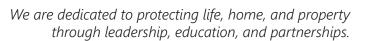






2019-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

FOR COLORADO RIVER FIRE RESCUE











OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to protecting life, home, and property through leadership, education, and partnerships.

OUR VALUES

We serve with **Dignity**, **Honesty**, **Integrity**, and **Pride**.

DIGNITY

We show dignity through a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and encouragement.

HONESTY

We serve with utmost moral character - being truthful, straightforward, and sincere.

INTEGRITY

We do the right thing - being honest, transparent, and accountable.

PRIDE

We are proud and take satisfaction in providing a high quality of service.



March 21, 2019

To Colorado River Fire Rescue and the communities of Rifle, Silt and New Castle:

We are pleased to share with you the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan for Colorado River Fire Rescue (CRFR) a Fire Protection District serving the communities of Rifle, Silt, and New Castle. This document is the culmination of many hours of dedicated effort by CRFR's Board of Directors, the Strategic Planning Committee, and overall membership.

The purpose of this project was to develop a Strategic Plan for the District based on broad input from our membership through an inclusive and transparent process. In developing the strategic plan, we evaluated and refined our Mission Statement, verified our Core Values and identified six primary strategic goals with associated objectives. Each objective is accompanied by a detailed action plan that lays out the specifics for how each objective is to be accomplished.

CRFR's Mission, Core Values, Strategic Goals and Objectives serve as our road-map for success through a unified organization, to continually be proactive and innovative while providing exceptional service to the taxpayers of our District.

The Strategic Plan is intended to be a living document that reflects who we are as a District. Through unwavering support, we were able to collect valuable feedback and built strong ownership in, and support for, the Strategic Plan. Please consider this to be **OUR PLAN**, one that we will utilize as CRFR moves into the future.

We thank everyone involved for their thoughtful contributions to the 2019-2024 CRFR Strategic Plan. Professionalism and pride within our organization will ensure this plan is implemented, regularly evaluated, and kept current for our organization. CRFR is undoubtedly dedicated to our mission of protecting life, home and property through leadership, education, and partnerships.

Respectfully,

Randy Callahan Interim Fire Chief

Alan Lambert Board President

ABOUT COLORADO RIVER FIRE RESCUE



WHO WE ARE

Colorado River Fire Rescue is a combination fire department made up of Volunteers, Part-time, and Full-time employees. Each and every member of the organization is dedicated to our community in every way, from community education programs, community prevention programs, to providing the highest level of care and compassion on every single call.

WHO WE SERVE

Colorado River Fire Rescue proudly serves the communities of New Castle, Silt and Rifle, Colorado. We provide all-hazards services, including structure and wildland fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and rescue response for these communities and the surrounding areas.

Our total response area is approximately 851 square miles.



CRFR STATS

In 2018, CRFR serviced 3,066 calls, an increase of 19.8% from the prior year, and 24.7% from 2016. 1,902 of those calls were medical and inter-facility transport calls, 135 were fires, 145 Hazardous Materials, and 884 were other types, such as goodintent calls, false alarms, and special hazards.

STRATEGIC GOALS





- 2. Recognize and scale to changing budgetary, fiscal, and regulatory conditions.
- 3. Seek to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness by shaping, enhancing, and adapting to changing circumstances.
- 4. Cultivate and strengthen relationships with stakeholders, governing bodies, cooperators, and the public.
- 5. Foster a culture that emphasizes and enhances employee health and safety.
- 6. Promote a highly motivated and well-trained workforce.



Resolution No. CRFPD 2019-03-02

RESOLUTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Colorado River Fire Protection District ("District") and the District's stakeholders engaged in an extensive planning cycle between September 2018 and February 2019 in order to create a new Strategic Plan for the District; and

WHEREAS, participants have created a new Strategic Plan, which affirm the District's primary goal areas, the guiding principles that support decision making, the strategies to be used for achieving objectives, and specific objectives that will meet the identified goals; and

WHEREAS, the attached 2019-2024 Strategic Plan has been completed through internal work sessions and stakeholder input, was reviewed, and is ready for implementation effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS that the attached 2019-2024 Strategic Plan for Colorado River Fire Protection District is hereby adopted.

Director

Director

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2019.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Director

Director

Director

HOW WAS THIS PLAN DEVELOPED?

ONLINE OUESTIONNAIRE

The process for CRFR's Strategic Plan began with an online questionnaire that was made available to the membership between August and September 2018. Members were asked to provide input on:

- 1. Core values
- 2. Goals and Objectives (and potential Challenges) for the District
- 3. Strengths and Weaknesses of the District
- 4. Topics of Interest
 - a. Motivation to Succeed
 - b. Morale
 - c. Leadership
 - d. Financial Condition

The online questionnaire was shared, via email, with 105 members. Of those, 65 participated for a **response rate of 61.9%**. Responses to the questionnaire provided the foundation for subsequent discussions among the Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee about CRFR's Mission, Core Values, Strategic Goals and Objectives.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS

CRFR's Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee participated in a series of facilitated planning sessions in September 2018. These sessions served as an opportunity to review and update CRFR's Mission and Core Values based on the responses to the online questionnaire. Furthermore, these sessions provided an opportunity for the Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee to work together to draft Goals and Objectives for the District (a process that was informed by the questionnaire results).

FEEDBACK FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Following the strategic planning sessions, the draft of the revised Mission and Core Values were shared with the membership over the course of several months. This was done to confirm whether they were in-tune with what everyone believes to be CRFR's Mission and Core Values. Members were also given the opportunity to wordsmith the language of the revised Mission and Core Values to ensure that they were written in a manner that resonated well with everyone.

ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS

The final step in developing the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan was the Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee's participation in an action planning session in January 2019. This session enabled this group to finalize the Mission, Core Values, Strategic Goals and Objectives for CRFR. It also provided the opportunity to hammer out detailed action plans for each of CRFR's Goals and Objectives.

This document is the outcome of everyone's hard work and a collaborative strategic planning effort.









CRFR'S STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES & ACTION PLANS

Included on the following pages are CRFR's Strategic Goals, Objectives and Action Plans. Significant time and effort went into detailing each Action Plan in order to provide CRFR with clear direction on how to get things done and work towards achieving its Goals and Objectives. Each Action Plan includes:

1. Actions A list of what specifically needs to be done to work towards achieving CRFR's Strategic Goals and Objectives over the coming years.

An indication of whether an action is a high, medium or low priority for CRFR. 2. Priority Level

3. Time-Frame Information about when it is anticipated that CRFR will begin working on an action and when that will be completed/accomplished. Some

actions have been identified as "on-going" and therefore do not have an anticipated completion date.

Information about who is ultimately responsible for working on an action and ensuring that it gets accomplished. Lead

A list of individuals and/or organizations to be informed about and/or involved with an action. Partners & Partnerships

Resources & Support Information about the resources that are available and resources that are needed for an action.

7. Potential Challenges, Barriers A list of challenges, barriers or resistance that CRFR might be encounter while working on an action, as well as ideas for how to overcome

these.

8. How we Measure Success (Metrics) Ideas for how to measure progress on each action (i.e., metrics) and for how CRFR will know when an action has been accomplished.

OVERVIEW

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The following table provides an overview of CRFR's Strategic Goals, Objectives and Actions. Detail for each of these is included on pages 9-24.

Go	oal	Objective		Action	Priority Level	Time-	Frame
						Start	Completion
	Strategic Goal 1	Objective 1	1.	Research and develop a brand (i.e., Who is CRFR?).	High	Immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 1	Objective 1	2.	Streamline and unify our communications model so that it is flexible, dynamic and responsive to eliminate our biggest communication breakdowns. Research and develop a model to connect all members to improve department communications and enhance relationships.	High	Immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 1	Objective 2	1.	Create and deliver a public information campaign that increases awareness about the many ways CRFR serves our district customers.	High	Immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 1	Objective 2	2.	Provide a convenient avenue for public feedback.	High	Immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 1	Objective 2	3.	Improve current technology and methods used to engage the district customers.	Medium	Immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 1	1.	Assess operational revenue services (sources) and adjust as necessary.	High	December 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 1	2.	Assess vendor services and contracts.	High	December 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 1	3.	Use a zero-base budget approach to submit a balanced budget without using reserves.	High	December 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 2	1.	Research and develop a mill-levy plan.	High	March 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 2	2.	Research & implement funding alternatives and sources.	Medium	December 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 2	3.	Research and implement as necessary legislative funding mechanisms.	Medium	December 2019	On-going
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 3	1.	Seek grant opportunities to update two ambulances with autoload gurneys.	High	January 2019	February 15, 2019
	Strategic Goal 2	Objective 3	2.	Seek grant opportunities to update our current SCBA's.	High	January 2019	February 2020

Goal	Objective		Action	Priority Level	Time	-Frame
					Start	Completion
Strategic Goal 2	Objective 3	3.	Develop grant writing process and guidelines.	High	October 2019	3-5 years
Strategic Goal 2	Objective 3	4.	Seek and assess grant sources to replace Station 61.	High	2019	3-5 years
Strategic Goal 2	Objective 3	5.	Seek mitigation grants to reduce wildfire risk for communities in our district.	Medium	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 1	1.	Review and evaluate previous years call volume and location to assure varying response areas have the proper resources.	High	January 2019	Annually
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 1	2.	Evaluate operational personnel staffing models, response zones, and response criteria to improve service delivery.	High	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 2	1.	Look for other funding options such as Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and grants from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease (FML) District.	High	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 2	2.	Develop or update CRFR's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Possible new station location.	High	January 2019	5-10 years & On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 2	3.	Evaluate current conditions of Station 61 and Station 42.	Medium	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 3	1.	Assess existing processes and adjust were needed.	High	January 2019	As soon as possible
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 3	2.	Establish clear guidelines.	High	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 3	3.	Clean up folders on computers to only have the most current processes.	High	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 3	4.	Identify modern technologies such as automated systems/programs.	Medium	Soon	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 4	1.	Establish reliable and interoperable communications with cooperators.	High	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 4	2.	Perform mock exercises to see where the weaknesses are and make appropriate improvements.	Low	TBD	TBD
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 4	3.	Identify out of service/range areas and prioritize for future towers (i.e., Rifle Gap and Elk Creek areas).	High/Medium	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 4	4.	Identify and implement reliable backup systems.	Medium	In place	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 5	1.	Identify future staffing models through succession planning that anticipates community and organizational growth.	High	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 6	1.	Update records management that allows for easy to utilize field reporting.	High	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 6	2.	Continually review and adopt latest research to improve emergency scene operations and maintain progressive operational tactics.	High	In-process	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 6	3.	Determine total number of calls needed to not review 100% sign of EMS calls.	Medium	2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 6	4.	Develop statistical benchmarks to evaluate employee workloads.	Medium	Soon	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 6	5.	Review and approve the EMS quality management program.	Low	TBD	On-going
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 7	1.	Upgrade phone system.	Medium	May/June 2019	2020
Strategic Goal 3	Objective 8	2.	Develop organizational benchmarks based on national standards with data from the records management system.	Low	January 2019	On-going
Strategic Goal 4	Objective 1	1.	Gain an understanding of stakeholder needs between our three communities and compare with CRFR's end goals.	High (Maintain)	In-progress	On-going

G	oal	Objective		Action	Priority Level	Time-	Frame
						Start	Completion
	Strategic Goal 4	Objective 1	2.	Evaluate auto-aid agreements and the training consortium to better serve our district.	Medium	In-progress	January 31, 2020
	Strategic Goal 4	Objective 1	3.	Research and develop potential regionalization of SOG's and consistent county-wide dispatching between fire departments.	Low	In-progress	TBD
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	1.	Develop standardized pre-training "warm-up" to assure members are ready for the physical demands of training in order to prevent injury.	High	Start immediately	March 1, 2019
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	2.	Develop and implement an annual Physical Ability Testing (PAT) consistent with entry-level requirements.	Medium	Start immediately	March 31, 2019
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	3.	Evaluate and standardize physical fitness equipment at all fire stations.	Medium	Start immediately	2020
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	4.	Supply & maintain effective PT equipment and programming to membership.	Medium	Start immediately	2020
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	5.	PST information, nutrition, physical, and cancer prevention.	High	Start immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	6.	Develop dietary/nutrition resource.	High	Start immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 1	7.	Include health & wellness evaluations and physicals (Langner).	High	Start immediately	On-going
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	1.	Implement nationally recognized occupational cancer prevention best practices and SOG's.	High	Start immediately	In 4-months & keep current (on-going)
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	2.	Evaluate and develop communications plan.	Medium	Start immediately	2020
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	3.	Use advanced technologies such as Center of Excellence to get real-time video to keep responders safer and implement geo-location so dispatch can have a precise location of the responder.	Low	2020	On-going
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	4.	Make sure the systems we have in place are bulletproof and resistant to failure.	Low	2020	On-going
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	5.	Make sure interoperability is in place with cooperators and other organizations we work with.	Low	TBD	TBD
	Strategic Goal 5	Objective 2	6.	Evaluate and maintain acceptable work to rest ratios for non-emergent fire, rescue and EMS operations.	Low	TBD	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 1	1.	Institute a competitive wage scale department wide.	High	Start immediately	January 1, 2020
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 1	2.	Increase emphasis on training.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 1	3.	Implement a detailed succession plan that develops members for career advancement.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 1	4.	Develop clearly defined expectations at all levels of the organization to breed a culture that allows members to make decisions within their realm of operations.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 2	1.	Research and develop measurable training standards, evaluation techniques, and remedial training guidelines that are consistent with CRFR's response model.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 2	2.	Keep current all department policies and SOG's.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 2	3.	360° evaluations.	High	On-going	TBD
	Strategic Goal 6	Objective 3	1.	Consolidate all data in one easy to use records management system.	Medium	On-going	TBD



STRATEGIC GOAL 1 | Effectively communicate the department's Mission and Vision to employees, partners and community.

Objective 1: Enhance internal communications and facilitate two-way communications at all levels.

Wh	tion at specifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure progress?	
dor	ie?				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	How will we know when this is accomplished?	
1.	Research and develop a brand (i.e., Who is CRFR?).	High PriorityStart immediatelyOn-going	Fire Chief	All membershipPublic	Social MediaPublic outreachOpen Houses	To be determined	Cognitive biasOld paradigms	 Continuous evaluation of departmental consistency, morale, service delivery Evaluate public opinion from previous surveys, community involvement & membership involvement 	
2.	Streamline and unify our communications model so that it is flexible, dynamic and responsive to eliminate our biggest communication breakdowns. Research and develop a model to connect all members to improve department communications and enhance relationships.	 High Priority Start immediately On-going 	All officers up to, and including, the Fire Chief	All membership	• I.T. department	To be determined	 Rumors - Provide the information to dispel Email fatigue Erosion of trust & buyin - restorative trust, be honest and open with information, have transparency 	Continuous evaluation of departmental consistency, morale, service delivery Evaluate public opinion from previous surveys, community involvement & membership involvement	

Objective 2: Enhance external communications.

	ifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources 8	₹ Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
done?					Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
public campa aware many	te and deliver a c information paign that increases eness about the v ways CRFR serves district customers.	High PriorityStart immediatelyOn-going	Build a campaign team	Board of directorsAll membership	Social MediaMedia outletsWebsite	 Improved relevance, accessibility and application Multimedia infrastructure 	Public perception - Education	Evaluate feedbackPassage of a mill-levy increase

Objective 2: Enhance external communications (continued).

Action	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
2. Provide a convenient avenue for public feedback.	High PriorityStart immediatelyOn-going	 I.T. department Public Information Officer (PIO) CRFR Board of Directors 	Line Staff	Social MediaMedia outletsWebsite	Public relationsSME	 Who does this job? How do we collect information? Learn from other's mistakes 	Increased feedback
3. Improve current technology and methods used to engage the district customers.	Medium PriorityStart immediatelyOn-going	I.T. department Public Information Officer (PIO)	Line staffCounty PIO groupCRFR Board of DirectorsConsultant	Social MediaMedia outletsWebsite	Improved relevance, accessibility and application	 Ability to properly utilize available mediums Engagement of personnel Changing mediums Utilize subject matter experts 	 Consistent media presence Improve PIO depth Quantifiable outreach statistics

STRATEGIC GOAL 2 | Recognize and adjust to changing budgetary, fiscal, and regulatory conditions.

Objective 1: Implement a systematic way to establish program budgetary baselines and deliverables and to measure the impact of change.

	cifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources &	Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
done?	ie:				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	
rever	ess operational nue services (sources) adjust as necessary.	High PriorityStart in December 2019On-going	Fire Chief	CRFR Board of DirectorsDivisions & Staff	SDAState governmentGarfield County	Internal & external data	Research timeOther priorities	Quarterly progress reports
	ess vendor services contracts.	High PriorityStart in December 2019On-going	Fire Chief	CRFR Board of DirectorsDivisions & Staff	SDAState governmentGarfield County	Internal & external data	Research timeOther priorities	Quarterly progress reports

Objective 1: Implement a systematic way to establish program budgetary baselines and deliverables and to measure the impact of change (continued).

Α	ction	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources &	Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?		Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
3.	Use a zero-base budget approach to submit a balanced budget without using reserves.	High PriorityStart in December 2019On-going	Fire Chief	CRFR Board of DirectorsDivisions & Staff	SDAState governmentGarfield County	Internal & external data	Research timeOther priorities	Quarterly progress reports
4.	Develop a budget forecast.	High PriorityStart in December 2019On-going	Fire Chief	CRFR Board of DirectorsDivisions & Staff	SDAState governmentGarfield County	Internal & external data	Research time Other priorities	Quarterly progress reports

Objective 2: Seek stable funding models to diversify funding sources.

Action What specifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
done?				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	
Research and develop a mill-levy plan.	 High Priority Start in March 2019 at Board of Directors Meeting On-going 	Fire Chief	Garfield County AssessorOther districtsCommunity partners	 County Assessor Other districts Community partners Staff Legal Supporters (i.e., Union, City/County partners) 	Budget Develop a 10-year critical infrastructure needs plan to find replacement of Station 61, apparatus, and capital equipment	 Education Public support Develop communications plan 	Strive to maintain a sturdy general reserve until there are 18-months of operating revenues available to reduce susceptibility during economic downturns
2. Research & implement funding alternatives and sources.	 Medium Priority Start in December 2019 On-going 	Fire Chief	Garfield County AssessorOther districtsCommunity partners	 Assessor Other districts Community partners Staff Legal Supporters (i.e., Union, City/County partners) 	Budget Develop a 10-year critical infrastructure needs plan to find replacement of Station 61, apparatus, and capital equipment	 Education Public support Develop communications plan 	Strive to maintain a sturdy general reserve until there are 18-months of operating revenues available to reduce susceptibility during economic downturns

Objective 2: Seek stable funding models to diversify funding sources (continued).

Action	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
Research and implemen as necessary legislative funding mechanisms.	 Medium Priority Start in December 2019 On-going 	Fire Chief	 Garfield County Assessor Other districts Community partners 	 Assessor Other districts Community partners Staff Legal Supporters (i.e., Union, City/County partners) 	Budget Develop a 10-year critical infrastructure needs plan to find replacement of Station 61, apparatus, and capital equipment	 Education Public support Develop communications plan 	Strive to maintain a sturdy general reserve until there are 18-months of operating revenues available to reduce susceptibility during economic downturns

Objective 3: Continue to identify and strengthen grant opportunities.

Action What specifically needs to be done?	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources & Su	ıpport	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
done?				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	
Seek grant opportunities to update two ambulances with autoload gurneys.	 High Priority Start in January 2019 Complete by February 15, 2019 	Fire Chief	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	Grant writer	ProcessEducationTrainingHire a grant writer	CRFR receives grant funding.
2. Seek grant opportunities to update our current SCBA's.	 High Priority Start in January 2019 Complete by February 2020 	Fire Chief	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	Grant writer	ProcessEducationTrainingHire a grant writer	CRFR receives grant funding

Objective 3: Continue to identify and strengthen grant opportunities (continued).

A	ction	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources & Su	upport	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
	hat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
3.	Develop grant writing process and guidelines.	 High Priority Start in October 2019 Complete in 3-5 years 	Fire Chief	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	• Grant writer	ProcessEducationTrainingHiring a grant writer	CRFR receives grant funding
4.	Seek and assess grant sources to replace Station 61.	High PriorityStart in 2019Complete in 3-5 years	Fire Chief	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	• Grant writer	 Process Education Training Hiring a grant writer	CRFR receives grant funding
5.	Seek mitigation grants to reduce wildfire risk for communities in our district.	Medium PriorityIn-processOn-going	Fire Chief	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	 Federal government State government Garfield County Local municipalities Non-profit orgs Other Districts SDA Divisions & Staff 	• Grant writer	ProcessEducationTrainingHiring a grant writer	CRFR receives grant funding









STRATEGIC GOAL 3 | Seek to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness by shaping, enhancing, and adapting to changing circumstances.

Objective 1: Align resources and redesign organizational units, regions and facilities to better reflect operational needs.

Action	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
Review and evaluate previous years call volume and location to assure varying response areas have the proper resources.	 High Priority Start in January 2019 Complete annually 	Division Chiefs	All department divisions: Operations EMS Wildifre Prevention I.T. department Garfield County Communications Garfield County GIS department Municipal GIS departments Adjoining Fire Districts	 NFPA standards GIS New World CFAI Accreditation ISO 	 2016, 2017 & 2018 Response Data Growth data for Garfield County & local municipalities New World Corporation Analytical software 	 Budget Time and personnel Institutional resistance Push back 	Data spreadsheets institutional data, comparative data, meaningful data
2. Evaluate operational personnel staffing models, response zones, and response criteria to improve service delivery.	 High Priority Start in January 2019 On-going 	Division Chiefs	All department divisions: Operations EMS Wildifre Prevention I.T. Department Garfield County Communications Garfield County GIS Department Municipal GIS Departments Adjoining Fire Districts	 NFPA standards GIS New World CFAI Accreditation ISO 	 2016, 2017 & 2018 Response Data Growth data for Garfield County & local municipalities New World Corporation Analytical software 	 Budget Time and personnel Institutional resistance Push back 	Data spreadsheets institutional data, comparative data, meaningful data

Objective 2: Develop and implement a strategy for replacement of facilities.

Action What specifically needs to be	ction	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
	nat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1.	1. Look for other funding options such as Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and grants from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease (FML) District.	High PriorityStart in January 2019On-going	Board of DirectorsStaff	Federal governmentState governmentOEM-FEMA	Federal fundingState funding	 Budget Site location? Grant funding (DOLA, FML) Financing (loans/ bonding) 	Public input from voters	CRFR receives grant funding
2.	2. Develop or update CRFR's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Possible new station location.	 High Priority Start in January 2019 Complete in 5-10 years & on-going 	Board of Directors Staff	Garfield CountyLocal municipalitiesRE-2 School District	 ISO GIS Land NFPH Grants Financing (loans/ bonding) Grant writers 	 Budget Site location? Grant funding (DOLA, FML) Financing (loans/ bonding) 	 Budget Site location? Local municipalities Cooperation with other towns Lack of public information Mill-levy increase Gallagher Amendment Negative publicity 	Passage of a mill-levy increase
3.	3 Evaluate current conditions of Station 61 and Station 42.	 Medium Priority Start in January 2019 On-going 	Board of Directors Staff	 Garfield County Local municipalities RE-2 School District 	 ISO GIS Land NFPH Grants Financing (loans/ bonding) Grant writers 	 Budget Site location? Grant funding (DOLA, FML) Financing (loans/ bonding) 	 Budget Site location? Local municipalities Cooperation with other towns Lack of public information Mill-levy increase Gallagher Amendment Negative publicity 	 In three (3) years construct a new Station 61 Building our Capital Improvements reserves Construction of a Fleet Maintenance Facility Construction of a Training Facility

Objective 3: Identify opportunities to develop, enhance and improve administrative processes and implement where feasible.

Ac	tion	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
Wh	nat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1.	Assess existing processes and adjust were needed.	High PriorityStart in January 2019Complete as soon as possible	Fire ChiefDivision Chiefs	• Staff	• Staff	• Staff	Have too many departments nowWhich ones?	 Approval of final document(s) Improving morale Improving communication
2.	Establish clear guidelines.	High PriorityStart in January 2019On-going	Battalion Chiefs	• Staff	• Staff	• Staff	Possible loss of important information	Approval of final document(s)
3.	Clean up folders on computers to only have the most current processes.	High PriorityStart in January 2019On-going	 Battalion Chiefs Lieutenants Division Chiefs Administrative Clerk 	• Staff	• Staff	• Staff	Possible loss of important information	CRFR computers updated to only have the most current processes Update CRFR computers, as necessary, to ensure that processes are current
4.	Identify modern technologies such as automated systems/ programs.	Medium PriorityStart soonOn-going	I.T. department	CommunicationsArea departmentsStaff	I.T. department technologyWebinarsNew World	Funding	Continuity of systemsCell service	Identification of modern technologies to be implemented by CRFR Implementation of modern technologies

Objective 4: Improve reliability and effectiveness of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) communications.

Action	Priority &	Lead			es & Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1. Establish reliable and interoperable communications with cooperators.	High PriorityIn-process	Radio Tech	 Communications Other Fire Departments & Agencies Law Enforcement State government Fiber Optics 	Existing system in place	FundingInfrastructure sites	FundingInteroperable	Radios work in all areas of the district

Objective 4: Improve reliability and effectiveness of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) communications (continued).

Ac	tion	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resource	es & Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring
	nat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	Success How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
2.	Perform mock exercises to see where the weaknesses are and make appropriate improvements.	High Priority	Public Safety Council	 Area Agencies Municipal Police Departments Garfield County Sheriff's Department State government 	Past after action recent local incidents	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
3.	Identify out of service/ range areas and prioritize for future towers (i.e., Rifle Gap and Elk Creek areas).	High/Medium PriorityOn-going	CommunicationsRadio Tech	State Corrections	State grants	Garfield County GIS departmentVerizon WirelessCommunications	 Owners not interested in selling or leasing land Garfield County Land Use Code Federal lands (BLM) NIB 	To be determined
4.	Identify and implement reliable backup systems.	Medium PriorityIn placeOn-going	Communications Radio Tech	To be determined	 Ham Radio Operators Federal grants Local grants VHF Federal Radio Towers Jolly Mesa BLM FPD Repeater Homeland Security (State) 	 Maintain mutual aid agreements DFPC Federal government (BLM) Verizon Wireless AT&T 	Funding Capacity demands for resources	To be determined

Objective 5: Position the department to accept next-generation responders.

Action	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
Identify future staffing models through succession planning that anticipates community and organizational growth.	High PriorityIn-processOn-going	Fire ChiefChief's StaffBoard of Directors	Communities in the Fire DistrictStaff	StaffCommunities in the Fire DistrictEvents	Recruitment companies Volunteer programs	 Generational mindsets Departmental structure Inclusiveness Resistance to change 	 Employee retention rates Process for succession planning in place Good process

Objective 6: Review, research and development, and leveraged the use of evolving technology.

Ad	ction	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	s & Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
	hat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	urces Resources & Ide lable Needed Overco	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1.	Update records management that allows for easy to utilize field reporting.	High PriorityIn processOn-going	EMS Chief	StaffI.T. departmentNew WorldGarfield CountyOther vendorsCommunications	Existing system	 Possible new vendors New equipment from New World Cell service 	InteroperabilityStakeholder resistanceFunding	To be determined
2.	Continually review and adopt latest research to improve emergency scene operations and maintain progressive operational tactics.	High PriorityOn-going	Fire ChiefStaff	All other fire & law enforcement agencies	National researchNFPANFALocal data - reports	Staff with personal commitment	Cultural resistance (i.e., resistance to change)	 Measured decrease in property loss Shorter scene times
3.	Determine total number of calls needed to not review 100% sign of EMS calls.	Medium PriorityStart in 2019On-going	EMS Chief	EMS Committee & Medical Director	Work within standards	To be determined	To be determined	Not needing to review 100% of calls

Objective 6: Review, research and development, and leveraged the use of evolving technology (continued).

Α	ction	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success
	hat specifically needs to be ne?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
4.	Develop statistical benchmarks to evaluate employee workloads.	Medium PriorityStart soonOn-going	ChiefsBattalion ChiefsLieutenants	EmployeesStaff	Know what data you need Other departments data on evaluating workload	Ask specific research information Outside evaluation companies	Identifying issues to quantify with data	Obtaining information to improve evaluations to better employee workload
5.	Review and approve the EMS quality management program.	Low PriorityOn-going	 EMS Chief Medical advisor	Medical advisor	Existing medical reportsCQIBackup drive?	Remote data access	Scheduling	On-going

Objective 7: Research and use alternative information technology methods to access, transmit, and store data for use throughout the department and by/with our cooperators.

Action	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame		Partnerships	Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1. Upgrade phone system.	Medium PriorityMay/June 2019Complete by 2020	I.T. department	Facilities ManagerComcastCenturyLink	Fiber optics vendors	FundingInfrastructure	Cost-effectiveness of existing infrastructureProper vendors	Interconnectivity at all stations

Objective 8: Revisit upgrades to existing CRFR computing operations in order to increase capacity and provide much-needed data for key command-and-control and decision support system.

Action	Priority &	Time-Frame	Partners & Partnerships	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
What specifically needs to be done?	Time-Frame			Resources Available	Resources Needed	or Resistance & Ideas for Overcoming	How will we measure progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
Develop organizational benchmarks based on national standards with data from the records management system.	To be determined	I.T. department Fire Chief	CRFR existing data	Existing ID storageNFPA	Develop the storage necessary	 Redundancy - internal/ external data storage Lacking knowledge of existing system - what if John leaves? 	Being able to access desired information



STRATEGIC GOAL 4 | Cultivate and strengthen relationships with partners, governing bodies, cooperators and the public.

Objective 1: Be responsive and receptive to the concerns and needs of the public, as well as local, state, and federal cooperators, and other partners.

W	ction hat specifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources	& Support	Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
do	ne?				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1.	Gain an understanding of stakeholder needs between our three communities and compare with CRFR's end goals.	High Priority (maintain)In-progressOn-going	Fire ChiefStaff	Department staffCommunities in the Fire DistrictCooperators	 Current MOU's Agreements Auto-aid Mutual aid Staff Funding 	 Community events Chamber of Commerce Rotary Community meetings Churches & organizations Social media 	 Mindset of BMFPD & Rifle Fire Charging for services 	Open lines of communication (Non-traditional)
2.	Evaluate auto-aid agreements and the training consortium to better serve our district.	Medium PriorityIn-progress	Battalion ChiefsFire ChiefStaff	 Local departments on both sides of the Fire District Garfield County Chiefs 	To be determined	 Data & existing incident reports Future State legislation 	To be determined	On-going
3.	Research and develop potential regionalization of SOG's and consistent county-wide dispatching between fire departments.	To be determined	Garfield County Chiefs	 All agencies & counties around Communications User groups All hazard incident team Regional response team 	To be determined	To be determined	Agency buy-in	To be determined











STRATEGIC GOAL 5 | Foster a culture that emphasizes and enhances employee health and safety.

Objective 1: Develop employee wellness program and enhance existing health, safety and employee well-being - Seek actions that maintain and enhance the safety and health of CRFR employees and those of partner agencies, as well as the public.

Ac	tion	Priority &	Lead	Partners &	Resource	s & Support	Challenges, Barriers,	Measuring Success
Wh	at specifically needs to be	Time-Frame		Partnerships			or Resistance & Ideas for	How will we measure progress? How will we know
uor	ic:				Resources Available	Resources Needed	Overcoming	when this is accomplished?
1.	Develop standardized pre-training "warm-up" to assure members are ready for the physical demands of training in order to prevent injury.	High PriorityStart immediatelyComplete by March 1, 2019	Battalion Chiefs	All membershipCompany officers	Romwod	To be determined	Buy-inAccountability	Number of Workers' Compensation claimsTraining records
2.	Develop and implement an annual Physical Ability Testing (PAT) consistent with entry-level requirements.	Medium PriorityStart immediatelyComplete by May 31, 2019	Battalion Chiefs	All membershipAdministration	CPAT Facilities/ equipment	 Data & existing incident reports Future State legislation 	Buy-inAccountability	 Administration of PAT Improvements in PAT results
3.	Evaluate and standardize physical fitness equipment at all fire stations.	Medium PriorityStart immediatelyComplete by 2020	Battalion Chiefs	All membership	EquipmentPersonnelSME	Training	Buy-inAccountability	Improved health & wellness evaluations
4.	Supply & maintain effective PT equipment and programming to membership.	Medium PriorityStart immediatelyComplete by 2020	Battalion Chiefs	All membership	EquipmentPersonnel SME	Training	Buy-inAccountability	Improved health & wellness evaluations
5.	PST information, nutrition, physical, and cancer prevention.	• High	Battalion Chiefs	 All membership Administration	To be determined	Funding	PolicySupport	Measure contact
6.	Develop dietary/nutrition resource.	• High	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	• Funding	PolicySupport	To be determined
7.	Include health & wellness evaluations & physicals .	• High	Division Chiefs and Battailion Chiefs	 All membership Administration	To be determined	Funding	PolicySupport	Measure usage

Objective 2: Expand safety and related communications across all programs.

Action What specifically needs to be done?	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources & Support		Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1. Implement nationally recognized occupational cancer prevention best practices and SOG's.	 High Priority Start immediately Complete in 4-months and keep current (on-going) 	CRFR Officers	All membership	To be determined	FundingGear extractor 41PPE	Facilities	Achieve/complianceImproveDoc. Exp. Reports
2. Evaluate and develop communications plan.	Medium PriorityStart immediatelyComplete in 2020	Fire Chief	Communications boardGarfield County F.D.Dispatch	Communications supportGrants	Funding Grants	• Funding	To be determined
3. Use advanced technologies such as Center of Excellence to get real-time video to keep responders safer and implement geolocation so dispatch can have a precise location of the responder.	Low PriorityStart in 2020On-going	Fire Chief	 Garfield County F.D. Center of Excellence 	To be determined	To be determined	FundingTechnology	Improve relationshipsUtilize technology
4. Make sure the systems we have in place are bulletproof and resistant to failure.	Low PriorityStart in 2020On-going	Fire Chief	Communications boardGarfield County F.D.Dispatch	Communications supportGrants	FundingGrants	Funding	To be determined
5. Make sure interoperability is in place with cooperators and other organizations we work with.	• Low	Fire Chief	 Law enforcement Center of Excellence Garfield County F.D. GCECA 	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
6. Evaluate and maintain acceptable work to rest ratios for non-emergent fire, rescue and EMS operations.	• Low	Battalion Chiefs	All membership and admin	To be determined	To be determined	Call volume & staffing	Adopt a Standard of Cover



STRATEGIC GOAL 6 | Promote a highly motivated and well-trained workforce.

Objective 1: Attract, recruit and retain the best people possible and empower those people at all levels of the organization.

Wł	tion at specifically needs to be	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources & Support		Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
doi	done?				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1.	Institute a competitive wage scale department wide.	High PriorityStart immediatelyComplete by January 1, 2020	Fire Chief	• OC • Finance	 Wage survey CPS HR Consulting? 	Wage survey	FundingInsufficient survey	 Data has been collected Wage survey has been completed The recommendations of the wage survey are implemented
2.	Increase emphasis on training.	High PriorityOn-going	Battalion Chiefs	DCLieutenantsAll membership	DFPCNREMTCDPHEConsortiumNWCG	Anything training related	FundingGrantsInstructorsSOG's	Goals and achievementsCertificationsTask books completeFTO program
3.	Implement a detailed succession plan that develops members for career advancement.	High PriorityOn-going	Fire Chief	All levels of managementFTO	Job descriptions	Leadership training	Silos of knowledgeEgosNeed to add positions to department	When we are able to fill positions from within our organization
4.	Develop clearly defined expectations at all levels of the organization to breed a culture that allows members to make decisions within their realm of operations.	Medium PriorityOn-going	Fire Chief	All levels of management	SOG'sJob descriptions	EvaluationSOG's	Buy-in at all levels	When the newest member can describe our culture and decision-making process

Objective 2: Utilize existing tools to assess employees and ensure performance accountability.

Action What specifically needs to be done?	Priority & Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources & Support		Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
1. Research and develop measurable training standards, evaluation techniques, and remedi training guidelines that are consistent with CRF response model.		• Battalion Chiefs	ConsortiumNWCGCDFPCNREMTCDPHE	IFSTANWCGNREMT	IFSTANWCGNREMT	Buy-inCommunicationEducation	Goals & achievements certificationsCompleted task booksFTO program
2. Keep current all department policies and SOG's.	High PriorityOn-going	• Division Chiefs	Battalion commandersLieutenantsConsortium	LexipolCPS HR Consulting	Lexipol CPS HR Consulting	Funding	SOG's completed and understood by all membership
3. 360° evaluations.	High PriorityOn-going	• Operations Chief	Battalion commandersLieutenantsDivision ChiefsConsortiumFire Chief	 SOG's (if available) Job descriptions Lexipol CPS HR Consulting Goals 	Lexipol CPS HR Consulting	• Buy-in	Completed goalsGrowth

Objective 3: Develop a comprehensive training tracking and needs assessment system to reflect currency in certifications and qualifications, as well as statewide training needs.

Action What specifically needs to be done?	Priority & Lead Time-Frame	Lead	Partners & Partnerships	Resources & Support		Challenges, Barriers, or Resistance	Measuring Success How will we measure
				Resources Available	Resources Needed	& Ideas for Overcoming	progress? How will we know when this is accomplished?
Consolidate all data in one easy to use records management system.	Medium PriorityOn-going	Fire Chief	I.T. departmentDivision ChiefsBattalion commanders	I.T. department Webinars	To be determined	FundingTrainingCommunicationBuy-in	All data consolidated into one easy to use records management system.