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Poudre Fire Authority and Wellington Fire Protection District Build a Regionalized Resource and Response System

Poudre Fire Authority (PFA), Wellington Fire Protection District (WFPD) and Fort Collins 911 have been working closely over the past few months to build a regionalized resource and response model for emergency fire and EMS calls in northern Colorado. Developing interagency relationships can help us get to people who need help in a faster and more efficient manner. The streamlined communication system can also improve safety for firefighters and save money especially in terms of training and reserve apparatus. While WFPD and PFA will still operate independently and serve their communities, they will be dispatched through one channel and share a station naming system to help with clarity. This ensures that when we need to work together, we're ready.

What does “regionalized” resource and response look like now?

Joint Training: In addition to rank-specific joint trainings over the last five years, recent months have seen crews assigned to PFA participating in joint trainings with personnel from WFPD. Joint trainings will improve incident management and operations on incidents where mutual aid, communications, and efficient use of resources are paramount.

Shared Resources: Reducing resource duplication means better use of taxpayer dollars either during emergency response or when purchasing new equipment.

What will stay the same?

PFA and WFPD administration and day-to-day business functions (permitting, inspections, public education, etc.) will continue as normal. The only changes being made are to the dispatching/response orders for emergency fire and EMS responses.

What does this mean going forward?

This is just one step toward a regionalized resource and response approach. Other opportunities may include shared IT management, apparatus maintenance, updates to multi-alarm response plans, and an upgraded dispatching system in 2020.

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