

ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022



South Adams County Fire

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

6 Stations





67,368 Residents 10,664 Calls



18 Fire Apparatus



76 Firefighters and 33 Administration





Our Mission: The South Adams County Fire Department is dedicated to protecting life, property, and the environment through prevention, emergency response, and public education. We maintain a work environment that fosters diversity, promotes innovation, and delivers the highest quality of service with pride and excellence.

Our Vision: We will dominate and pioneer progress by setting the standard of operational excellence, member collaboration, and community support to achieve our ultimate mission to serve with pride and excellence

Core Values: Honor, Pride, Integrity, Innovation, and Teamwork



Who We Are











Message from the Fire Chief





Today the South Adams County Fire Department responds to over 10,000 medical and fire calls per year. The diverse area we cover includes major highways, large industrial areas, commercial and residential properties, and the only refinery in the State of Colorado. SACFD is a special place with traditional roots, passion, innovation, and dedication that will always strive for what is best for our community and citizens that reside here and travel through. As an organization, we pride ourselves on what is written on our fire apparatus "Serving our community with pride and excellence."

Since 2015 SACFD has hired over 76 Firefighters and 32 administrative personnel and counting. We have replaced dated fire apparatus, fire gear, SCBA, built a new indoor training and wellness facility, purchased a new Haz-Com unit, and purchased one of the only "Blocker Apparatus," in the state. We strive on looking for innovative ways to provide our firefighters with the best while being good constituents with tax dollars. Some of the internal milestones SACFD has completed are SACFD a strategic plan that can be viewed on the website, CPSE accreditation modules on standards of cover and self-assessment modules (in hopes of being a fully accredited Fire Department at the beginning of 2024), and in 2023 also improved our ISO 2 score from an 80 to an 86 ½.

Fire Chief, Kevin Vincel



As an organization, we pride ourselves on what is written on all our fire apparatus "Serving our Community with Pride and Excellence."

What Services does the District provide?

- 6 Fully Staffed Fire Stations
- Fire Protection/Property
 Conservation
 - Traffic Accident Response
- Basic and Advance
 Medical and Life Support
- Public Education in the Schools
 - Hazardous Materials
 Emergency Response
 - Fire & Life Safety Business Inspections
- Car Seat Safety Checks& Installations
- Wildland Fire and Urban Interface
 - Community CPR and First Aid Courses
- Emergency Management for Large-scale Incidents

About the Department

South Adams County Fire Department is a quasi-municipal district, organized and acting pursuant to the provisions of Colorado Revised Statutes Title 32: Special Districts.

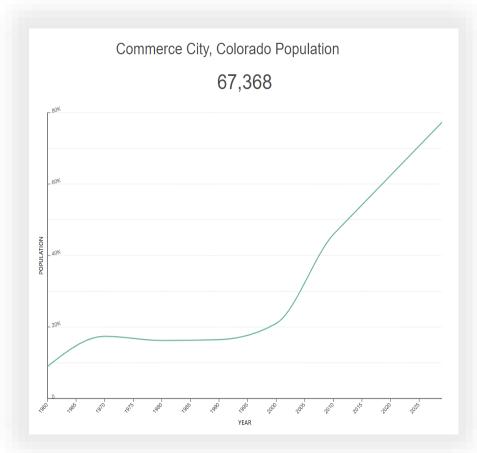




Community We Serve

The District serves residents within Commerce City and areas of unincorporated Adams County, for a total service area of 76 square miles.

Serving our community and citizens are always our top priority. The majority of our response is within Commerce City





Fire Stations and Locations



Headquarters



Station 22



Station 23



Station 24



Station 25



Station 26



Station 27



Station 28



SACFFA Association Bldg.



Indoor Training & Wellness Facility "The Pound"



Training Burn Tower



Fleet Maintenance & Facility Maintenance

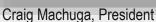
- 6 Fully Staffed Fire Stations
 - Fleet Maintenance
- Training/Wellness Center & Training Tower



SACFD Board of Directors

South Adams County Fire Protection District Board of Directors consists of (5) residents of the district committed to moving the department forward in all aspects of fire and emergency service. The Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing policies and guidelines for the district's administration and operations including review and approval of the annual budget.







Sam Gillan, Vice President



Debra Bullock, Secretary



Ernie Anderson, Treasurer



Alex Fairfield, Director

Operations Division

Operations will continue to push the limits to be better than we were yesterday and to honor the men and women who have come before us and are to pave the road for the men and women who come after us.



Deputy Chief of Operations Bobby Noel

CALLS FOR SERVICE

10,664

RESPONSE TIME

6 MINUTES 21 SECONDS



Battalion Chief (A-Shift) Ryan Roberts



Battalion Chief (B-Shift)
Derek Ross



Battalion Chief (C-Shift)
Nick Graff



Operations Division

Call Type	Avg. Time
Fire and Explosions/Overheat (100/200 NFIRS)	6:59
EMS (300 NFIRS)	6:10
Hazardous Conditions (400 NFIRS)	7:01
Service Call (500 NFIRS)	7:27
Good Intent Call (600 NFIRS)	6:24
Alarms (700 NFIRS)	6:49
Others (800/900 NFIRS)	6:56
ALL CALLS ALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE	6:21

Incident Types	2022
Fire	300
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	10
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	7,740
Hazardous Conditions	223
Service Call	625
Good Intent Call	1,251
False Alarm & False Call	508
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2
Special Incident Type	5
TOTAL INCIDENTS	10,664

Stations/Apparatus:

1 Tower Co.

4 Engines Co.

1 Truck Co.

1 Squad Co.

1 Heavy Rescue

1 Haz Mat Unit

2 Brush Trucks

1 Command Vehicle

5 Reserve Apparatus

1 Mobile Command Unit 1 Blocker Calls for Service 10,664

Organizational Chart - Operations



Deputy Chief of Operations Bobby Noel

Line Personnel:

Stations: 6

Battalion Chiefs: 3

Captains: 6

Lieutenants: 11

Engineers: 13

Career Firefighters: 54

Volunteer Firefighters: 2









EMS Division

The South Adams County Fire Department has implemented our Advanced Life Support (ALS) program as of January 1, 2023! The goal is to provide the highest quality services to our citizens with lots more to come! Currently, all our firefighters have (BLS) Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Technicians, however, we have added an additional service of ALS. Advanced Life Support or (ALS) is a set of life-saving skills and protocols that extend Paramedic capabilities beyond BLS. Some of the added services ALS provides are specializing in cardiac emergencies, strokes, and other lifesaving emergency conditions. SACFD now has a total of 13 Paramedics that will be added to the response 24/7.

An EMS Manager was hired in 2022 to oversee all aspects of emergency medical response in our district. SACFD also received grant funding to ensure that top-of-the-line EMS equipment would be carried on our rigs to help us provide you with the highest standard of care (such as LifePak15 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators, Glide scopes, Go video laryngoscopes, LCSU4 Suction units, etc.). This transition from the Basic Life Support (BLS) level to Advanced Life Support (ALS) will enhance prehospital care for the residents and visitors of Commerce City.







EMS Manager Kelly Renfroe

Organizational Chart - Administration

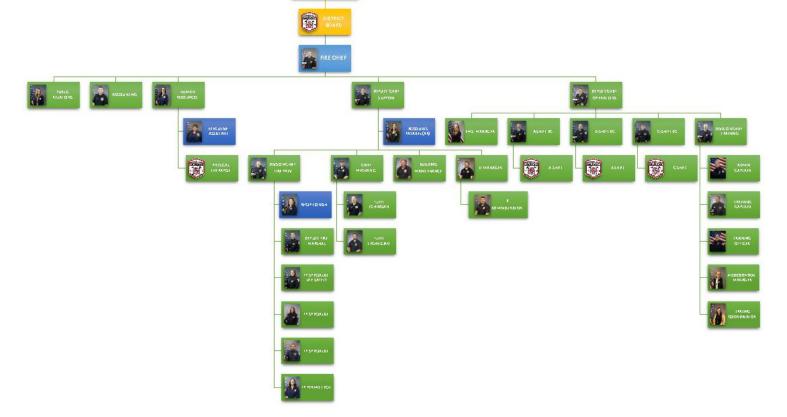




Executive Assistant Sandy Danne

2022 Hired 18 Employees:

- 12 Firefighters
- 1 Accreditation Specialist
- 1 Training Center Coordinator
- 2 Fire Prevention Specialists
 - 1 EMS Manager
 - 1 IT Administrator
- Wrote the Wellness Program in preparation of a 2023 rollout

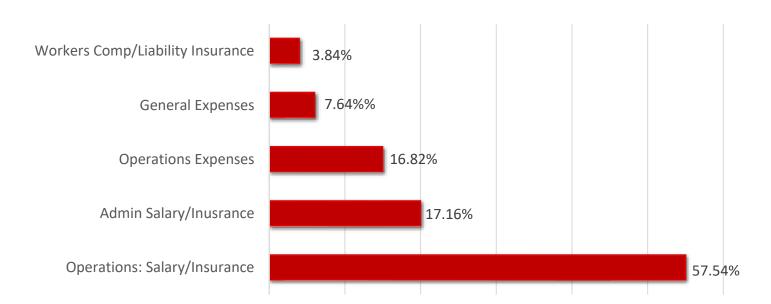


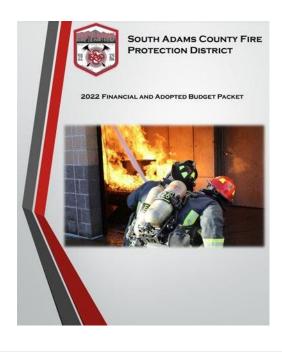
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2022 Financials

Our budget funds a level of service that provides 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week coverage from 6 strategically located fire stations staffed by full-time firefighters and supplemented by volunteer firefighters. Our fire department was rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) in November 2017 as a Class 2 which is one of the best ratings available. This enables us to return value to the taxpayers.

Operating Budget: \$19,533,871









Administrative Assistant Vanessa Rodriguez

Capital Expenditures

We are excited to announce much-needed capital projects at South Adams County Fire Department. These projects help with our strategic planning, response time, and utilization of resources and provide training and equipment for our firefighters.

Roof Replacement at Fleet Maintenance

Concrete replacement at Station 25

Signed contract to complete support bldg.

The Pound: Finish capital portion of the build out

New Equipment put into service in 2022 Haz-Com, Blocker, Air Trailer, E26, Facility Manager Truck (plow), Training Truck (plow)

Station 23: Remodeled bathrooms-living quarters

Opened for Fire response previously only Ambulance ran out of Station 23

New Fire Equip. Bunker Gear and Thermal Imaging Cameras

Station 28 Improvements completed



Deputy Chief of Support

Ken Koger



Building Maintenance Robert Kreutzer





Training Division

ISO SACFD Training Hours

Officer Training: 4398
Driver Training: 2315
Hazmat Training: 1301
Facility Training: 4783

Company Training: 9398

SACFD Non-ISO Training Hours

Administrative Training: 1334 EMS Training: 775 Non-ISO Hazmat: 6

Specialty Training: 1723

Certifications:

South Adams County Fire Department is a member/partner of the Colorado Metropolitan Certification Board (CMCB). The Training Division worked with CMCB to provide Proboard certifications for SACFD members ranging from Firefighter I to Officer II.

2022 CMCB "Recognized" Certifications = 10 2022 CMCB "New" Certifications = 71



Division Chief Training Hunter Hackbarth



Training Captain
Nate Romero



Training Coordinator
Daniele Stufft



Training Officer - Quartermaster Chad Ray



Training Division

South Adams County Fire Department also has several members that still maintain Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control (DFPC) certifications. DFPC requires 100% of Job Performance Requirements to be performed for each certification level every 3 years.

2022 Renewals = 44 certifications

2022 New = 3







The Training Division aims to equip all levels of firefighters from the new recruit to the seasoned veteran with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to handle the rigors of their job and to stay safe.



Training Division

Significant Training Events:

- ➤ Hosted and conducted the First "S.A.W" joint Fire Academy with South Adams County Fire Department, Arvada Fire Department, Westminster Fire Department, and Brighton Fire Department. Recruits participated in a 14-week (500+ hour) Recruit Fire Academy. Training delivery included: classroom, hands-on, and live fire. Topics included EMS, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations course, basic Firefighter I and II skills, and Driver Operator.
- ➤ Hosted and conducted a joint Lateral Fire Academy with Brighton Fire Rescue District. Conducted a Lateral Recruit Live Fire Training involving At-grade, Above-grade, and Below-grade live fire evolutions in order to assess (4) Lateral Recruits. The Lateral Recruits were evaluated on their skill-base level of live fire attack, VEIS operations, Forcible Entry, and Search Operations.
- ➤ Hosted Art of Reading Smoke Class. The training was taught by Rob Backer- First Due Intelligence LLC. Through PowerPoint, video, lecture, and discussion learned about the attributes of smoke, how fuels for structure fires have changed, and how to "read" smoke to determine where the seat of the fire is, where the fire is going, and how to recognize hostile fire events.
- ➤ Hosted joint live fire training with Brighton Fire Rescue District. Crews were given a hands-on live fire simulation at a multi-family residential structure with an above-grade fire. Officers will assume command, conduct a 360, and declare a strategy.
- ➤ Conducted a joint LPG live fire training with Adams County Fire Rescue District. Hands-on training with SACFD / ACFR line crews to review the use of handlines with fog nozzles to redirect burn LPG so that a safety valve can be manipulated to shut off the supply to the burning pipe.
- ➤ Participated in joint Wildland fire training at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). Hands-on training on Brush Truck 26 with North Area Wildland Teams and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
- SACFD hosted the 1403 Live Fire Instructor Certification Class. This intensive three-day program explores the most recent NFPA 1403 standard and applies the principles of the standard to the student's ability to instruct live fire training in a safe environment. Eight new SACFD live fire instructors completed the class.
- ➤ Participated in Skid Avoidance Defensive Driving Course. The training was taught by First Gear Driving School. The Training combines experienced coaching with hands-on experience behind the wheel of the SkidCar™ vehicle. The innovative technology of the SkidCar, can simulate hazardous driving conditions such as slippery roads and hydroplaning.
- SACFD sent 12 members to the FDTN Fire Combat Class in Indianapolis. Fire Combat is a unique training experience offered by the Fire Department Training Network. To provide the most realistic fireground training possible for firefighters, FDTN has created a scenario-based course designed to provide response-based experience for company officers, firefighters, and apparatus operators.
- Familiarization training with the new Scorpion Truck. Using safe and efficient practices set up the traffic blocker truck (Stinger 23), use all emergency features, and block or redirect traffic around accident scenes. This program was designed in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- Familiarization training with the Haz-Com vehicle. Using safe and efficient practices set up the 2022 Thor Motor Class A Toy Hauler (Haz Comm) for use as a HazMat response vehicle and a Command Post. Candidates will then show that they can successfully drive Haz Comm through the driving track at Fire Station 25 and through a street driving course.

New Indoor Training & Wellness Facility

Purchased in 2021, the training site is comprised of a 40,000 sq. ft. building on 4 acres of land. "The Pound" is a state-of-the-art indoor training space with administrative offices, a quartermaster area, multiple conference spaces, two clean classrooms, and one dirty classroom, all providing state-of-the-art audio-visual capabilities.

The indoor training bay is a space large enough to accommodate various fire apparatus with a water drainage system for indoor suppression drills.

The wellness side of the building includes our in-house physical therapist, a Work Comp Doctor's Office (once a week), in-house physical fitness assessments, a nutritionist, a professionally designed gym for training tactical athletes (firefighters), and a post-workout/training sauna. Our training center also includes an SCBA washer, bunker gear extractor/dryer, and duty uniform clothing washer/dryer to reduce the risk of contamination from work-related carcinogens.











Fire Prevention Division

Bureau Investigations: 50
Other Call Outs: 15

Fire and Emergency Services New Impact Plans:

688 = \$530,762.28 Residential: 679 Commercial: 4 Industrial: 5

Plan Reviews: 386

152 Development Reviews 234 Construction Reviews Collected: \$232,092 in fees

Inspections:

Compliance: 765 Construction: 383

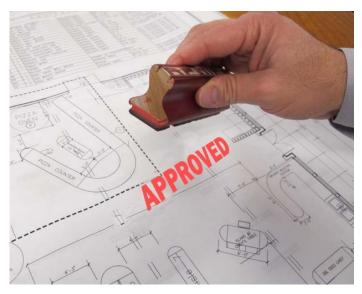
Open Records Requests: 183



Division Chief Fire Prevention/Fire Marshal Randall Weigum







Fire Prevention Division

Trainings Conducted:

North Area Fire Academy Instructor on Community Risk Reduction SAW Academy Training Division fire investigation training

Certifications:

Obtained 11 State and National
certifications
Attended 1 National Fire Academy
Course
Attended 1 IAAI Sponsored Expert
Witness Testimony Course

Life Safety Education:

- 1st Junior Fire Academy 15 kids
 - Female First Responder
- 2 Car Seat Install Events at Bison Ridge and Eagle Point
- 16 Community and Business events, classes, and fire drills
 - 5 CPR Classes

Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide/Car Seat Installations:

Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and car seats installed or distributed:
12 Smoke Alarms
3 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
21 Car SeatsTraining



Div. Chief Fire Prevention/Fire Marshal Randall Weigum



Deputy Fire Marshal Ryan Doherty



Fire Prevention Specialist Keshia Koger



Fire Prevention Specialist Jager Luke



Prevention Admin Assistant Emma DeRosia



Prevention Receptionist Fernanda Herrera



Fleet Maintenance

South Adams County Fire in-house fleet maintenance facility and team. This resource has become an efficient system that works where our shop provides equipment, supplies and technical EVT mechanics that support our fleet and support vehicles.



2022 Highlights:

10 New Vehicles - 3 replacements New Blocker Truck – Light Package HazCom - RV Concept - \$500k savings Platte Valley Ambulance Contract



Miles Miller - Chief Mechanic



Mark Patton - Fleet Technician



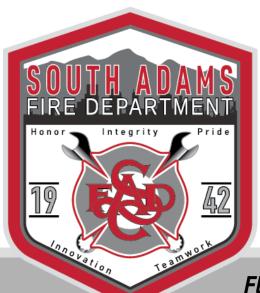
Reggie Buckalew - Fleet Technician

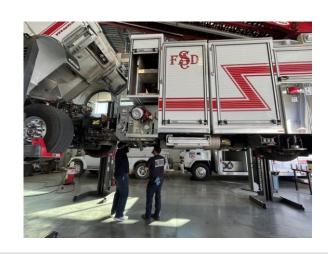
Fleet Maintenance - Apparatus

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	ASSIGNED TO
2022	GMC	ACADIA	Admin
2021	DODGE	DURANGO GT	Admin
2020	FORD	EXPEDITION	Admin
2017	FORD	EXPLORER	Admin
2015	YAMAHA	GOLF CART	Admin
2014	CHEVY	IMPALA	Admin
2016	FORD	EXPLORER ICP	EMS
2022	GMC	SIERRA 1500	Fire Prevention
2021	FORD	F-150 SC	Fire Prevention
2019	FORD	F-150 SC	Fire Prevention
2019	FORD	F-150 SC	Fire Prevention
2019	FORD	F-150 SC	Fire Prevention
2016	FORD	EXPLORER ICP	Fire Prevention
2011	CHEVY	TAHOE	Fire Prevention
1992	Scotty	Smoke trailer	Fire Prevention
2019	FORD	F-550 SHOP TRUCK	Fleet
2013	GMC	SERVICE	Fleet
2017	FORD	EXPLORER	IT
2017	FORD	F-150 SC	IT
2022	GMC	SILVERADO 2500	Maintenance
2018	FORD	F-150 RESPONDER	Ops - BC
2013	CHEVY	TAHOE, SPARE BC	Ops - BC
2022	GMC	GMC SIERRA	Training
2021	TRACKER	UTV	Training
2019	FORD	F-150	Training
2018	Eagle Air	AirQuest Trailer	Training
2017	FORD	F-150 SC	Training
2012	DIAMOND	FLATBED TRAILER	Training
2012	D/C	DRAFT COMMANDER	Training
2012	JLG	TELE HANDLER	Training
2011	CHEVY	TAHOE	Training



VEAD	NANE	MODEL	ACICNED TO
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	ASIGNED TO
1968	MACK	PUMPER	HQ
2018	FORD	F-550	S22
2017	PIERCE	VELOCITY PUC PUMPER	S22
2022	MACK	MACK MD	S23
2019	PIERCE	ARROW P A P	S24
2019	FORD	F-550	S24
2018	PIERCE	VELOCITY ASCENDANT	S24
2007	SPARTAN	SVI HDR RESCUE	S24
2021	THMC	HAZ-COM	S25
2005	SPARTAN	PUMPER	S25
2022	PIERCE	VELOCITY PUC PUMPER	S26
2019	PIERCE	VELOCITY PUC PUMPER	S26
2017	PIERCE	VELOCITY PUC PUMPER	S27
1992	GMC	HAZ-MAT	S27
2018	PIERCE	VELOCITY ASCENDANT	S28
2018	FORD	F-550	S28
2009	PIERCE	75FT HDL	S28
2009	PIERCE	ARROW PUMPER	S28
2009	PIERCE	ARROW PUMPER	S28





Fleet Maintenance Logo

Information Technology

- Hired new IT Administrator, Thomas Goral
- Purchased and implemented new hyper-converged Nutanix server infrastructure
- Upgraded server operating systems to the latest Microsoft Server 2022
- Office 365 License refreshment
- Started the initial buildout of a new district website and contractor portal
- Complete IT Refreshment of station 23 including the First In system
- Implemented new technologies to bring Platte Valley Ambulance online in the district
- Installed various upgrades to the Audio/Visual equipment to enhance training environments
- Installed various redundancy upgrades to have the pound function as an Emergency Operations Center
- Installed a dedicated Fiber line to station 25
- Completed Haz-Com unit
- Implemented new Anti-Virus security enhancements with Artificial Intelligence capabilities
- Implemented a secure Password Management utility for all users
- Built and deployed Microsoft Intune for Mobile Device Management
- Developed and tested user security awareness with Phishing campaigns

• Implemented a new Remote Monitoring and Management utility on





Information Technology Manager, Kevin Kellar



IT Administrator, Thomas Goral



Community Engagement

- Annual Events
- Memorial Day Parade
- Community Outreach
- Music in the Park
- National Night Out
- Business and Chamber Events
- Fire Station Open House-BBQs
- Fourth of July Festivals
- Halloween Trunk or Treat Events
- SACFFA Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- SACFFA Steve Vincel Memorial Golf Tournament
- High School Homecoming Parade
- Adams County Fair
- Holiday Adopt-a-Family







Public Relations Maria Carabajal

Our History

February 9, 1942: The South Adams County Fire Department was formed as an all-volunteer fire department.

1942: The volunteers responded to 69 fire calls with 10 volunteers; in 2018 the department responded to almost 9,000 calls with over 45 career firefighters and 25 volunteers.

1952: South Adams County Fire District was formed with a 1/2 mill tax levy. In 2013, thanks to the citizens' faith in 5A, SACFD became a combination department of reserve firefighters and career staff.

1971: The South Adams County Fire Prevention Bureau was established with one fire inspector. Today the staff of seven uniformed and two civilian employees oversees 2,400 businesses, fire investigations, fire and emergency service impact fees, development and construction projects, and fire/life safety education

2014: South Adams County Fire Fighters Association was created to aid, and benefit injured or sick firefighters and their families, and support active and retired firefighters of SACFD.

2017: South Adams County Fire Department achieved an ISO Class 2 Fire Department. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating is a significant improvement from our previous rating (of nearly a Class 6/9)

2020: The department proudly announces the launch of our new company logo and badge. Our department has grown significantly, and we are always evolving, and this new refreshed look reflects the ongoing development of our department.

2021 - Expansion of Fleet Maintenance Shop: To enhance our abilities to keep up with our ever-growing fleet and be sure the Apparatus; Fire Engines, Trucks, Ambulances, and fleet vehicles are all in tip-top shape for a response.

2021- Strategic Plan (2021-2026): The strategic plan is a living management tool that provides short-term direction, builds a shared vision, documents goals, and objectives, and optimizes the use of resources.

2021: Purchased an existing 4-acre site with 40,000 sq. of building space in Commerce City to enhance our training division. The building provides state-of-the-art indoor training, space for personnel, quartermaster, Information Technology, an in-house Wellness Center with a physical therapist, and a doctor's office. Additionally, SCBA maintenance, reserve apparatus, and a workout facility.

Today: Our department responds to over 10,000 calls annually and has over 73 Firefighters and 28 Administrative staff. We protect approximately 76 sq. miles of residential, commercial, industrial, and open lands. Our plans and goal for 2023 include being an accredited department with (6) 24-hour staffed fire stations.





















SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCATION

South Adams Fire Fighters Association (501(c3)) is a charitable organization that represents firefighters from SACFD, past and present.

The South Adams Fire Fighters Association supports all current and retired firefighters from South Adams County Fire. The SACFFA provides support for the Commerce City Police Fraternal Order of Police and their annual Christmas community program and Explorer program. The South Adams County Fire Fighters Association has a college scholarship program for dependents of firefighters and is also involved with community events like Meals on Wheels, and the Neighborto-Neighbor Program.



SACFFA Board President

Doug Finkenbinder





Our Fundraisers: Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Steve Vincel Memorial Golf Tournament 2023 Dates Coming Soon!





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