Chief’s Corner
John Bales, Fire Chief

Golfing for a Purpose

I like to play golf. I only wish I was better at the game. But on Monday July 25th, it didn’t make any difference in how well or how poorly you played the game. It was a game with a purpose. That was the day of the National Fallen Firefighters (NFFF) Memorial Golf Tournament held in Thornton. This was one of many such tournaments held across the country this summer for the NFFF.

In 2004, the first National Fallen Firefighters memorial Golf Tournament was held to raise awareness and to help sustain the programs of the NFFF. The Foundation was created by the United States Congress to lead a nationwide effort to remember America’s fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers.

Now in its eighth year, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament has grown to include over 35 regional golf tournaments held across the country on behalf of the NFFF. These tournaments will help the Foundation continue to support the families and co-workers of fallen firefighters.

In 2010, tournaments raised over $285,000 in support of NFFF programs! The Thornton Tournament alone raised nearly $20,000.

Here are just some of the programs that the funds support:

- National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. Every October, the NFFF sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line-of-duty during the previous year. Thousands attend the Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Foundation helps survivors attend by providing travel, lodging and meals.

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• **Fire Service Survivor Conference.** The special week of activities designed to address issues related to loss, provide training for those providing outreach to others, and provide a chance to network with other survivors. Survivors also share their ideas to improve existing Foundation programs and create new ones based on the needs of survivors.

• **Taking Care of Our Own Program.** This training program helps fire departments prepare for the worst – a line-of-duty death or serious injury. Fire service personnel and families who have lost a firefighter in the line-of-duty helped develop this one-day course. It covers pre-incident planning, survivor notification, family and co-worker support, and benefits and resources available to the families. Everything that happens immediately after a line-of-duty death affects the way the family, the department, and the community recover from the loss. Lack of resources and planning often adds to the confusion that occurs. The Foundation thinks the best place for a department to turn for support is within its own state or region. Through a collaborative effort with the Department of Justice, they have developed resources and training to help establish state and regional Local Assistance State Teams to assist in the event of a line-of-duty death. In Colorado this is through the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

• **Scholarships.** Spouses, life partners, children, and stepchildren of fallen firefighter honored at the NFFF Memorial are eligible for scholarship assistance for post-secondary education and job training costs.

• **Everyone Goes Home Program.** In 2004, NFFF launched a national initiative to bring prevention to the forefront. The programs of the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives were developed to help reduce the number of preventable firefighter fatalities and to change the safety culture of the fire service.

June 25th was a great day on the golf course. The Thornton Fire Department did an excellent job with the NFFF in putting on the tournament and the memorial remembrance prior to teeing off. Not only did the NFFF get a sizeable contribution from over 120 golfers, it was golfing with a purpose.

The highlight of the day for me personally was my playing partners in our foursome. It was comprised of Denver Lieutenant Richard Montoya’s widow Louise, her son, Lieutenant Eric Carassco and my son, Steve. Truly it was a good day and a good way to remember Rich and all who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
Anniversaries

20 Years
Craig Weimer 08/06/1991

16 Years
Doug Holschbach 08/01/1995

11 Years
Tina Gustafson 08/01/2000
Gerard Lutz 08/01/2000

9 Years
Steve Oliveri 08/06/2002

6 Years
Ryan Smith 08/02/2005
Trevor Williamson 08/02/2005

4 Years
Neil Broome 08/07/2007
Nicholas Bunting 08/07/2007
Jason Flickner 08/07/2007
Daniel Glynn 08/07/2007
Chris Myers 08/07/2007

Birthdays

Tina Gustafson 08/13
Steven Parker 08/02
Mason Prince 08/18
Ryan Smith 08/17
Joseph Vogel 08/09

John O’Connor 08/07/2007
Kent McCreary 08/23/2010

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Trevor Williamson has been with the Golden Fire Department for 6 years. Williamson has been a resident of Golden for 36 years and is a graduate of Golden High School. Before getting his position with Fredrick Firestone Fire District, Williamson owned his construction own company for 9 years and built custom houses around Golden and Golden Gate. Chances are, you have probably seen a house around Golden that Trevor built! Williamson and his wife, Collette have two children, Liam (4 years old) and Jack (9 months).

Williamson decided to be a volunteer with the City of Golden after seeing a recruitment ad in the Golden Informer newspaper. He was 30 years old and was looking to do something different and to make a difference in the community. He walked into Station 1 and spoke with a firefighter who was there, (Kevin Milan), who encouraged him to apply and said Williamson was exactly what the department was looking for in a recruit. (And he was right.) Later, when he went to interview for the position, he arrived in Carhartts and a t-shirt (since it was after work from his construction job). Appearances aside, Trevor was selected to join the Golden Fire Department as one of their new recruits. Later, he would be named the recruit of the year from his class.

Being part of the Golden Fire Department is an honor for Williamson. According to him, there isn’t a part he doesn’t like. Williamson is the type of firefighter who trains hard both in the gym and on the fire ground to be the best firefighter he can be so he is ready to be called on for any type of call. Firefighters are given many opportunities to learn while working with him. He trains on fire and rescue techniques but also about the district we are sworn to protect like specific house construction and street familiarization. It’s knowledge like this that you can’t find in a book.

Who inspires Williamson on the department? “There are two people who I looked up to and am inspired by in the department. Kevin Milan and Tom Young. Both have been great mentors and examples to me of what it
takes to be a great firefighter and all around person. Kevin Milan taught my mini academy when I first joined
and ever since then I have always looked up to him.”

Williamson’s funniest memory as a volunteer was responding to his first structure fire (when he was told
Golden never gets structure fires) at the Old Capital Grill. He was just out of the mini academy and rode in the
“D” seat in the Tower truck. He was so nervous to connect the hydrant that he asked then Capt. Nelson to do
it, which is typically a non-officer duty on a truck. “I felt like a chicken with my head cut off, running every-
where. But, I got to do overhaul and put out hot spots on that call. It was a great experience.”

Another little known fact about Trevor is that he used to play Bass in a band called, “Pinhead Circus” which
traveled around the country three months out of the year in a van with six people. You can hear some of the
band’s old music on iTunes and YouTube. Their old drummer went on to play with the band, “Rise Against”.

What’s next?

Williamson resigned his Lieutenant position last year to spend more time with his family but he plans to try
for a Captain’s position this year. And when asked how long he will keep volunteering, his response was: “As
long as they let me on the truck, even if I’m in a wheel chair, I want to be on that call.”

Thank you for your service to the department, Trevor!

On The Scene With The Golden Fire Department

On July 14, 2011 the City of Golden had the distinct honor of flying the
Patriotic Flag over the arch on Washington Avenue. The Patriotic Flag, a
30’ x 56’ American flag, is touring the United States in honor of those
who lost their lives in the attacks on America on 09/11/01. The 75-pound
flag began its journey across America in San Diego on September 10,
2010 and the cross-country tour will end back in San Diego on Septem-
ber 2, 2011. As the flag crosses the country it will be displayed in sev-
eral cities within all 50 states in the Union “sending a message to the
world and families of the loved ones that were lost on 09/11/01 that we
have not forgotten”.

At 9:00 a.m. members of the Golden Fire Department transported the
flag to Washington Avenue for display. The giant flag was attached to
the 100-foot ladder of fire department's aerial apparatus as a makeshift
flagpole. As the operator meticulously raised the ladder, 12 firefighters
lined up, each holding the flag, unrolling the entire 56 feet. Once the flag
was displayed above the arch, Golden Fire Training Chief Quador led
fire personnel and spectators in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment
of silence for lives lost. The flag flew over the arch for 55 minutes,
which was the time between the Twin Towers collapsing. The flag was
lowered and it was placed back in the suitcase to be transported to Gun-
nison, Colorado for the next event. Gunnison Firefighter, Hugo Ferchau
organized the three-city Colorado leg of the flag's journey. Derek Fer-
chau, Hugo's brother, is a Golden Firefighter; he arranged to have the
flag in Golden, after a plan for Denver was unsuccessful. The flag was
displayed at a rodeo in Gunnison and then transported to Colorado
Springs where it was flown at a Sky Sox baseball game.

For real-time GPS tracking of the flags journey and more information
about the Patriotic Flag visit, www.thepatriotflag.us
Editorial
Tom Young, Captain

Complacency to the “Routine”

This month’s article is somewhat of a continuation of my “Priorities” article from last month. A quick refresher: get your priorities in order, faith, then family and friends, followed by the job for which you get paid and finally, the Golden Fire Department.

Now for this month’s topic, (priority number four on my list) the Golden Fire Department and your participation. The volunteer fire service has changed over the 29 years that I have been involved. Although my 29 years of experience in the fire service has been with the Golden Fire Department only, I read a lot of publications about the industry. The demands on a volunteer firefighter have increased considerably over the years; actually the demands of society on anyone, in general, have increased. It seems as though there are less and less hours to do what we love and that is to serve and protect the citizens and visitors of Golden.

Presently, we have 36 in-city resident responders and 51 shift responders; that is a healthy number of volunteers for a fire department that runs just over 1300 calls a year. Call volume has also gone up over the years. When I first joined in 1982, our annual call volume was about 430. Since then the Golden population has increased, more roads and more people contribute to the increase in call volume. We also respond to a wider variety of calls such as unknown injury crashes and a lot more situational ambulance assists. We even respond to incidents that we are not dispatched to just in case our services are needed.

When we are dispatched to what seems to be a routine incident, the response is limited. However, if there is a reported structure fire, no matter what time of day, the response is a much greater number of people. Since 1982, this trend has always been the case. The more serious the call, the more volunteer responders show up. We handled many COR-0’s with three firefighters and the ambulance crew on scene. On the other hand, for a structure fire or confirmed injuries crash in Clear Creek Canyon requiring extrication, we had plenty of personnel to safely mitigate the situation. I think that one of the reasons for this is that on the routine calls some feel that someone else will respond to staff the apparatus. Also, the fact that many in-city volunteers are stood down time and time again could be another reason. This could be because we are responding to more and more calls that could be considered routine. Examples of this include unknown injury crashes and ambulance assists that don’t require a large number of personnel. I am not discounting these types of incidents; however, when you run on so many of these type of calls and nothing is found or the fire department is not needed, personnel become complacent.

We had a call Thursday, August 4 that is a great example of what I am referring to. District 1 was dispatched to a fire alarm with a possible gas leak at Hill Hall on the Colorado School of Mines campus. There was minimal response from District 1 personnel. Upon arrival the Battalion Chief determined that the incident was much larger. Several minutes after the District 1 tone the Battalion Chief requested an all call tone. After the situation went from a “routine” fire alarm to a possible full-blown hazardous materials incident there was much greater response from both districts. The several minutes between the District 1 and the all call tone could have been critical. Had all of the personnel from District 1 responded when their district was toned the incident might have been handled differently.

Over the years, as the command staff would change, we would hash over ideas as to how to change this thought process of our responders. I don’t think that there is a clear-cut answer as to how to obtain more responders to all

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calls. My question is, do we really need 20 personnel on every single call or is the three to five responders okay for an ambulance assist?

My suggestion to the 36 resident firefighters would be to check When-to-Work or I-Am-Responding, (it takes me less than five minutes) every single day that you are available to respond. If there are no shift workers on the schedule and you are available to respond, you should. Don’t rely on your co-volunteers to cover your butt. Also, the “routine call” that you seem to get dispatched to over and over again will someday be much more than a routine call, **guaranteed**. When there are shift workers on the schedule, know who it is and how many are on shift. Is there an engineer on shift? You may be the only engineer that responds. Know what type of call is being dispatched and be aware of the department SOG’s as to the number of personnel required for that type of incident. If the incident only requires three personnel and there are three shift firefighters including an engineer there is probably no need to respond. I would suggest, if you are available, you should still respond just in case that routine call goes beyond routine. Also, whether there are shift workers or not, always know that a second call may be dispatched while the initial incident is still taking place. Chances are that you will be needed for the second incident.

Another topic of discussion that seems to come up is the turnover of volunteer personnel. It seems as though we lose three to eight people a year due to change of work hours, moving or maybe they just aren’t cut out to be GFD firefighters. Whatever the case, this turnover problem has always been a part of this fire department and probably most volunteer departments. Even though we lose three to eight personnel a year, we average well over 100 applications of individuals willing to fill those open positions. Out of the 100 applications we have many candidates that I feel a career department would love to interview. It would be nice to have a few more resident volunteers. Demographics play a role in why people who live in Golden don’t volunteer for the fire department. I feel that there are qualified individuals who live within one mile of the city limits that would like to join and be a part of this elite fire department. I don’t know how we could recruit in-city people to volunteer but I am sure someone on our department has some good ideas. Back in the day we would all talk to our neighbors and end up recruiting many qualified people to fill the boot. Please pass your resident volunteer recruitment ideas on to Lieutenant Kehoe.

Even though the demands have increased, according to the National Fire Protection Association, 71 percent of firefighters in the United States are volunteers. The Golden Fire Department has a rich history of being one of the very best volunteer fire departments in the state. For 136 years men and women have volunteered many hours to create this elite fire department to protect the citizens of Golden. Granted, times have changed, we run more calls, the incidents are more complex and we are required to train more. Nevertheless, I hope we can continue to prove to the citizens that the men and women who volunteer for this fire department are able and willing to provide high-quality professional fire and rescue services to those who live in and visit our city. For 29 years now, I have said that the quality of volunteer firefighter that belongs or has belonged to the Golden Fire Department can be put up against any career firefighter. Volunteer firefighters have saved the City of Golden millions of dollars over the past 136 years and continue to do so. I believe the city leaders are well aware of that fact. There are many opportunities in this city to volunteer; however, there are no others that are as fulfilling as being a Golden firefighter. Please keep that in mind the next time the pager activates and you are dispatched to what you think is a routine call, respond, even if you are stood down and be proud that you are a GOLDEN FIREFIGHTER.
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Looking forward to seeing you in Summit County!

Register today! Early Bird Registration ends Friday, July 15, 2011.
As most of you already know by now, Fire and Life Safety Technician Robert Ipatenco resigned his position at GFD to seek opportunities in a Fire Inspector position at Fairmount Fire Protection District. As such we have posted this position to fill the vacancy. This position has some general duties as well as some specific duties as noted in the job description, a job that gets many of the unsung things done such as map book updates, GFD owned portable extinguisher inspection and testing coordination, Knox Box program coordination, public education related activities coordination, fire and life safety inspections, emergency response as needed and the like. I would encourage any member who has a sincere interest in those aspects of the fire department and meet or can meet the criteria as noted in the job description to apply by the deadline of August 12th, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Since Robert has left us as of July 29th, Steven and I are going to try to keep up with those duties as well as our own. One of the most notable coming up is the September 24th “Safety and Preparedness Day” from 10 am to 2 pm that we will host in partnership with University of Colorado Hospital and the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross. While the recruit class is assisting again this year as part of their community service, we are in need of some assistance in preparation such as distributing flyers and loading tables and chairs as well as engineers (at least one for Tower 1) to move apparatus around the day of the event, and even members who are car seat technicians to assist in the car seat station. I will put out a specific email soon, but for now I would like you to consider this and mark your calendars. If you know you would like to help, you can email me and I will put you on the list now.

Next month, look for Steven to give us some construction activity updates.

Thank You Robert Ipatenco

Congratulations goes out to Robert Ipatenco on his new job with the Fairmount Fire Protection District. Robert spent four years with the Golden Fire Department as a Fire and Life Technician. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the GFD; you will be missed. Good luck in your new position as Fire Inspector!
Last weekend we had an event at my church for children where we had food, water games, face painting and many other things for the children but the one thing they were most excited about was that the Fire Department was coming. Our church is serviced by Denver Fire and they had a call that morning so they arrived about a half hour later than was originally scheduled and every couple of minutes a child would ask me “when is the fire truck coming”. When that truck pulled around the corner we could hardly corral the kids and keep them out of the way so the engine could get into the parking lot. The firefighters got off the rig and engaged the children and started letting them in and out of the engine and the day was a complete success. I can’t tell you how many times I heard a child exclaim, “I want to be a fire fighter when I grow up”.

When I was in the military they always told us that no matter where you go in that uniform, you represent the United States of America and your actions will be how people perceive the United States. When I first heard this, I thought it was my duty to do a good job representing my country. But then I found a verse in the Bible that said we are ambassadors for Christ. I realized that being an ambassador was a badge of honor rather than a duty. I get the privilege of representing my country. As Golden Fire Fighters you get to be an ambassador and represent the best of Golden, Colorado. So as you are riding through town in that engine and people smile and wave, remember what a privilege it is to represent Golden Fire and fire fighters everywhere. When you’re in uniform in Safeway or a restaurant, remember you have the privilege of representing Golden Fire. So press your uniform, shine your boots, and put on your best – because you really are a part of the “best of the best”. Keep up the good work!

Chaplain Mark

**Crazy Health Facts**

After a night of sleep your body is usually low in sugar and dehydrated from no fluid intake over the last 7 or 8 hours. Drinking a cup of coffee for breakfast leads to a spike then a further drop in blood sugar as well as an increase in dehydration due to the diuretic effect of the caffeine.

A far better choice for breakfast even for those who don’t like to eat first thing in the morning is a fruit and protein shake. Just mix water, a banana or some berries, a couple of scoops of a protein powder, and some ice and you have a quick healthy breakfast to go. The fruit brings your blood sugar up, the water rehydrates you, and the protein gives you longer term energy as well as rebuilding your muscles from your previous day’s workout. So what do you think will make you a better, healthier fire-fighter – a couple cups of coffee or a body-building shake? It’s your choice.
Old timers Night Announced
Golden Fire Department Invites Retired Members
To Old-timers Night To Honor Them For Their Years Of Service To The Community

When: September 17, 2011
Where: Buffalo Rose
1119 Washington Avenue
Golden, Colorado
Time: Social Hour 4 PM-5 PM Dinner 5 PM sharp
RSVP: Engineer Matt Finley 303-880-1265
RSVP by 09/07/11
This event is by invitation only
Retirees are invited to join the membership at their picnic on September 18. See below for more information

Golden Fire Department Family Picnic

We are getting back to basics. Everyone will bring something to pass (the old timers don't have to if they are from out of town) and something to drink. I bought an open container permit for beer and wine. The department will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken and the condiments and plates, etc. There won't be a balloon bender for the kids, or slide, or jumping things. People can just bring yard games and a volleyball and have fun.

When: September 18, 2011
Where: Lions Park (West Pavilion)
Time: 10 am until 5 pm we (will eat around 11:30 am)
Contact: Captain Gustafson at 303-378-8240
e-mail tina.gustafson@millercoors.com
Retirees and their families are welcome to attend this picnic.
Personnel Profiles: Jason Mulari
Angela Baca, Firefighter

Jason Mulari has been a firefighter for the Golden Fire Department for 3 years. Mulari is one of the department’s personnel who is a non-resident who lives in Aurora. A non-resident is a firefighter who lives in another city or out of the city limits and volunteers for the City of Golden. Non-residents respond to calls while on 12-hour shifts instead of on a call-by-call basis that the residents respond by. Mulari moved to Colorado 5 years ago from Montana (originally from Michigan). He was in the Air Force for 7½ years as an M.P. (Military Police Officer) and Forward Air Controller. He also served in Iraq for 1 year before being stationed in Montana.

Mulari decided to apply to be a volunteer with Golden after doing his research. “Golden was the best and I wanted to be part of the best.” There are other volunteer departments around but Golden was the one that stuck out at him that had the best training and opportunity for diversity of calls. Golden was the only department he applied to volunteer with since it seemed like the “best fit” for him.

Jason is the firefighter who is never content with just being “good enough”. This is shown with his record on the department. He was named recruit of the year after his academy and is now an Engineer just two years later. “I have this drive to learn something new every time I’m here. There’s always something new to learn. If you think you know it all then it’s time to quit.” Mulari inspires other firefighters to keep up with him and to keep training. He trains hard both in the gym and on the fire ground.

Some of the aspects of Golden that Mulari enjoys are the variety of calls: “Fire Alarms, to Medical, to Technical Rescues in the Canyon (being the first rig out, you never know what you are going to get). It’s never the same call twice. I also like the people. The people are what make it fun to go to work here.”

Mulari’s funniest memory is he and the others on shift sleeping in a few minutes past shift change on a Saturday. It was 6:05 AM and shift change was at 6:00 AM. Lieutenant Joe Anderson came bursting into the living quarters vacuuming and emptying trash and yelling that shift change was at 6:00 AM. They didn’t sleep in past 6:00 again.

Jason is also an avid hockey player and coach. He also enjoys camping and going to the gym. Coaching hockey and going to the gym are huge parts of his life that he takes seriously and is very passionate about. Jason is also going to school to be an RN. Medicine is also an area that makes Mulari a superb firefighter. While most firefighters are not concerned with medical calls, Mulari becomes a leader on those types of calls and is a natural with patient care.

So what’s next for Mulari?
“I want to work towards getting my Aerial certification and maybe later on take the lieutenant’s test but in the mean time, I want to be a better firefighter. I plan to be here as long as I can. It’s tough with school and work but I definitely enjoy being here.”
On June 30 after 27 dedicated years, Lieutenant JJ Risch retired from her federal government job. Ironically June 30, happened to be the anniversary of when she started riding her bike to work. After 17 years of bicycle commuting to work, she logged 78,000 miles just going to and from work and 135,000 total miles for the same time period. Now, she comments, “my biggest adjustment in retirement is going to be scheduling daily bike rides, since I haven’t had to do that for the last 17 years.” She continues, “it’s just been how I’ve gotten to work all that time, unless it was icy of course, so I’ve gotten my base miles in without even half trying.” She says that when winter comes she won’t miss heading out at 05:00 in the dark in single-digit temperatures. Congratulations JJ, we are sure that you can pick up a few more miles for daytime fire calls, although only 1 mile at a time!

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH**

For their swift water rescue skills rescuing a person that was stranded in Clear Creek on June 22, 2011.

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Home of The Secret List
Recruit Academy Class Nearing Completion

September 10th our 16 new recruits will be graduating and becoming Probationary Members of the Golden Fire Department. This comes after 44 evening classes, 8 drill days, 16 case presentations and near-miss reports, 4 class exams, 2 state written exams, and 2 state practical exams all with the help of over 40 volunteer instructors. Our new probationary members comprise a group of 16 extremely dedicated and committed individuals who I have no doubt will be an asset to this department. Like you, they come from all walks of life from an attorney to a fitness trainer to business managers. Some already had FFI and Hazmat Ops coming into this program but there was never heard a word of complaint about going through the process again. They are all grateful to have the opportunity to become Golden Firefighters and become part of one of the most respected volunteer departments in the area.

September 1st the recruits will start running their first shifts. They will have completed all of their requirements though graduation will not be until September 10th due to the Pro Challenge Bike Race. They will be filling 48 additional firefighter shifts per month. It may be more difficult to schedule firefighter shifts but as the recruits come on board we will adapt the shift program to accommodate this additional coverage. Regardless, this new class is going to be a huge boost to our shift program and we will continue to develop the program based on providing the best coverage possible and working to accommodate everyone’s schedule.

In the meantime, please welcome our new probationary members and guide them as they start their first shifts. If the membership approves of the new by-law change at the next business meeting, these members will be the first to have a “Probationary Member Task Book” (or Rookie Book) to guide them in obtaining all the necessary skills and knowledge to serve as Golden Firefighters. But they can’t do this without you. All non-probationary members can sign off a skill in the task book. Not only does this give everyone opportunity to work with the new members but also helps us all refresh our own basic skills.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with the academy. We absolutely cannot do this without you. I believe it is important for as many volunteers as possible to have the opportunity to assist with the academy. What better way to hone your skills than to help teach others? I believe this makes us a better department and holds us accountable to our own level of training. I apologize that I could not fit everyone in everywhere they wanted but am grateful so many stepped up and offered to assist. Thank you again.

Please mark your calendars for September 10th 10:00 a.m. for the Academy Graduation and come welcome our newest members.
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A Glance Back in to the 1970s

Golden Fire Department personnel were introduced to the community by short biographies and photos. These articles appeared in the Golden Transcript.

Meet your fireman

Lee McBride, 42, is Chief No. 3 with the Golden Volunteer Fire Department. He has been on the department for 8 years. He and his wife Joleen have three children, Lori, 14; Patricia, 18, and Michael, 23. McBride, the first vice-president of Foss Co., enjoys old cars, cameras and horses.

Lee McBride
Golden Fire Chief No. 3

Meet your fireman

Richard B. McKee, 52, has been a Golden fireman for 14 years. He lives at 1130 10th St. No. 203. McKee has two children, Sherry Shellhorn, 23 and Dick McKee, 22. A city employee, he enjoys golf and fishing and is involved in girls softball.

Richard B. McKee
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