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Date: May 11, 2021
To: Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Kirsten Howard, Finance & Budget Supervisor *Kirsten A. Howard*
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Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DS*
Re: May 11, 2021 Work Session Summary: Poudre Fire Authority 2020 Annual Report

On May 11, 2021, City Council, the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board (PVFPD), and staff from the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) met in work session to discuss PFA's 2020 Annual Report including 2020 performance measurements and metrics, financial position, and a focus on issues moving forward. The 2014 Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the PVFPD and the City of Fort Collins, establishing the PFA, stipulates that the Authority will provide a report to the City Council and PVFPD Board annually. Chief DeMint discussed PFA's governance, the impacts of COVID-19 and the Cameron Peak Fire, improvements in Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 2020 statistics, and issues of concern to the "parents" of the PFA. The 2020 Annual Report will be available soon at <https://pfaannualreport.com>.

Highlights of the report included:

- 600% increase in cardiac survival rates due to updated and improved clinical protocols, standardized equipment, training, and interoperability between northern Colorado agencies.
- 96.43% of the time PFA interceded before Flashover. By containing a fire to its room of origin through rapid response, fire sprinklers or fire containment (interceding before flashover), fire loss and injuries can be reduced.
- PFA protected \$41.5 billion of property in 2020.
- Funding – 97% of PFA's revenue is intergovernmental, funded by PFA's "parent organizations" (City of Fort Collins and PVFPD).
- Projected (unaudited) 2020 underspend of 3.3% of budget, or \$1.4 million, which is returned to PFA's reserves for future allocation.
- The percent of time PFA personnel were on scene within 6 minutes 20 seconds in the urban area for emergent calls in 2020 was 53%. The PFA Board agreed and adopted the urban response benchmark of seven minutes and 20 seconds in March of 2021. If the goal had been 7:20 in 2020, PFA would have met that goal 73.09% of the time.
- Looking to the future, PFA will have a new Fire Chief beginning May 24, 2021, Station 6 Shop remodel (2511 Donella Court), and Station 7 remodel (2807 Overland Trail, LaPorte), emergency medical services enhancements, and will continue to plan for community growth and partnerships.

Discussion at the Council work session centered on regional partnerships; what the community can do to avoid future wildland fires; experience levels of firefighters at the Cameron Peak fire; PFA's reserves; innovations such as PulsePoint (a free Smartphone App that notifies App users when someone needs CPR within a quarter mile of the user's location); the outlook for the upcoming fire season; recruitment of women and minorities, and refinement of budget per capita statistics for future annual reports.