



Dear Golden Resident,

Your Golden Fire Department is a combination department consisting of 80 volunteers, 12 career administrative staff and shift officers. These volunteers consist of Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants and Firefighters who staff our equipment for all fire, rescue and medical calls. Some of these volunteers are your neighbors who are notified of calls and respond to the station day or night. There are volunteers who reside outside of Golden who work shifts at the station day or night serving a city where they do not live. There are many motivations for being a firefighter however, they are all here to serve our Golden community.

In 2017, Volunteers of the Golden Fire Department:

- Responded to 1573 fire, rescue and medical calls
- Served 1,028 hours on incident scenes
- Trained 10,615 hours in various disciplines
- Worked 5,932 hours of station chores, apparatus maintenance and equipment checks

Golden Fire Department responds to all fire, rescue and medical calls in the City of Golden and in surrounding areas. Calls include structure fires, wildland fires, rope rescues, water rescues, traffic accidents, hazardous material incidents and medical calls. Currently the fire department is on track to exceed 2,000 calls for 2018. Golden Fire Department serves a population of 18,867 with a coverage area of 18.5 square miles. Having a mostly volunteer fire department (verses a fully paid fire department) saves the city and it's citizens millions of dollars every year which allows other development and economic projects to be funded.

Golden Fire Department volunteers ask the citizens of Golden to consider donating to the Golden Fire Foundation.

The Golden Fire Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. The foundation was organized in 2015 and operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, specifically benefiting the Fire Department volunteers. All donations are tax exempt and are eligible for charitable deductions. If you donate, you can request a contribution receipt along with the required information to receive your charitable tax deduction.

Your donations buy equipment and pay for trainings that are not covered by the City of Golden's budget. In 2017, the donated funds were spent on fire resistant duty pants, wildland equipment, demolition saws, live fire training and vehicle extrication classes. Additionally, a portion of the funds pay for supplies for the volunteers while on shift or on calls. Lastly your contributions help pay for various events that include annual awards banquet, family picnic, fire academy graduation, "Old Timer's Night" to honor retired volunteer members and Children's Christmas party. These annual events serve as a thank you to the volunteer firefighters and their families.

Please consider making a donation to the Golden Fire Foundation to help your firefighters in their mission to enhance the quality of life for the Golden Community through fire and injury prevention, education, and protection of life and property. An envelope is provided if you wish to mail a donation or to drop one off at the fire station. If you prefer to donate online, please visit the website:

<http://www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/fire/fire-donations/>

Your volunteer firefighters sincerely thank you for your support!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Golden Fire Department, please visit [cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) for more information or stop by the firehouse to get information and see firsthand what you could be doing.