

EGFD Annual Report 2025



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Message from the Chief

As we reflect on 2025, it's clear that East Grand Fire Protection District #4 continues to evolve alongside the community we serve. Growth across the Fraser Valley is accelerating, and with it comes increased demand for emergency services, fire prevention, and community engagement. This year was defined not only by that growth, but by how our team rose to meet it.

One of the most significant milestones for the District was the completion and full operation of the Lonetree Fire and EMS Station. This project represents years of planning and investment, and it is already improving our ability to respond more quickly and effectively to the southern portion of our District. As development continues in this area, this station will play a critical role in maintaining the level of service our residents and visitors expect.

In 2025, we also saw continued increases in call

volume and fire prevention activity. Our Fire Prevention Bureau remains a cornerstone of our mission, working proactively with homeowners, businesses, and short-term rental operators to reduce risk before emergencies occur.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our personnel, especially our volunteers. Our department model, supported by a strong volunteer and resident firefighter program, continues to be one of our greater strengths. These individuals give an extraordinary amount of time, energy, and professionalism to ensure that help is always

"At our best on your worst day"

available when it is needed most. Their commitment to training, readiness, and service is what makes this organization exceptional.

As we look ahead, we recognize that the pace of change in our region is not slowing down. Projects that will shape the future of Winter Park and the surrounding areas are already underway, and with them will come new challenges and opportunities. Our focus remains on preparing for that future; through strategic planning, responsible investment, and continued support of our people.

On behalf of East Grand Fire, I would like to thank our community, partners, and governing board for their continued trust and support. It is a privilege to serve the District, and we remain committed to protecting life and property with professionalism and integrity.

Respectfully,

Todd Holzworth

Fire Chief
East Grand Fire Protection District #4



2025 At a Glance

523

**TOTAL
CALLS**

2,678

**TRAINING
HOURS**

19,632

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

1,746

**INSPECTIONS
COMPLETED**



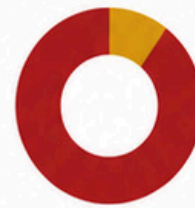
Operations & Response



21.4%
RESCUE &
EMS ASSIST



14%
HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS



8.8%
FIRE &
SMOKE



11%
GOOD
INTENT



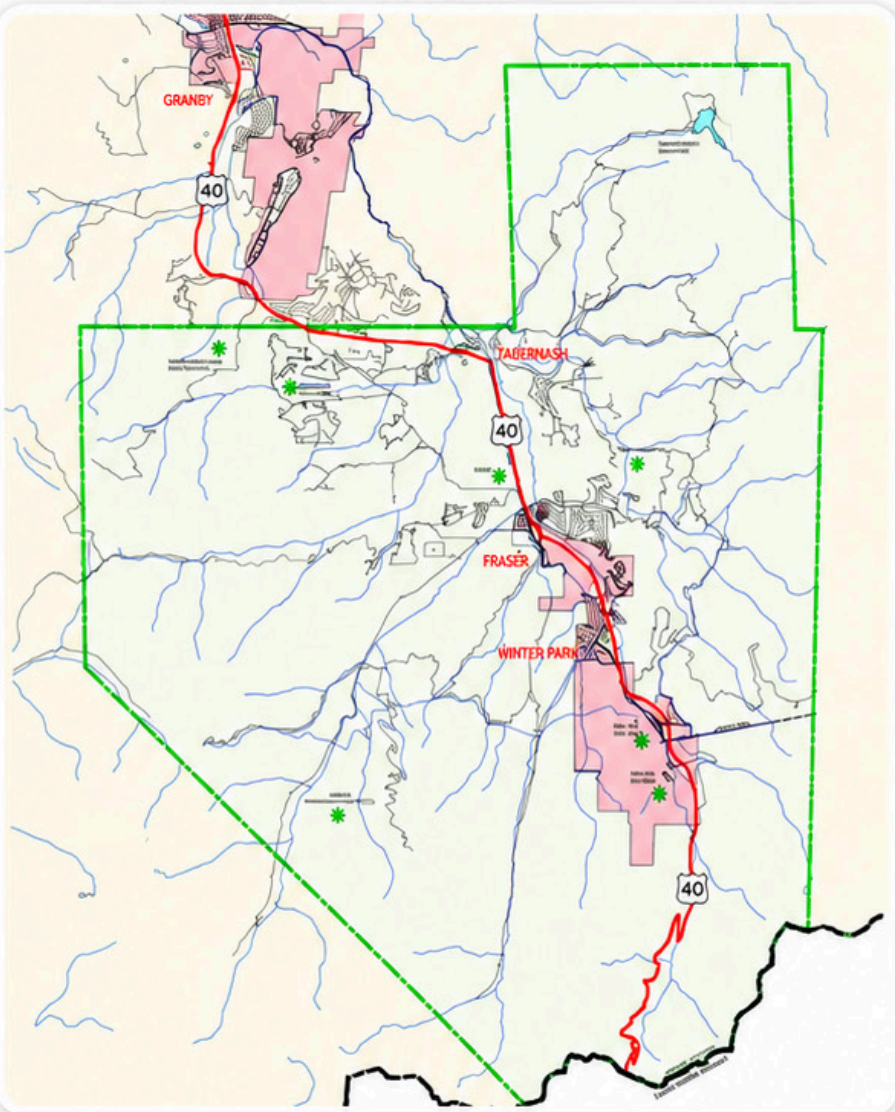
37.6%
FALSE
ALARM



6.5%
CALLS FOR
SERVICE

East Grand Fire Operations

East Grand Fire responded to 523 calls for service in 2025, reflecting the diverse needs of the communities we serve. While false alarms accounted for the largest percentage of incidents (37.6%), crews also responded to rescue and EMS assists (21.4%), hazardous conditions (14%), fire and smoke incidents (8.8%), good intent calls (11%), and other service requests (6.5%). These calls highlight the broad range of services provided; from emergency medical support and rescues to hazard mitigation, fire response, public assistance, and community protection. Operating in a mountain environment with fluctuating populations, changing weather conditions, and ongoing development, we remain committed to delivering versatile, professional emergency services whenever they are needed.



New Lonetree Fire & EMS Station



Opened to better serve the rapidly growing resort corridor, Lonetree Fire & EMS Station strengthens East Grand Fire Protection District's emergency response capabilities in one of our busiest service areas. Strategically located near Winter Park Resort and surrounding development, the station improves response times for residents, visitors, and businesses while supporting the District's continued operational growth.

Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lonetree is staffed by five personnel, including four operational responders and one administrative staff member supporting fire prevention and broader District operations.

Lonetree is a shared facility with Grand County EMS, strengthening interagency coordination and supporting an efficient, collaborative emergency response presence in the resort area. The facility includes modern apparatus bays, operational workspace, a fitness area, and seven upstairs dormitory rooms, with three currently designated for fire personnel and the remainder used by Grand County EMS. The station also has the capacity to support future resident staffing as service demands increase.

In addition, Lonetree serves as the home base for the District's Fire Prevention Bureau. Fire prevention activities; including commercial inspections, development review coordination, plan review support, short-term rental life safety program administration, permitting workflows, and community risk reduction initiatives; are coordinated and managed from this location, making the station a central hub for both response and proactive public safety efforts. As development and visitation continue to expand throughout the resort corridor, Lonetree was built to meet the District's future operational needs. The station positions the District to meet increasing service demands, support ongoing development, and evolve alongside the growth of East Grand Fire for years to come.



Our People

The strength of East Grand Fire Protection District starts with the people who serve this community every day.



2025 Board of Directors

Vice President
Donald Maurais

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Garth Hein

Treasurer
Ryan Barwick

Member at Large
Rachel Hoyhtya

Secretary
Richard Kramer



2025 Pension Board

Trustee
Blaine Faulkner

Trustee
Brendan McGrath



2025 Office Staff

Fire Marshal
Ryan Mowrey

Chief
Todd Holzwarth

Training Coordinator
Steve Waldorf

Assistant Fire Marshal
Jordan Ennis

Office Manager
Kristen Rybj

Volunteer Coordinator
Jed Henry

Fire Inspector
Ricardo Loza

Administrative Assistant
Andrea Jovanovski

Fire Prevention Technician
Chris Cheevers

Training & Readiness

Being ready starts long before an emergency call comes in. Regular training helps our personnel maintain the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to serve East Grand safely and effectively.



2,678

**FIREFIGHTER
TRAINING
HOURS**



48

**DISTRICT
TRAININGS**



19,632

**VOLUNTEER
COVERAGE
HOURS**

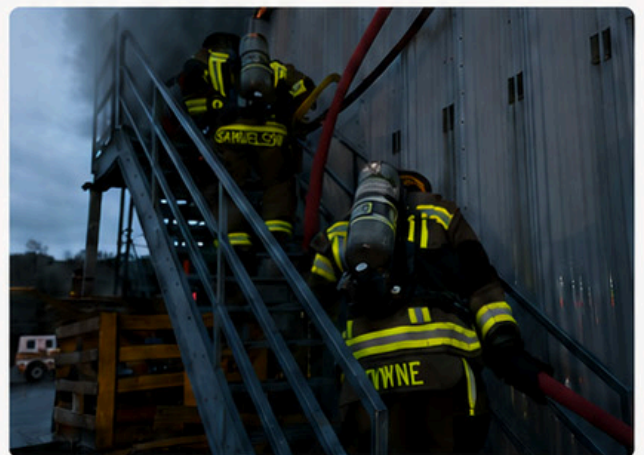


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**ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS /
RECRUITS**

CERTIFICATION	# OF PEOPLE
Firefighter 1	4
Firefighter 2	12
Haz Mat Ops	17
EMT	14
Fire Instructor 1	3
Fire Officer 1	3
Live Fire Instructor	2
Proctor	2

Throughout 2025, East Grand Fire personnel spent hundreds of hours training, maintaining certifications, and strengthening their skills. From specialized instruction to hands-on exercises, this ongoing commitment helps ensure we are prepared to serve our community safely and effectively.



**TRAINED.
EQUIPPED.
COMMITTED.**

Continuous training strengthens our skills, builds our teamwork, and ensures we are always ready to respond.

Fire Prevention Bureau

Protecting the community through education, development review, permitting, inspections, and proactive risk reduction.

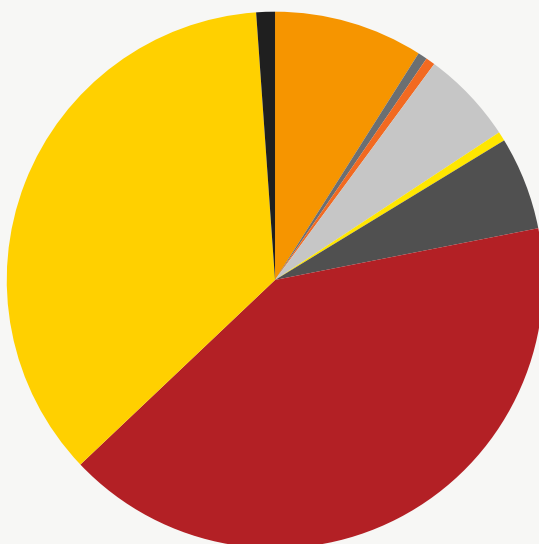
The East Grand Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Bureau experienced another active year in 2025, driven by continued development, growing inspection demand, and expansion of community risk reduction initiatives. As development throughout the District remained high, the Bureau continued to support commercial construction, fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections, plan reviews, permitting workflows, and ongoing code compliance efforts for both new and existing occupancies.

A major focus throughout 2025 was the implementation, rapid growth, and continued refinement of the District's Short-Term Rental (STR) Fire & Life Safety Program, which officially launched at the start of the year. As compliance activity accelerated, the program quickly became one of the Fire Prevention Bureau's largest operational efforts, with more than 1,400 inspection requests submitted and 1,568 inspections completed throughout the year. To meet demand, the team implemented significant process improvements, including updated communication tools, revised permitting workflows, website enhancements, FAQ resources, and expanded staffing support.

These efforts dramatically improved turnaround times, reduced backlog, strengthened communication with property owners, and helped the District successfully scale one of the region's fastest-growing life safety compliance programs.

In 2025, the Bureau also expanded its role in proactive community risk reduction. Staff conducted Home Ignition Zone assessments, supported wildfire mitigation efforts, participated in public education and outreach events, and continued strengthening partnerships with local businesses, property owners, contractors, and community stakeholders. Fire Prevention also played a key role in long-range planning discussions related to new development and future service demands throughout the district.

As East Grand County continues to grow, the Fire Prevention Bureau remains a critical part of ensuring that growth occurs safely, efficiently, and with long-term community resilience in mind.



2025 Inspections

While the Short-Term Rental Fire & Life Safety Program accounted for 1,568 completed inspections in 2025, the Fire Prevention Bureau also supported a wide range of additional fire and life safety inspection activities, including alarm and sprinkler system inspections, new construction rough and final inspections, hydrostatic testing, Home Ignition Zone assessments, development review coordination, and other code compliance efforts that support safe growth throughout the district.

- Alarm Final (16)
- Development Review (1)
- Event / Tent (1)
- Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) (10)
- Hood System Final (1)
- Hydrostatic Test (10)
- Sprinkler Final (73)
- Sprinkler Rough (64)
- Underground Flush (2)

Community Engagement

Community engagement is an important part of what we do at East Grand Fire. Throughout 2025, District personnel participated in local events, educational programs, and community traditions that allowed us to connect with residents outside of emergency response.

Highlights included Fire & Ice, Fire Muster with the LaFrance, the Summer Picnic, Fall Fest, Veterans Day flag placement, food drives, youth events with the Fraser Rec District and local preschool students, and participation in the Suicide Hike & Walk. Fire

Prevention staff also supported the opening of the new Fraser medical center, while crews continued to provide public education and participate in community events throughout the year.

These events give us the opportunity to meet the people we serve, support our community partners, and remain involved in the communities we protect every day.



ISO Rating & Insurance Impact

Improved fire protection ratings reflect the District's continued investment in emergency response capability.

ISO ratings help measure a fire district's ability to protect life and property and may influence insurance costs for property owners. In 2024, East Grand Fire Protection District completed its latest Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluation, resulting in improved Public Protection Classification ratings.

The District now holds a Class 3 rating in developed areas with access to a credible water supply and within five miles of a staffed station, including the Towns of Winter Park and Fraser. Rural areas without fixed water supply received a Class 4 rating. These improvements reflect the

District's continued investment in personnel, apparatus, communications, training, and operational readiness. Previous ratings were Class 4 and Class 6, respectively.

ISO evaluates fire protection capabilities nationwide using a 1–10 scale, with Class 1 representing the highest level of protection. Ratings are based on emergency communications, fire department operations, and water supply infrastructure. East Grand's updated classification places the District among the top-performing fire departments nationwide.



Financial Overview



East Grand Fire remained in a strong financial position in 2025 while continuing to invest in personnel, equipment, and operational infrastructure.

The District's General Fund closed the year with \$4.06 million in revenue, \$2.69 million in expenditures, and an ending fund balance of \$3.65 million. Impact Fee revenue totaled \$1.10 million and continues to support growth-related capital needs and long-term service planning.

Notable expenditures during 2025 included the addition of two full-time Fire Prevention positions and variable staffing support for the Short-Term Rental Fire & Life Safety Program. Capital and operational investments included new extraction equipment, the first lease payment for the Timber Wolf apparatus, and modernization of the District's Knox Box system through implementation of a countywide electronic access platform.

The Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund ended 2025 with a fund balance of \$2.98 million and continued to provide benefits for 28 pensioners.

Looking Ahead

As East Grand County continues to grow, East Grand Fire Protection District remains focused on meeting the changing needs of the communities it serves. Ongoing development, increasing visitation, and growing demand for emergency services will continue to influence the District's planning and operations in the years ahead.

The District will continue investing in personnel, training, equipment, fire prevention, and infrastructure to support reliable emergency response and community safety. By planning for future growth while maintaining the high level of service our residents and visitors expect, East Grand Fire remains committed to protecting the community today and preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

