

## Historical Time Line for Golden Fire Department 1872 to 1999

1872 - Golden Hook and Ladder Company officers selected October

1873 - Golden Hook and Ladder Company - formed

Had rift over hand fire engine versus a hook and ladder truck & split into a rival company  
Changed name to Excelsior Fire Company No. 1 - later became Excelsior Hose Company  
Rescue Hook and Ladder Company formed from split

First of October the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company had purchased a used hook and ladder truck - \$150 out of their own pockets until reimbursed in May 74.

First engine house was located on Wash. between 11th & 12th - no stove

Hand pulled Hook and Ladder weighed 1,850 pounds and was pulled by 15 men in competition.

1874 - Dispatch was bell of the Baptist Church

Bought "Fire King" from Omaha, NE - \$1,000 (hand brakes)

Excelsior - 40 men + 4 officers

Rescue Hook & Ladder - 18 men + 3 officers

John W. Gaynor, of Excelsior Fire Company No. 1, first Chief of the Golden Fire Dept,  
Lorenze H. Wagner, of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, was the Assistant Chief.

Members paid \$0.25 to be on dept

Central City fire of May 21, was also the first recorded mutual-aid call in Colorado.

Golden's first fire water system started - 2 cisterns each holding 12,000 gallons

Engine house (1874-1875) was rented for \$16/month on 13th E of Wash.

1875 - membership down to 52 goal was 75

1876 - "Fire King" had new quarters at the corner of Washington Avenue and Third (now 13th) Street. Engine house belonged to F.E. Everett and was rented at a cost of \$36 per month (Raised to \$160/month by 1983). "This new engine house is a great improvement over the old one, as it can easily be warmed...."

1877 - Rescue Hook and Ladder Company re-organized as F.E. Everett Hook and Ladder Co.

1879 - W.A.H. Loveland Independent Fire & Hose Company (Loveland Hose Company) formed

Golden completed its water system with water in mains under pressure, & fire hydrants

Golden Fire Department presented w/ with a "Magic" spray nozzle play-pipe

Golden Fire Department - joining of Excelsior Hose Company  
Everett Hook and Ladder Company  
Loveland Hose Company

GFD chief 1-year term rotated between the 3 companies

- 1880** - Fire signals had been adopted by the Golden Fire Department.  
Five or more taps called out the whole department;  
Four taps - Loveland Hose;  
Three taps - Excelsior Hose;  
Two taps - Everett Hooks.

By the first of October three new fireplugs had been installed

The city council had sold the old hand fire engine - "Fire King" - for \$250

- 1882** - W.A.H. Loveland Hose Company provided for its members a burial plot in the Golden Cemetery, as many of its members were single with no immediate families.  
The deed for Lot 1 in Block 48 - graves 1 through 12 - was acquired from the city on August 7, 1882.  
The first burial for a member of the Loveland Hose Company was for Frank D. Allen, (grave No.9) who died on July 18, 1882.  
The second burial was for Frank K. Wall, (grave No.10) who died on January 2, 1883.

- 1883** - Adolph Coors was elected to Loveland Hose

Central Fire Station dedicated May 1 - cost \$1,907

1,300 pound Fire alarm bell had arrived by the first of August, 1883

The firemen got tired waiting for the City Council & built bell tower

- 1889** - New bell for the Loveland Hose House had been received by the end of April

- 1890** - Adolph and William Coors were members in good Standing

- 1893** - Fire department demanded a team of horses to pull fire apparatus - city didn't act

- 1904** - March, a new \$150 bell replaced old "cow" bell at the Loveland Hose House.

Water pressure from the new Beaver Brook water works was far better than before

Morning of June 2--- Fireman Irwin Brown had the artery severed in his wrist by falling against a jagged piece of glass in a window frame while attending to his duties at this fire, however, Dr. Kelly was there and attended to him at once

- 1905** - Fourth of July celebration - Reichwein, assistant captain for the Loveland running team, stumbled and fell under the heavy hose cart, which passed over his leg, resulting in a transverse fracture of the bone, midway between the thigh and the knee, together with numerous bruises and abrasions.

**1906** - Chief Sam Husson recommended that it would be wise for the city to purchase 400 feet of new hose and another nozzle, as the inside of one of the nozzles was badly torn by rocks from the water main while extinguishing the fire at E.E. Stewart's on Inspection Day. The city council authorized the fire committee to order 400 feet of Kansas cotton hose.

City paid \$2 to the first team to arrive at the Central Station to pull the hose cart to fire

**1911** - Sam Bolitho was elected Chief of the Golden Fire Department on June 22, to take the place of Irwin N. Brown, who died by his own hand earlier that week.

Membership nearly 100

GFD got two steel bell towers to replace the wooden ones at Central & Loveland stations

**1913** - Central Fire Station remodeled (1500 ft<sup>2</sup> - concrete floors added, etc.)

**1915** - May 14 - Golden Clean up day

**1916** - Orph Hall was appointed Fire Warden received \$5 for every fire he attended.

Fire warden was paid by the city to attend all fires;

Take charge in the absence of the chief and assistant chief;

And report to the city council, were taken the first part of March.

Fire warden was a member of fire department, but directly responsible to the city council.

First use of self-contained breathing apparatus was utilized in fighting a fire of mysterious origin in the Woods-Rubey Bank block early on the morning of August 10. Fireman George Broad was given a hasty lesson in the use of and a diving helmet and an oxygen tank and entered the burning building. The heat was so intense that he was only able to remain a short time, and made several trips into the smoke filled building. Broad carried an axe with him and at last succeeded in chopping a hole through the floor and got water on the fire.

**1916** - The Colorado State Firemen's Association was conceived in August, after considerable correspondence had been carried on between the different fire departments of the state. These firemen had been trying for some time to bring about state legislation for the pensioning and relief of aged or disabled firemen and their dependents.

**1917** - GFD joined State Firemen's Association

**1918** - The fire Bell at Central Fire Station was cracked by the all-night exuberant tolling when the Armistice was signed ending World War I.

**1919** - A new bell had arrived, and was placed on the bell tower at the Central Fire Station. The old cracked bell - now known as the Liberty bell did rest outside the main entrance to the municipal building at 911 10th Street.

**1919** - 1st modern motorized fire truck - \$3,635 -

Model "K" International truck, 1½ ton, 146 inch wheel base;  
One 40 gallon Champion copper, fully nickel plated chemical tank, complete with  
by-pass system, two acid bottles, one acid bottle holder, hose reel, 200 feet best  
grade 3/4-inch chemical hose, nozzle, wrenches, etc.;  
Two No. 22 Babcock fire extinguishers in brass holders;  
One regulation axe, mounted;  
One regulation crow bar, mounted;  
One bell;  
One pike pole, mounted;  
One 12-foot roof ladder;  
One 20-foot extension ladder;  
Two nozzle plugs;  
Two lanterns in holders;  
One steel body, side and rear steps.  
I was planned to purchase 1000-feet of new fire hose

**1919** - Immediately after finishing a practice run with the hose team on August 20, John Brown  
- age 22 - dropped dead.

The fire limits of the City changed from the business district to the corporate limits of the  
city. No wooden buildings would be permitted to be built, except in sparsely settled  
localities, or moved from one place to another, without the consent of the Mayor or  
Council

**1920** - Colorado State Firemen's Association designated October 9 as Fire Prevention Day.

**1921** - The inability to secure a good fire bell since the old bell was cracked prompted the City  
Council to try out an electric siren. Tests were made and the noise could be heard  
plainly in several parts of town, as well as at the Rifle Range, the fire brick plant, city  
reservoirs and other points.

For some time, ever since Golden became the proud possessor of a motorized fire truck,  
it had been the general practice when an alarm of fire came in and a run was made,  
for about two-thirds of the male population to attempt to get on the fire apparatus.  
On one or two occasions, good, active firemen, who knew how to couple hose,  
handle the chemicals, etc., had been crowded off, and in one instance a plugman was  
hurt. The firemen had about reached the end of their patience by the end of April and  
had requested that in the future people who were not firemen refrain from riding, or  
in any way handling the hose, nozzle, chemical apparatus, etc., unless requested to do  
so by some firemen.

**1921** - Gamewell Fire Alarm system had been installed. All fire hydrants were numbered to  
correspond with a brake wheel in a transmitter box, which was located at the  
telephone exchange. When a fire occurred, and the telephone exchange was notified,  
the operator started the automatic striker, which rang the fire bell with a series of  
taps, giving the hydrant number nearest to the scene of the fire.

A new fire bell - ordered to replace the one which was broken several weeks ago - had  
been placed on the Central Fire Station tower by the middle of July. This bell was

larger and for sounding qualities was an improvement over the old one, it also would be utilized in connection with the Gamewell Fire Alarm system.

Golden now has five women as members of the local fire department. In all the years that the department has been organized, no woman's name has ever been on the roster. Golden is the second city in the state to appreciate the services rendered by the telephone operators in the way of handling fire alarms over the telephone, and at a recent meeting of the Golden Fire Department it was voted to confer honorary memberships on the operators in the Golden exchange

- 1922 - Three Golden firemen - Fred Bochaty, John Jones, and Fred Richards - had perfected a hose clamp. It was made for replacement race to make it faster to swap hose w/o turning off water and was the first in the country.

Golden's first illuminated fire run on Saturday night, December 23, when the Golden Fire Department made a demonstration on Washington Avenue, from 14th Street to 9th Street -- fire truck was decorated with small electric lights - in red, white and blue - and tinsel. The spotlight was also red, and several members of the truck crew held lighted fuses, which made effective lights.

- 1924 - About midnight on July 24, a short circuit in the alarm system started the fire alarm bell ringing, and sent the fire truck on a wild chase for the scene of a non-existent fire.

- 1926 - Wanted - One hundred members of the Golden Fire Department to come to the Loveland Fire Station next Sunday morning to assist on work for the foundation for the new building

Electric wiring was being installed at the new Loveland Fire Station by the middle of August

At a meeting of the Fire Department held on August 10 an amendment to the by-laws was adopted which set the status of a retired fireman eligible for the state pension fund. Twenty years must be served before the payment from the funeral fund would be made to the beneficiary of a retired fireman. However, all those having served fifteen years up to the date of adoption of the amendment would be given certificates. This new amendment did not in any way affect active firemen, who were eligible for the fund when injured in the line of duty. At this time the department had over \$2,000 in its pension fund.

- 1927 - The Golden Fire Department purchased a hand siren for the fire truck. Besides using the siren when the fire truck made a run, it would be used as a signaling device between the plugman and the nozzleman when the big hose was in action.

In effort to get faster truck ---- The Fire Department is a non-political organization - it is organized for service only and that service is rendered under all conditions and circumstances. Very few people realize that there is over two millions of dollars worth of property in Golden intrusted to the department against fire loss. The maintenance of your department is a very small item, but if two paid men were on duty there would be \$2,500 for salaries to begin with. The organization has received

\$600 in two years over actual running expenses, \$400 of which has been put into the new Loveland Station, which will in time come to stand as a monument to the loyalty of your fire fighters to your community. Take a look at the structure and you will marvel that such a building could be erected under two thousand dollars. The men of the department did it by the sweat of their brow.

Our request is modest and sensible. We are not trying to shape the political destiny of the City, but we are trying to do two things - namely: give better fire protection and save the taxpayers of Golden some money.

Plans are to hold a big mass meeting in the near future at which time every citizen will be given an opportunity to express his opinion on this important matter. Think it over and come prepared to state your ideas.

The Golden Fire Department

By O.A. Goetze, Chief

Frank Morton, Secretary

The volunteer fire department is now recognized as the leading service organization all over the country. The members of the organization give freely of their time and the only compensation they receive is exemption from jury duty and the thrill that comes occasionally when going to or fighting a fire.

**1927 -** The new Loveland Fire Station - located on 9th and East Streets was dedicated on February 19. The new station was forty by fifty-five feet and was very substantially built, the walls were of cobblestone hauled from the creek bottoms by the firemen themselves. Over two hundred loads of rock were required, besides fifty or more loads of sand. The meeting room was large enough to seat several hundred people comfortably. There was a large kitchen equipped with a range, table, cabinets, sink and drain board. Adjoining this was the hose cart room. The kitchen and cart room had concrete floors; the meeting room had a Texas pine floor, which had been finished so that it was suitable for dancing. There was still some work to be done on the structure, such as making sewer connections, putting in City water and installing toilet facilities, which would be done when the money was available.

The City of Golden contributed \$400, the Fire Department - from dances and other entertainments - over \$600 and from subscriptions of citizens over \$600, which made the new station represent an investment of \$1,600 in cash. Some idea may be gained of how much labor was donated when the calculation was made that if the place had been let on contract it would have cost over \$3,000. The labor list carried the names of sixty-two men - and it was to these men that the real credit for the new station

The Mountain States Inspection Bureau had written a letter the latter part of February to the Arvada Fire Department, which brought out a matter of importance to Golden and other communities of the state. During the past year both the Golden and Arvada firemen had responded to calls some distance from town. The Inspection Bureau called attention to the fact that while this was of service to rural residents, the withdrawal of fire apparatus from the town limits represented a hazard that must be recognized if the town's fire insurance classification was permitted to continue.

This letter went on to state that while Arvada had a grade of eight in the National Board Protection schedule, it may be placed at ninth class if the activities of the fire department were to be extended beyond the town limits. Such a change would result

in an increase of all insurance premiums in the town. At this time Golden had a classification of four and one-half.

1927 - Fire Truck No 1 - GMC w/ Buick Master-six Chemical Wagon - 1000 ft 2.5", 10" search light, 2-30 gal chemical - \$2,786

Central Fire Station completely redecorated and rewired, as well as re-arranged

1929 - New fire siren replaced the Gamewell Alarm

1930 - Fire Truck No 2 - Rural Truck - 1930 Ford - w/ 750' 2.5", 2-40 call chemical + 75 chemical hose + 1-24' ext ladder, 12' roof ladder - \$2,500

1940 - All formerly red Fire Trucks now painted white

1944 - Golden now had a pump that had been loaned to the City of Golden by the Government's Civilian Defense Council. The new pump had been mounted on a two-wheeled trailer, weighing 3,000 pounds, and had a capacity of throwing 500 gallons of water per minute. It was powered with a six-cylinder gas engine. With the pump were 200 feet of 2½ inch hose and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose.

1947 - Tri-County Volunteer Firemen's Association formed

1948 - Darley-Champion pumper - cost \$6500 of which \$4000 worth of fire fighting equipment

1949 - The first volunteer fire department the Town of Morrison was organized. A used fire truck, purchased from the Golden Fire Department for \$550, had been fully equipped and would serve the Town of Morrison.

1950 - "The Little Red Devil" - Chevy pick-up - with 160 gallon water tank - owned by Dept

1954 - Eliminated individual companies (Loveland, Excelsior, Everett) - all GFD

1959 - Fire Rescue Truck - a panel truck

Painted all 4 trucks two-toned red and white

1960 - Golden built a modern Municipal Center, which, included a new three bay fire station. Up to that time the Golden Fire Department had been using the Central Fire Station - which had been built in 1883 - to house all their apparatus. The Loveland Station, built in 1927, and remodeled in 1956, was only used for Fire Department business meetings.

1961 - May 6, Fire Chief Harry Stokes in the lead, forty members of the Golden Volunteer Fire Department met at the old Central Fire Station for the last time, and marched in parade dress to their new quarters at Fire Station No.1 in Golden's new Municipal Center - at 10th Street and Washington Avenue

By the first part of February, the Fire Department had been having training programs each Sunday, and had staged some fire tests for the Mountain States Fire Inspection Bureau. Golden hadn't had a complete fire rating survey since 1933, and by the

middle of February in 1960, the Mountain States Inspection Bureau had almost completed such a survey. The one outstanding deficiency found was the undersized water mains in some areas. Some fireplugs needed to be connected to main truck lines and some connector lines were too small.

**1961** - Required new members to pass a physical

Required First Aid Director & Historian to be appointed along w/ 5 captains and 5 lieutenants

Bought 38 uniforms for \$978

CSP brought 2 pictures (films) for training - Swimming and Mouth to mouth

December, due to rule changes, GFD could no longer buy beer from Coors directly

**1963** - April 2, Business Meeting, Bill Webser was recognized for being an active member with GFD for 50 years - he joined in 1913

State sold land to form Lookout Mtn School for Boys

July, a young boy fell off N Table Mtn - GFD rescued him and he was transported to Lutheran in GFD Rescue Wagon

**1964** - February 9, Robert Babcock fell off of fire truck answering a fire at 530 Araphoe St. and died. Fire caused \$922.24 damage to residence.

April, Loveland Station House Rules

1. No Cigarettes to be put out on floor - \$1 fine
2. Anything spilled on the floor is to be cleaned up immediately
3. No one shall set on any table
4. Do not slide chairs or tables on floor
5. Put all trash in the trash can
6. Do not hit wall with pool cue when playing pool
7. Members will be responsible for own children
8. Any member damaging the Hall in anyway, will be billed for the damage by the secretary of the department

July, GFD elected 3 GFD members to Pension Board for first time - 3 GFD members, + Mayor + City Clerk + 1 other person appointed by mayor

B&F Ambulance was servicing Golden

October fire reports - GFD responded to a "monkey in a tree"

**1964** and **1967** - AID ambulance served Golden

**1965** - Sept 5, Chief referring to rescue calls asked everyone to be sure that the family will pay for the services before calling a doctor or ambulance



**1967 - A&A - Started serving Golden**

August 1, Firemen will be paid a sum of \$5/day for an accident incurred in the line of duty only.

Pension Board raise pension to \$50/month.

Bud McKee asked again why police are called first on a fire alarm?

**1968 thru 1975 - Garnett E. "Gene" Bennetts first chief for more than 1 year (8)**

Central State Pension Fund Formed

May, no alarms (siren or silent) for entire month - first month w/o calls as long as anyone could remember

Aug, GFD required members to attend 6 training meetings same as 6 department meetings per year

Cinderella City was open

Eula's Beauty Box donated \$5 to Ladie's Night.

Zeezo the Clown was used for Kid's X-mas party

**1969 - May 11, Rocky Flats Plutonium fire - (had plutonium fires at RF since 1957)**

New Rescue Truck chassis - \$3000

Bombing of power poles at PSC sub-stations

Got chocks/blocks for fire trucks

May 6, business meeting - since PVFD had women, it was suggested GFD pass a resolution "No Women Allowed"

March 4, Skip Schneckman, a biology teacher at the high school and two students, Mike Willoughby and Frank Young were introduced. They showed slides and gave a talk on a hike their club was going to make that summer. They will walk the Continental Divide from Wy. to N. Mex., approximately 650 mile and will take them 7 weeks to complete the trip. Their purpose was to raise dollars for supplies. GFD gave them \$25.

Pleasant View annexation vote - 464 against, 374 for

**1970 - Bought power saw**

New Rescue truck was 1970 Chevy 1-ton

Bought new resuscitator to replace Babcock memorial resuscitator

Coors began recycling aluminum cans

Sold old rescue truck to FFD for \$300

Got Plectron alarm system (replace Siren and telephone alarm system) in  
November(\$171.50 ea + base = \$8157 -- 45 Plectrons - limiting factor for GFD size  
for years)

New Coors Porc. Bldg

Station 2 - 1200 Ulysses Street - \$14,000

Pumper 2 (Ford Chasis w/ Howe pump)

#### 1971 - Sold old 142

Bought Bunker Coats and Helmets

Average of \$16/month for Beer

Got a radio for Asst Chief's car

Membership elected: Chief, Asst Chief, Secr/Treasure, Fire Marshall, Asst Fire Marshall,  
First Aid Director, 3 members for Pension Board and 3 Trustees -- total 12 people.  
Chief appointed 5 captains and 5 lieutenants.

Got disability insurance for FF injured on a call - paid \$200/week

Got SCAT truck

Chief got \$75/month  
- Ass Chief \$65/month  
- Sec Treas \$50/month  
- Fire Marshall \$30/month  
- Asst Fire Marshall \$20/month

Old Magic Mtn became Heritage Square

#### 1972 - Bought Bunker Coats

Looked into possibility of fire lane ordinance

Changed fire truck color from red and white

Aacquired 1962 Ford 4x4 to replace #142

#### 1973 - Snorkel 1 - \$89,875

GFD gave Loveland Sta to City

A&A ambulance borrowed a Plectron Channel for amb dispatch

Went from 10 codes to Clear Speech on Radio

4 helmets were equipped with face shields, 2 for each pumper

Got Snorkel bay and meeting room for Station 1 - \$87,826

Bought suspenders, fire boots and fire pants (membership wanted boots but pants were optional via questionnaire to membership)

Got jaws for the Porta Power

**1974** - First pancake bkft - problems keeping up w/ the bacon

Bell old Loveland Sta moved (to city shops?)

Took delivery of Snorkel - \$89,975 (sold for \$50K after Purchase of Tower in 1996)

Started rescue squad (first aid team)

Coors contract was increased from \$2500 to \$3000

Coors fire training center

GFD built the offices at Sta 1

Dog catcher truck blown up?

A special note of thanks also went out for the surprising visit by the great Streaker (Jack Goudge).

Bought 3- portable radios

August 6 - Joe Wilson reported some firemen were seen drinking beer in the snorkel and thought this was not a very good policy. Chief Bennetts stated that the officers were aware of this report and had discussed it quite a bit and that it wasn't very good for our image to be drinking in any of the fire equipment.

**1975** - Finished buying bunker pants for department

First hang glider fatality?

**1976** thru 1981 - Gary Granquist Chief

15 rescue tones

March, Bought 2 barrel beer tap - wanted to charge for pop

June, Bancroft underwater team helped on water rescue in Clear Creek

July, built hood for grills

Station 3 - 16023 W. 5th - ~\$18,560

**1977** - Ventilated meeting room of cigarette smoke

Red dot for windows program

Finished ceiling in snorkel bay

Bob Nelson - close doors @ Sta 2 when drinking beer to improve our public image

State Pension was up to \$200/month if a department was actuarially sound

Purchased first CPR manikin

Got ladder truck back from Fairgrounds

Started Code Reds for Core O on Ambulance

Pumper 5 Seagraves - \$69,881

December 7 - Mt. Zion -Chimney Gulch grass fire

**1978** - Training with kayaks for water rescue

ISO - fire rating

November, Chief Granquist called at home - Hippies were sleeping in the Snorkel Bay

Start of GFD mug saga

Murphy Gulch Fire (above John Manville)

Chemical plant fire on Hwy 72

Carolyn Reinhard part-time GFD secretary

**1979** - June, Coors decided not to buy GFD mugs but gave \$5000 for GFD book instead  
GFD purchased AVON boat instead of kayaks

Alpine Slide started

Got Nomex Gloves

Arvada went to court to get rights to enter a bldg for fire inspection

Coffee pot for rescue truck

New fire helmets

Wheatridge flood

Foothills Ambulance formed by Bob Nelson and Jerry Schoech and covered city

**1980** - SCBA's reconditioned and modified

Security system on trophy case

Converted Denver to NST on fire plugs

Carolyn Reinhard fulltime Secretary

**1981** - Old Miner Inn fire

June 1, Joe Bruce became first paid Fire Inspector

Super Fan and Hurst HRT Tools

Rescue 1 - SuperVac - \$92,377

Foothills Ambulance sold to Evelyn Jeffries, Hank Henry and Joan Ledford

**1982** thru 1984 - Stoo Reinhard Chief

Replaced most of the windows on the Station doors with insulated panels

Got soda dispenser for Purlick

Bought 3 boogie boards

Pumper 4 - Seagraves - \$117,926

Sept, 2 Coors employees died at Bldg 19 in tanks

Ordered Motorola pagers - arrived in 1983

**1983** - Bought first video system

Station 4 - 151 County Hwy 93 - ~\$350,000

Started construction of new Jeffco Jail

First Sor-a-thon to raise money for GFD

**1985** - Othal "Bud" Disney Chief

Bought Suburban

Started widow pension benefits 50% of retiree's pension

Bought first Zodiac boat

Formed Jeffco Hazmat team

Eye glasses for SCBAs

Dispatch got backup generator

No drownings in Clear Creek for first time in modern memory

Joe Bruce became Pd Fire Marshall

Brad Krichau - Pd Fire Inspector

**1986 thru 1988 - Joe Wilson Chief**

Got new radio system (duplex)

Got Hi-Rise packs

Got first dedicated water rescue truck (old Dodge ambulance with roof rack for boat)

July 1, removed beer tap from station 1

Ongoing battle with City Manager Tinsley -  
GFD wanted control of paid staff, Tinsley wanted paid chief

Got first SCBA air compressor

Motion to stop smoking in vehicles during fire response defeated

First Ranger Propane Training

Coors North Office Bldg

Picture Board Station 1

Replaced hose reels with 1" hose

\$33,382 - Scat Truck - Pierce refurbish

**1987 - Old Heidleburg fire - \$2 MM fire**

GFD budget was \$160,000 for volunteers and \$75,000 for sinking fund

Got airbags, K-Tools, Nose cups for SCBA, FF gear bags

All ladders were tested including Snorkel

Got alcohol resistive foams

*Medtrans bought Foothills*

— Medtrans bought AMR - changed name to AMR - City contract to 2001

*1996*

**1988** - Got cell phones for rescue trucks

April - bad auto accident 6&40 semi over a car - 1st Critical Incident Stress debriefing

Flammable storage cabinet

GFD budget was \$175,000

Purchased pocket masks for members who completed CPR

Got 1 3/4" attack hose

Squirt 1 - Pierce - \$223,223

Carolyn Quit and was replaced by Kay Wooley

Fire was transferred to Dept of Community Development

**1989** thru 1991 - John Kellenbenz - Chief

Got gas detection meter

Started charging for rescue calls out of district

Hept B shots started

Tom Young became new Fire Inspector

Got results of ISO - went from 6 to 5

Started NFIRS system for fire reporting

Robin Coon joined 8-1-1989 (1st female)

Joe Bruce left

Terry Ferguson - Administrator of Bldg & Fire

Tom Young - combined Bldg/Fire Insp

**1990** - Pumper 1 - Pierce - \$166,563

Tom Young - Fire Dept Manager

Nicole Cahow - combined Bldg/Fire Insp

Cal Kirkguard - combined Bldg/Fire Insp

Tom got hurt

Beth McMahonan replaced Nicole

Larry Trumble – Acting Fire Department Manager until Jerry Stricker hired

1992-1996 Bob Burrell Fire Chief

Pumper 2 – Pierce - \$185,879

Water Rescue - \$60,000

Coors Bottle Wash Fire - \$5 million

Jerry Stricker – Fire Marshal

1993 Rescue 1 – Pierce - \$226,705

1994 Refurbished Pumper 4 – Mack/Pierce \$151,191

Coors Porcelain Fire in Valley - \$1 million

Foothills Ambulance sold out to Medtrans Division of Laidlaw

1995 Tower 1 purchased – Pierce \$593,147

Sold Snorkel 1 to Parish in Louisiana for \$50,000

1996-2001 First Career Chief – Mark Wallace

Adopted ICS for fire ground use

1997 3 Volunteer Assistant Chief elected

1998 Bought first Cairns Iris thermal imaging fire helmet

1999 Rescue 4 purchased from Pierce - \$265,800

Second Iris helmet received

New 800 MHz radios on board

2000 Career Training Chief John Bales appointed

Fire Inspector Brad Krichau hired

Fire Mechanic Ralph Jacques hired

Golden Campground Fire - \$400,000



Kenrose Fire Downtown – \$1.5 million

Coors Bottle Wash Fire - \$6 million

2001 John Bales appointed as Career Fire Chief

Kevin Milan hired as Training Chief

Pumper 1 purchased from Pierce - \$273,594

Began transition to Scott AP50 SCBA's

Public Education Team/Presentations are major impact

Sept. 11 tragedy impacts American Fire Service

Department responded to 1046 emergency calls, first year over 1000

2002 Standard Operating Guidelines Manual issued

First major rewrite of the Volunteer Bylaws with Officer Qualifications

"Points for Performance" established to maintain membership status

Brush 2 purchased from Pierce - \$72,220.57

Honor Guard established

MSA thermal imaging camera replaces IRIS helmet

2003 Purchased Attack 1 from Pierce - \$204,463