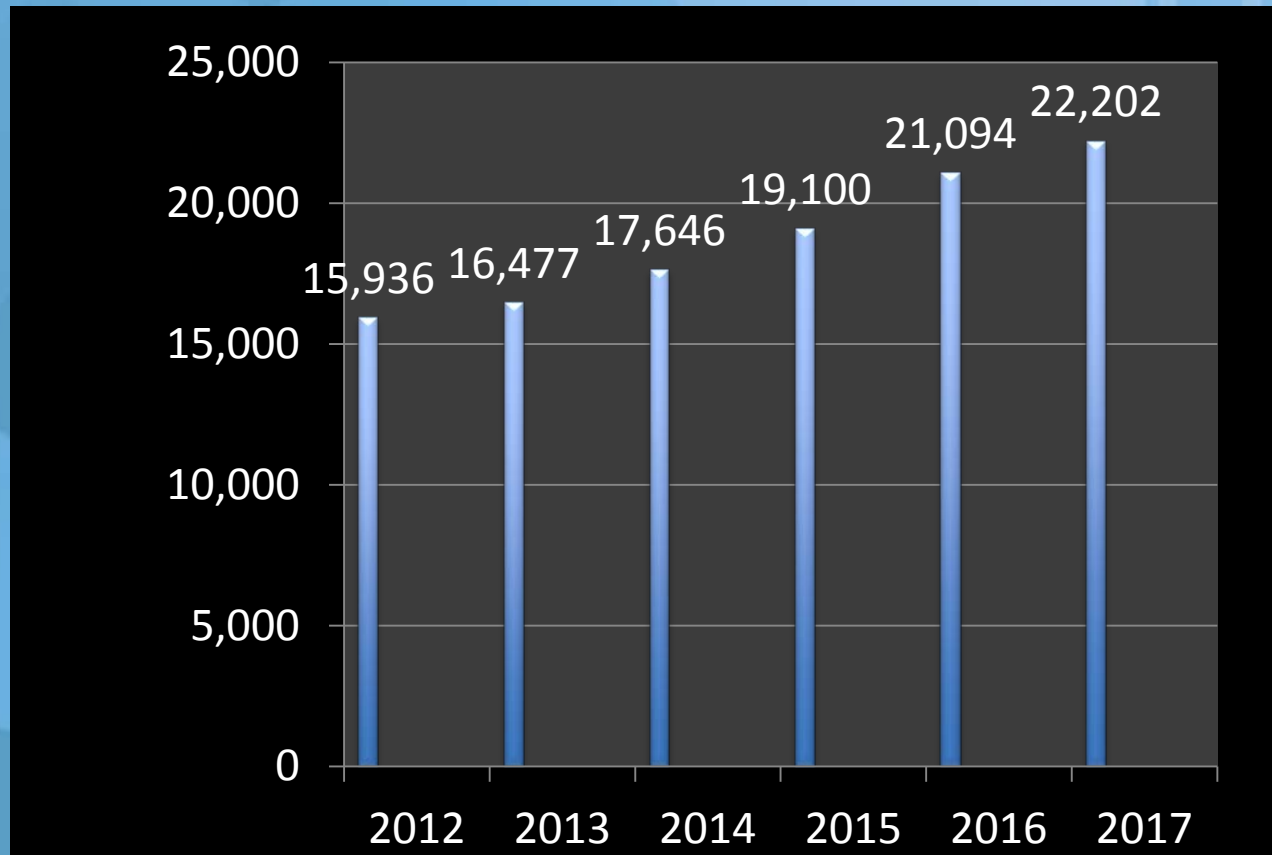


# 2017 Call Types

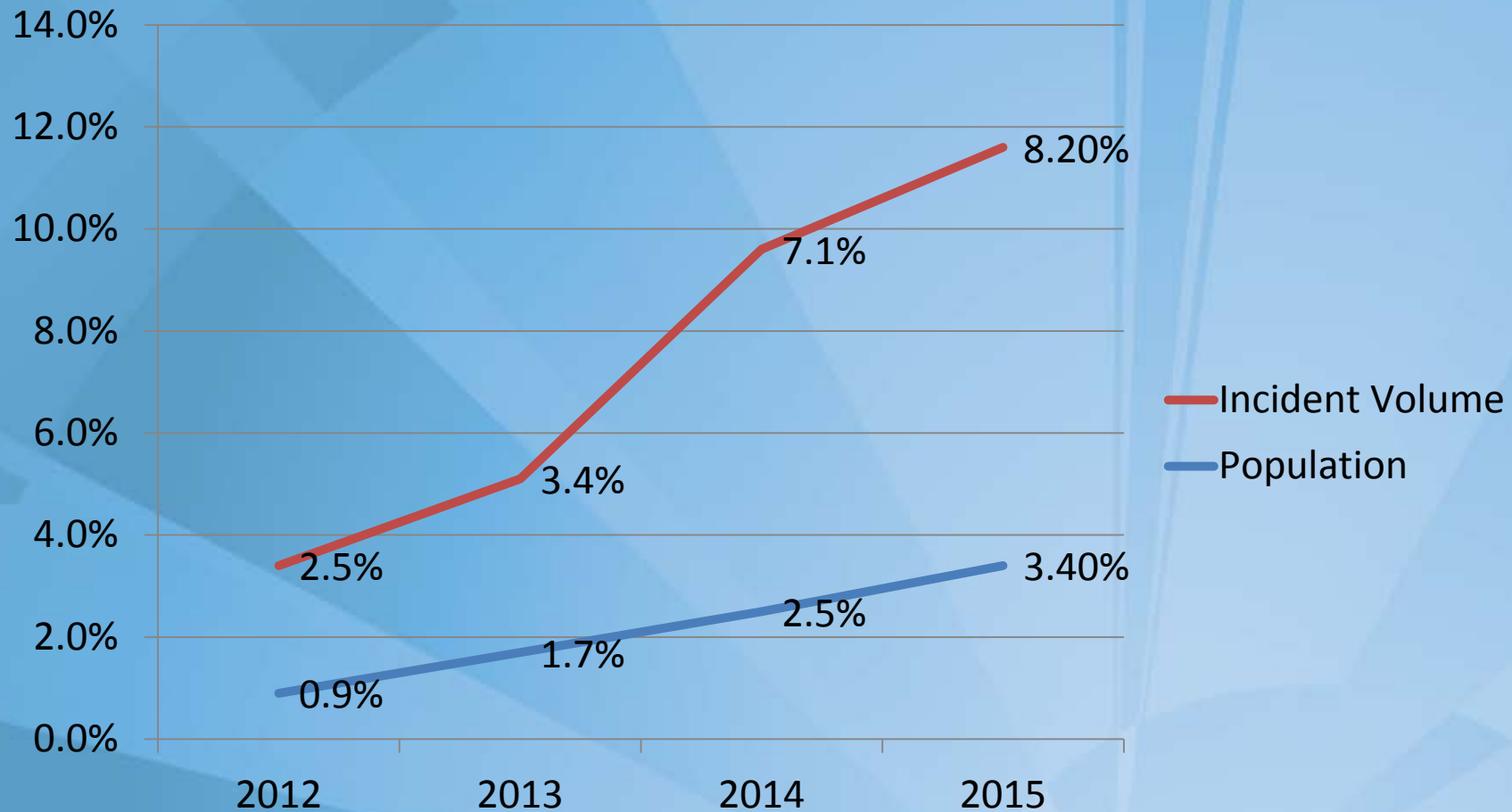




# Incident Volume 2012-2017



## How are changes in incident volume and population related?



# Daily Operations Staffing

- **On-duty Staffing**
  - 11 Engine Companies – minimum 3/unit
  - 2 Trucks (FIC's) – minimum 4/unit
  - 1 Safety Officer – minimum 1/unit
  - 2 Battalion Chiefs
  - 44 minimum daily staffing
- **2 On-Call Volunteer Companies (Wildland and EMS Only)**



# Overview of Staffing

- 186 Uniformed Paid Staff
  - 164 Assigned to Operations
  - 22 assigned to Training, Support, CSSD and Administration
- 26 FT and 12 PT Civilian Personnel
- 24 Volunteer Firefighters
- 5 volunteer mail carriers



# Challenges

- **Funding**
- **Growth—population and call volume**
- **Aging population**
- **All hazards = much time spent training**
- **Coordination with PVH EMS  
Ambulance, neighbors, state**
- **Climate change = wildfires**

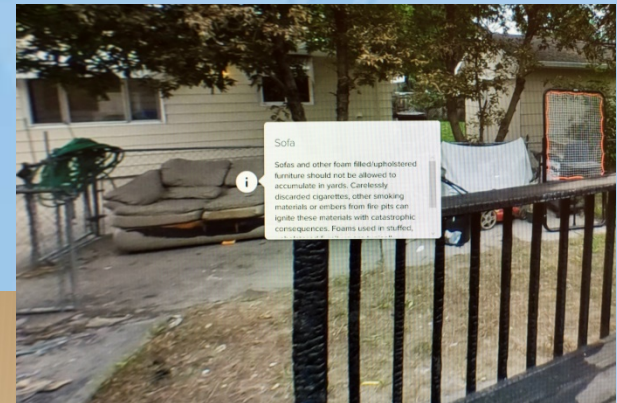


# Public Education & Risk-Reduction Efforts

- Reduce risks within PFA's service area
- Dynamic work
- Empower people to live their safest lives



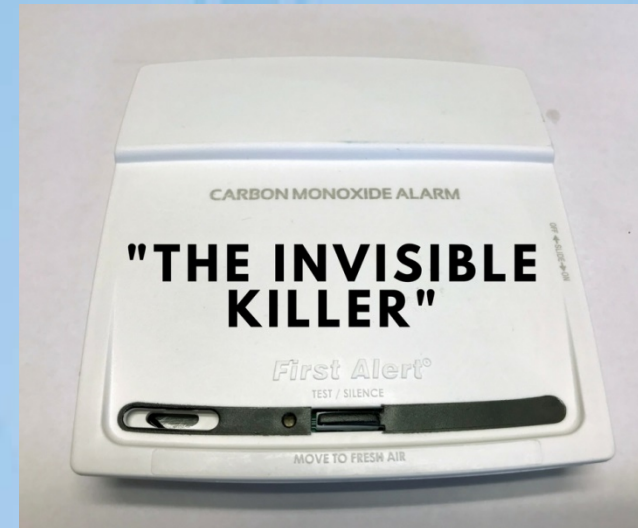
A Colorado State University student wears virtual reality goggles to view the 360-degree, immersive fire-safety video tour created following an Aug. 20, 2017, Fort Collins house fire. View the video at: [bit.ly/broadview360video](http://bit.ly/broadview360video)





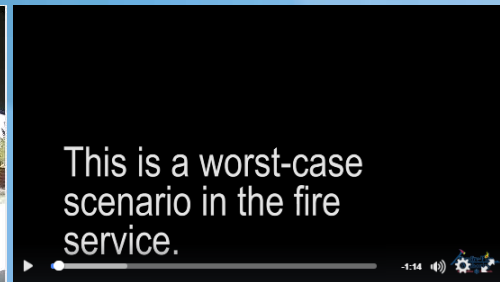
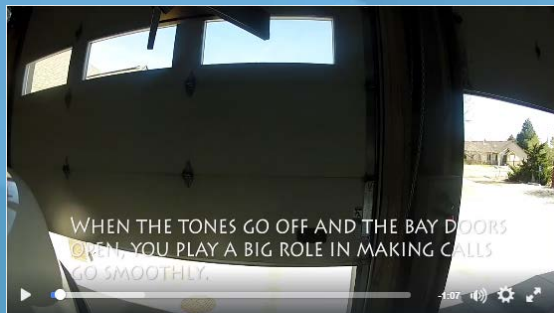
# Risk-Reduction

- Smoke/carbon monoxide alarm installations
- Second-grade Safety House program
- Community Service Action teams
- Fire extinguisher training
- River-safety education



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- It's important to us that we show and tell you how we're serving you and your family 24/7/365.



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**Poudre Fire** @poudrefire · 2h  
Go behind the scenes of #PFA's safety-trailer program for 2nd graders. #FireSafety #education #emergencypreparedness #prevention

**Poudre Fire** @poudrefire · 8h  
There are a handful of burns on @LarimerCounty's site "Today's Burns." See smoke? It could be from 1 of these: [ow.ly/8EIK30aNFpp](http://ow.ly/8EIK30aNFpp)

**FAQ: Smoke, carbon monoxide alarms**  
Poudre Fire Authority Communications Team from Poudre Fire Authority · 5 Oct  
Greetings, from your friendly community fire department. Falling leaves and cooler temperatures mark the start of fall -- it's also a time to check the life-saving devices in your homes.  
Carbon monoxide: Many people are running their furnaces for the first time in months. With that in mind, people should be aware of the following:  
Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a deadly, colorless, odorless, ... [View more](#)  
Shared with Poudre Fire Authority in Crime & Safety  
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**poudrefire** Let's give the amazing young women of Girl Scout Troop 71748 a hand. The girls in the troop, which has 36 scouts ages 6 to 14, voted this year to name PFA firefighters as Hometown Heroes. As part of cookie sales, they worked hard to solicit donations. This afternoon, they gifted boxes of cookies to PFA. Firefighters from Engine and Tower 1, as well as two PFA chiefs, were there to say thanks, and the scouts got an impromptu lesson in fire safety and a tour of the engine. We see some amazing future leaders in their midst. 🍪❤️🔥 Thanks for all you young ladies do! #fire #firesafety #emergencyservices #firefighterposts #girlscouts #cookies

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**Poudre Fire Authority** Verified  
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ly learned this as children: "Move to the right for sirens and lights" p. Still, there are motorists who don't obey the law and create ally unsafe conditions for PFA firefighters and other emergency ders. Learn more about how you can help at [bit.ly/movetotherightinfo](http://bit.ly/movetotherightinfo).

One of the critical components in this -- and other -- investigations is the process of witness interviews, of which our partners at LCSO played an integral role. Investigators with PFA and LCSO interviewed people to gather information about what they saw and when. Two people, in particular, reported seeing the fire in its incipient, or initial phase, and shared key information that helped in establishing the fire's origin and movement patterns. They also reviewed hundreds of photos, videos and other material. Strong winds and difficult terrain made for worse fire conditions in this case. However, firefighters were successfully able to contain the fire to the one home and prevent the spread to nearby houses -- or hillside vegetation -- ultimately preventing what could have been an even more devastating wildfire. They were also helped by having access to Continental Drive from two directions, enabling them to fight the fire from multiple sides.

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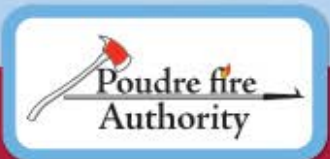
# Your Support

- **Firefighter Compassion Fund**

- Nonprofit fund
- Accepts donations
- Enables firefighters to help people with immediate needs
- Ex. Hot water heater, bed, winter clothing, etc.

- **Fire and Life Safety Education Fund**

- Nonprofit fund
- Accepts donations
- Money is used to purchase life-saving materials, such as smoke/CO alarms or Auto-Out Stovetop fire suppression devices



# Questions?

