

Loveland Fire Exhibit - November/December 2009 Update:

I am a little slow getting the monthly update out - it seems time flies by pretty fast anymore. It feels a little strange not going down to the exhibit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Actually, miss it a little.

We are open on the weekends the same hours as the museum. Saturdays: 10:00 - 4:00 and Sundays: 12:00 - 4:00. We are also open the second Friday of the month for the "Night on the Town" from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. We have been getting more visitors on Saturdays but we think Sundays will pickup after the first of the year.

We will also open the exhibit for special groups and so far we have had 3 groups. The Windsor Fire Department Retirees toured the exhibit and were impressed. They took several ideas back with them to use in their museum they are preparing. It was fun to talk with some old friends. We had about 8-10 Northern Colorado Fire Marshals Association attendees that were in Loveland for a conference. Some of the attendees were in Fire Education. The special opening was on Sunday, we opened for the Museum's Tree Lighting ceremony. We had between 70-75 folks stop by and they were all impressed and enjoyed the opportunity to visit.

After the first of the year, we have several volunteers that will start the painting of the mural of the 25 LaFrance and 39 Ford. The canvas had been prepared and has been hung on the wall - ready to paint.

Although we are an exhibit within the Loveland Museum/Gallery, they don't have the funds to help us with a lot of the projects that we would like to continue and so we believe that we need to support our exhibit as volunteers. The core team members that have been working on the exhibit the past year are in the process of trying to find a way that we can be a non-profit organization so that we can get a book published to sell and be able to sell other items such as t-shirts and caps. The monies would go to projects for the exhibit. We have had one meeting with the Loveland Fire Inc. and have a couple of options that we are exploring. We will be setting up another meeting after the first of the year to discuss the options and find the best agreeable solution. A couple of the options that have been discussed are to become a non-profit organization or to be a committee under the present Loveland Fire Inc. I will keep you updated on the progress and decisions.

We are still looking for some help monitoring on weekends. Even if it is only a couple of hours of the day - would be appreciated. Please give me a call or email and we can get you setup.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jack.