

CITY OF LANDER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Phone: 307-332-2209 • Emergency: 911

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Chief B. Johnston

Lander Volunteer Fire Department: COVID-19 Response Update

In response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in our community, we want to assure the Lander community that all necessary steps are being taken to reduce the risk of exposure to our firefighters, their families, and to members of the community. We want to assure the community that adjustments to our normal processes will not impact our emergency response in any way.

As always, the LVFD is prepared to respond at a moments notice to any emergencies that the community might face.

The following changes have been made to our normal operation to reduce the risk to LVFD personnel and the Lander community:

- Access to all department facilities is to be restricted to authorized personnel only. All public functions previously scheduled at the Lander Fire Hall have been postponed indefinitely.
- Department doors will be locked and notices posted. Department personnel can still be contacted by phone (307.332.2209), email (info@landerfire.org) or social media.
- Community outreach and education functions are canceled until further notice.
- If community services continue to be reduced or restricted to our at-risk community members, the LVFD will begin assisting with food deliveries or other imperative services as needed to ensure the safety of our community.

When responding to a call, our first responders will be instituting enhanced personal protective procedures and equipment such as:

- Maintaining six feet of distance for initial assessment, when possible.
- Donning enhanced PPE when interacting with people with suspected respiratory infection or flu- like symptoms.
- Donning enhanced PPE when assisting on all EMS calls.
- Enacting updated decontamination protocols on all apparatus, equipment and personnel when returning to the station from a call.

I would like to thank the residents of Lander for their continued support and ask that residents please remember that this a dynamic situation that is constantly changing. Please continue following the Public Health's proactive steps to protect your health and that of the community:

- Stay home if you feel sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available
- Avoid close contact with other people
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue

Warm regards,

Bobby Johnston
Chief, Lander Vol. Fire Dept.

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