

Brighton Fire Rescue District



**2014
Annual Report**

Dear Resident:

As 2014 ended, the Fire District prepared for its next service level increase: the addition of paramedic trained firefighters on the fire companies. This joint effort with Platte Valley Medical Center (PVMC) will continue to enhance the emergency medical services provided to our community. While PVMC will continue to provide paramedic ambulance service, the Fire District will move forward with its effort to ensure that a paramedic, either on a fire engine or ambulance, will arrive within 8 minutes of being dispatched.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) completed its review of the Fire District operations at the end of 2014. While the official announcement will not occur until mid-2015, it is expected that the District's fire insurance rating will improve, which could result in lower insurance premiums for residents and business in the district.

The personnel at the Fire District remain committed to your safety. They train daily to develop and enhance the skills to respond to any hazard, any time. Since 1888, the members of the Fire District have demonstrated the desire to serve, the courage to act, and the ability to perform.

We hope that you find this report to be interesting and informative. On behalf of all of the Fire District personnel, thank you for your continued support and confidence in us.

Respectfully,



Mark A. Bodane
Fire Chief



2014 Highlights

- ☞ A District Training Group was formed to further develop and enhance the training programs for District personnel. Training Group members include Brad Cogburn, Colin Brunt, Chris Elliott, Kevin Carson, Clint Mader, and Ryan Tate.
- ☞ Members of the Fire District participated in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to battle childhood cancer. This is a cooperative effort with the Brighton Police Department.
- ☞ Members of the Fire District participated in the Help for Homes community service project.
- ☞ Barry Hughes was retained as the Fire District Chaplain, offering support and assistance to members and residents.
- ☞ The second annual "Safety Expo" was held on a Saturday at the Prairie Center. This Fire District sponsored event included participation by many other agencies and included displays, demonstrations, and kid's activities. More than 1,500 people attended the event.
- ☞ Platte Valley Medical Center (PVMC) and the Fire District approved a ten year extension to the ambulance service agreement which also requires the Fire District to upgrade its services to advanced life support - paramedic.
- ☞ The Fire District purchased a fire extinguisher training device for use in its public education programs.
- ☞ Members of the Fire District participated in the fire hose relay on the ski slopes to raise funds for the Children's Burn Center.
- ☞ Station logos were adopted for each of the 5 stations and proudly displayed on the vehicles.
- ☞ Members of the Fire District participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association Chili Cook-off in downtown Denver.
- ☞ Board Directors Dean Morris and Don Rowe were elected to 4 year terms.
- ☞ Division Chief John Schissler retired on December 31, 2014, after 34 years of service to the community.
- ☞ Whitney Means was hired as a Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Division.
- ☞ During October open houses were held at the District's five fire stations. This year the events included a pancake breakfast at all the stations.
- ☞ The Fire District's Color Guard deployed for The State of the City address, the 9-11 ceremony, a Colorado Rockies game, and the Parade of Lights.
- ☞ The Fire District awarded a \$1000 college scholarship to a graduating high school student.
- ☞ The Fire District held its fourth annual "Truck or Treat" event on Halloween, which was another great success as more than 400 people attended.

- ☞ The second “craft beer event” was held at a local brewery and sponsored by the Firefighter’s Local. This event featured a beer brewed in honor of our firefighters and named the Ol’ 27 Red Ale, in recognition of the District’s 1927 fire engine.
- ☞ The Fire District participated in the third joint firefighter academy with the consortium of North Area Fire Departments, which consists of 10 north metro area departments. Brycen Garrison was assigned as an instructor.
- ☞ The Brighton Professional Firefighters coordinated the Labor Day fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- ☞ Bill Porterfield, John Blunt, Chris Woolley, Brian Olivas, Brian Nekvasil, Mark Brasel, and Gary Dawson received Fire Officer I certification.
- ☞ Chris Kennison received an Associate’s Degree in Fire Science, Chris Woolley received a Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Administration, and Sean McCulloch received a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management.
- ☞ District crews attended the City of Brighton’s ward barbeque, CultureFest, July 4th Celebration, and many other events.
- ☞ Firefighters wore pink uniform t-shirts in October in participation of breast cancer awareness month.
- ☞ Matt Joslin, Chris Signer, Bill Bennett, Steve Choe, Theron Virtue, and John Johnson completed paramedic level training. Two paramedic engine companies will be placed into service in early 2015.
- ☞ Chris Elliott, Frank DiLorenzo, Todd Godek, Ken Maine, Mike Nekvasil, Travis Hahl, Pasquale DiLorenzo, John Stevens, Justin Laurdison, Chris Kennison, Scott Kinne, Dave DiLorenzo, Jeremy Osgood, Dan Grein, and Jeff Wright received Driver Operator-Pumper certification.
- ☞ Todd Godek and Scott Kinne received Driver Operator-Aerial certification.
- ☞ Chad Bassett, Eric Cross, James Doran, Richard Flos, Aaron Heiser, Reid McKinney, Sam Miller, Laura Resch, and Matt Sabadosh started as Reserve Firefighters



Membership Roster

Board of Directors

President – Dean Morris
 Vice-President – Scott Gerhardt
 Treasurer – Frank Serafini
 Secretary – Arlin Riggi
 Asst. Secretary – Don Rowe

Chief Staff

Mark Bodane - Fire Chief
 Kris Krengel - Division Chief/Fire Marshal
 John Schissler - Division Chief/ Technical Services
 Michael Schuppe - Division Chief/Operations

Administrative Staff

Carol Thompson - Admin Assistant
 Rita Saunders - Accountant

Fire Prevention

Larry Allen – Deputy Fire Marshal
 Dawn Blunt - Public Safety Educator
 Tim Thompson – Fire Inspector

Technical Services

Doug Tweedy - Mechanic

Battalion Chiefs

Phil Beehler - C-Shift
 Chris Woolley - A-Shift
 Rand Sheldon - B-Shift
 Gerard Lutz - Training

Lieutenants

John Blunt, Jr.
 Mark Brasel
 Colin Brunt
 Brad Cogburn
 Gary Dawson
 Jesse Eversman
 Chris Forbes
 Brycen Garrison
 Scott Griffith
 Sean McCulloch
 Brian Nekvasil
 Brian Olivas
 William Porterfield
 Michael Prill
 Tony Spresser

Engineers

Bill Bennett, Paramedic
 Kevin Carson
 Frank DiLorenzo
 Dave DiLorenzo
 Pasquale DiLorenzo
 Chris Elliott
 Todd Godek
 Daniel Grein
 Chris Hove
 Chris Kennison
 Scott Kinne
 Justin Lauridson
 Mike Nekvasil
 John Stevens
 Jeff Wright

Career Firefighters

Corey Carter, Paramedic
 Ron Chavez
 Steve Choe, Paramedic
 Austin Coleman, Paramedic
 Nick DiAnnie
 Brian Guyer
 Travis Hahl
 John Johnson, Paramedic
 Matthew Joslin, Paramedic
 Brian Lopez
 Clint Mader
 Ken Maine
 Michael Medina
 Devin Mellars
 Cole Miller
 Mario Molinaro
 Jeremy Osgood
 Chris Signer, Paramedic
 Ryan Tate
 Richard Towndrow
 Theron Virtue, Paramedic

Reserve Firefighters

Michael Cos-Y-Leon
 Clay Kunde
 Jared Moses
 Aaron Schissler
 Brian Tarango
 Peter Wray

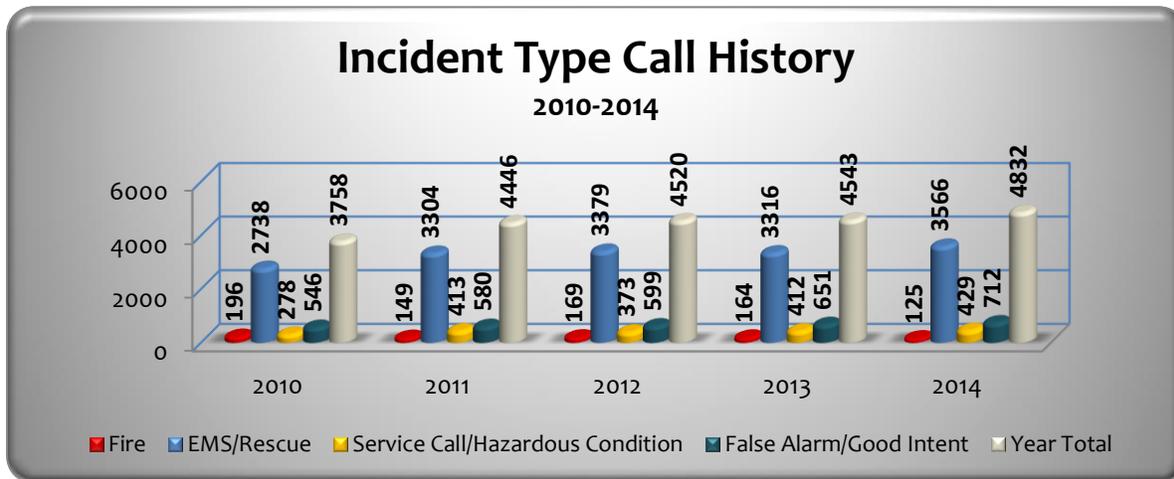
Staffing



Minimum career staffing was 14 each day.

Reserve firefighters are used to augment minimum staffing levels. Reserve firefighters worked 2,246 hours in 2014.

Emergency Activity



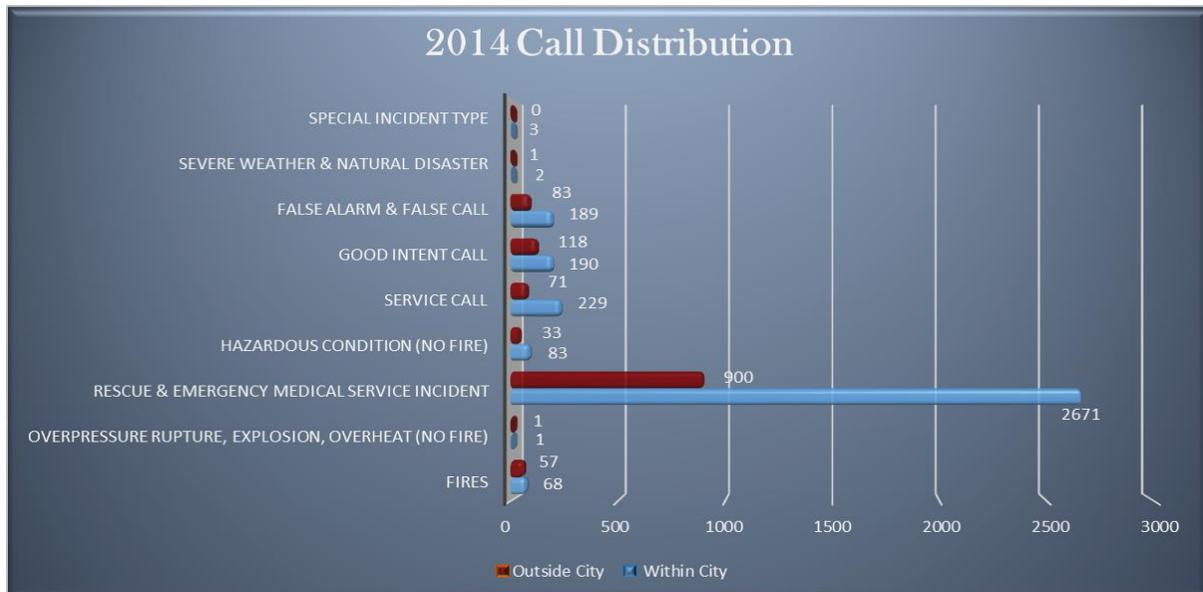
In 2014 there was a 6% increase in all calls for the year. There was a 24% decrease in fire calls, a 7% increase in EMS/Rescue calls, a 4% increase in Service/Hazardous condition calls, and a 9% increase in False Alarm/Good Intent calls.

A Fire call includes any type of fire, indoors or out.

EMS calls are calls that are primarily medical in nature, including injury accidents. Rescue calls can range from unlocking a vehicle to water or ice rescue.

Service Calls include anything from an animal rescue to a water or steam leak. Hazardous Condition can be a gas leak or chemical spill.

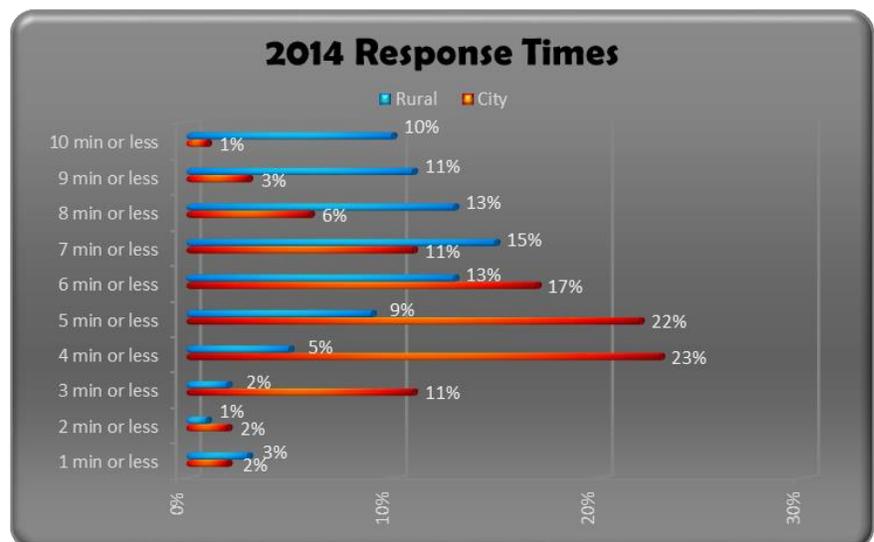
False alarms are generally alarm system activation where fire services are not needed. Good Intent calls include authorized burning that was called in by a bystander and other incidents where typical fire services were not needed.

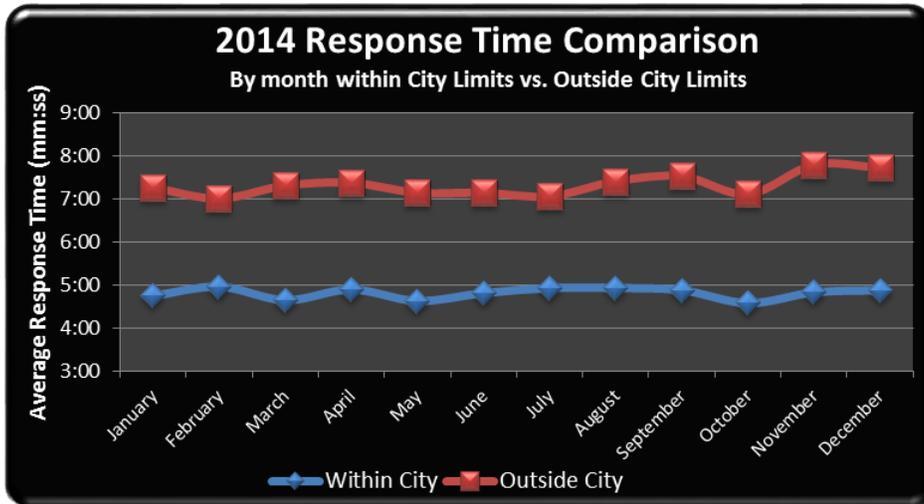


Response times are calculated from the time the dispatch center notifies the crew and that crew's arrival on scene. Many factors can affect response times. For rural areas, the location may be 10 minutes or more away from the closest fire station.

Some calls are deemed non-emergency in nature, and crews will respond without lights and sirens. An example would be a child locked in a vehicle where the child is in no immediate danger. Response times greater than 10 minutes mostly reflect non-emergency responses.

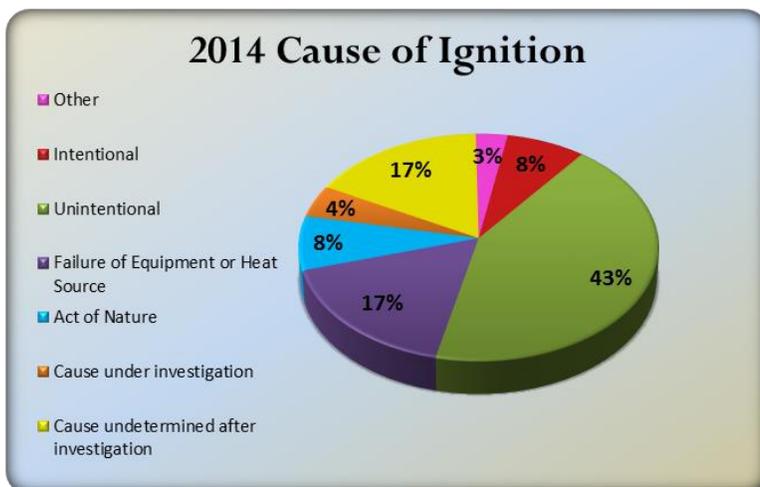
Our goal as a fire district is to have a response time of 6 minutes or less 90% of the time for calls within the city limits and 10 minutes 90% of the time for calls outside the city limits.





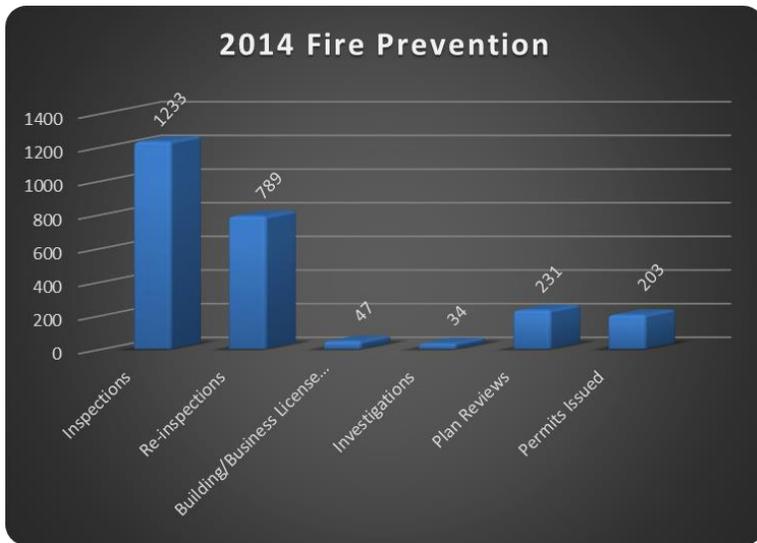
In 2014, the fire district was able to stay within our average response times both within the city limits and outside the city limits.

The higher response times for the outside areas are due to the fact that a great majority of our fire district is miles outside the city limits. We have two fire stations that reach to our east and west locations, but there remain very remote areas of the district.



Every fire is investigated with the intent to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Although it is the goal of the District's investigators to determine the cause and area of origin for each fire, we sometimes can only determine the area of origin and not the actual cause of ignition due to the severity of fire damage, as frequently occurs with vehicle fires.

Fire Prevention



In 2014 the District issued 203 permits, with associated fees totaling \$54,569.

Staff completed 22 reviews of projects submitted through the City of Brighton Development Review Committee, 6 projects were referred for review by Adams County Planning, and 2 projects were referred for review by Weld County Planning. In total, staff completed 231 plan reviews in 2014. These include new and remodel construction projects and re-submittals.

District fire investigators conducted 34 fire investigations. A total of 129 hours were spent creating preplans for local businesses.



In 2014, 139 child safety seats were installed or corrected for citizens.

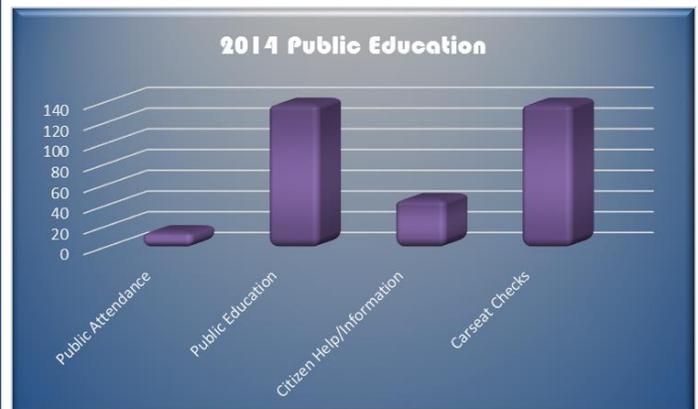
Fire Prevention Month events were visits done during the month of October to eleven private and public Elementary Schools within the Fire District. During that time, crews visited all 1st and 2nd grade classes and made contact with 1370 students.

A total of 10 Juvenile Firesetter Interviews were conducted in 2014.

The Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide programs continue to be successful with 8 new detectors installed. Additionally, crews visited homes and replaced 160 batteries. Several of these battery replacements were in detectors that were provided by the fire district. Crews installed 5 new carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of citizens in 2014.

Over the course of the year, crews and the Public Education Division made contact with approximately 3870 adults and 7222 children at various events.

Public attendance events are any event where the crew is present for any reason other than solely education. These events include public bonfires that are monitored by Brighton Fire, Fire Drills at schools and businesses, EMS standby for sporting events, Military Return parades within the city and any event where the fire department is being recognized for any reason. Public Education activities include any event where education is provided. This includes fire prevention month, story time at the firehouse, station tours, dinners at the fire house, CPR and 1st Aid Classes, Truck displays at local events (including our own Open Houses and Truck or Treat events), Fire Extinguisher training, and various other education as requested by citizens. Citizen help and information events include Blood Pressure Checks at our local Senior Center, smoke detector and battery installs and carbon monoxide detector installs.



Technical Services

Units	Description
Chief 53	2000 Ford Expedition
Chief 54	1999 Suburban
Chief 55	2002 Ford Expedition
Bureau 51	2000 Ford Expedition
Bureau 52	2008 Subaru Forester
Bureau 53	2010 Subaru Forester
Training 51	2000 Ford Expedition
Station 51	
Engine 51	2008 Smeal Pumper
Tower 51	2010 Pierce Platform
Tender 51	1984 Ford
Battalion 51	2012 Tahoe
Reserve 51	2006 Smeal Pumper
Station 52	
Engine 52	2013 BME Pumper
Tender 52	2009 Kenworth
Rescue 52	1990 GMC
Attack 52	2000 Ford 550
Air Light Trailer	2009 Scott
Training Supply Unit	2005 Hallmark Trailer
Mass Casualty Unit	2005 Hallmark Trailer

Station 53	
Truck 53	2003/2013 Smeal Ladder
Tender 53	2009 Kenworth
Attack 53	2009 Ford
Boat 53	2008 Zodiac
Station 54	
Engine 54	2010 Smeal
Tender 54	2003 Kenworth
Attack 54	1993 KME Pumper
HazMat 6	1987 GM Van
Station 55	
Engine 55	2006 Smeal Pumper
Tender 55	2003 Kenworth
Attack 55	2000 Ford 550
MCCU 55	2006 Mobile Command
Station 51 Maint. Shop	
Service truck	2011 Ford F-350
Service truck	1996 Ford pick-up
	1927 American Lafrance
	1915 Republic (Antique)



Training and Safety



2014 proved to be another successful year for the Training Division. With the full implementation of the district's Training Committee and Monthly Training Packets which outlined and scheduled monthly training topics, members participated in over 12,788 hours of training for the year. Topics included: Basic and advanced firefighting skills, Officer Development, Emergency Medical Services topics, Driver Operator training and certification, Technical Rescue skills and scenarios and various Hazardous Materials topics.

District Training:

District instructors took great pride in preparing and implementing basic and advanced training classes at both the shift and multi-company levels. Through their efforts, the district's level of training once again has increased immensely.

Specialized training of added interest:

- South Adams County Burn Tower-
 - Crews participated in live fire training evolutions with the South Adams County Fire Department-396 hours
- EMS CE's-
 - Fire crews received 2098 hours of EMS continuing education training from Platte Valley Ambulance personnel covering all aspects of EMS topics.
- BFRD Instructors were invited by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control to participate in instructing the State's Fire Instructor I certification classes.



Intermediate and Advance Training:

Crews participated in a variety of multi-company and multi-agency drills covering technical rescue and hazardous materials response, fire evolutions, firefighter entrapment avoidance and firefighter rescued drills (RIT). These drills were conducted at both district and non-district facilities.



Career Firefighter Testing:

Testing was completed and an eligibility list was established for the position of Career Firefighter/Paramedic. The list was created using outside applicants for the hiring list.

Certifications:

Members completed all requirements set by the State Division of Fire Prevention and Control for Driver Operator and Fire Officer Certifications.

- Driver Operator Pumper- 13 members completed all requirements for DOP certification in 2014.
- Driver Operator Aerial- 3 members Completed all requirements for DOA certification in 2014.
- Fire Officer I- 6 members completed all requirements for the Fire Officer Certification in 2014.

North Area Fire Academy:

Brighton Fire Department participated in the third combined North Area Fire Academy. The academy was a combination of six area fire departments with 25 recruits attending. Participating departments supplied instructors, equipment and training locations for the academy. The academy is a 12 week academy designed for both entry level and experienced firefighters. State testing for Fire I, Fire II and Hazmat Operations certifications were administered at the completion of the academy.

- Brighton participated in the academy with one full time instructor for the duration of the academy.



Off-site Training

Members attended various outside training opportunities throughout the year. Trainings of particular interest include the following:

- National Fire Academy
- Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC)
- Colorado State Fire Chief's Leadership Conference
- Quarterly North Area Tech Rescue Team trainings
- Quarterly Adams/Jeffco Hazmat Team trainings