

**WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Riverton Fire Station #1, Riverton, Wyoming
April 5, 2025**

Call to order by President Quinney at 9:00AM

Motions - All motions made and seconded were unanimously passed.

Meeting Minutes - The Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting held January 3rd, 2025, at the Fire Academy in Riverton were approved as emailed to the membership. Motion by Chris Kocher, seconded by James Curren.

Treasurer's Report - Gene Diedrich submitted a written report on the Statement of Cash Position for the period December 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025. There was a beginning balance of \$62,137 deposits of \$36,318, disbursements of \$42,088 leaving an ending balance of \$56,367 with a cash restriction of \$22,859 for the Safer Grants, Consortium Section and the L.A.S.T. checking account, leaving an unrestricted balance of \$33,508. Motion to approve made by Fred Baldwin and seconded by Dan Johnson.

Association Bills - There were no association bills presented.

WFCA Elections - Gene Diedrich presented the nominations that he had received. JR Fox as President, Jim Wamsley as 1st Vice-President, Fred Baldwin as 2nd Vice-President. President Quinney solicited additional nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. Chris Kocher made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominations as submitted, seconded by Craig Haslam.

Director Byron Mathews swore in the new officers and President Quinney turned over the meeting to President Fox.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missouri Valley Division, IAFC - Chief Gary Harnish reported the following from the Missouri Valley Division.

- 2025 Conference in St Charles, MO June 11-13th
- 2026 Conference in Lincoln, NE
- 2027 Conference TBD
- Lynn Washburn Scholarship (\$1500 to assist aspiring female fire officers in the pursuit of professional development and advancement). If interested contact Chief Harnish
- \$1500 State stipend (to attend the Division Conference), if interested submit a letter of interest to Chief Harnish by May 31, 2025
- From International Director Jim Wamsley - The EFO section is coordinating with the Government Finance Officers Association to create a document that helps educate chiefs about budgeting management from the Finance Directors perspective, and also helps the Finance Director, City Manager, and/or Mayor understand how the fire department operates and the unique needs of the fire service
- Strategic Plan Update - A motion was brought forward to change "include" to "engage". The motion carried to bring this recommendation to the MVD membership at the upcoming annual meeting

Special District Association - Craig Haslam wanted to remind Special Districts that if you have a new board member, they are required to take the Department of Audit approved training. The WASD online training is approved, and they are also doing in person training around the state. There will be local training in Riverton on April 24th and he offered to do local training for departments on a as-needed basis.

Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety - Chief Dan Johnson reported he was just reappointed for another 6-year term representing the fire service. They will have a new agenda item coming up at the next meeting regarding the certification for Fire System Design.

IAFC VCOS - Chief Caughey submitted a written report on the activities of the VCOS Section of the IAFC. Symposium in the Sun registration is open and fills up fast. VCOS has upcoming webinars and a new Critical Thinking Academy. Information can be found on the VCOS website. Any questions can be directed to Chief Caughey.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Chief Eric Quinney reported out on the NVFC. He discussed the ongoing efforts to monitor the progress of the new proposed OSHA standard and the work of the NVFC to express concern over the closure of the National Fire Academy and reductions in staff at the federal level that is affecting NIOSH Investigations and the Firefighter Cancer Registry. The Spring Meeting of the NVFC will be May 8-10 in Alexandria, VA and the Fall Meeting will be September 21-24 in Rapid City, South Dakota. The NVFC Training Summit will be held in June in Salt Lake City and registration is now open.

National Fire Protection Association - Nick Hudson reported out on the NFPA. He discussed the re-districting of the regional representatives and indicated that Bob Sullivan is still the regional rep for Wyoming. The NFPA Expo will be held June 15-20 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sam Wilde was nominated and received a scholarship to attend the Expo for his work over the last 30 years in his position.

Wyoming Firefighter Memorial - An update for the Firefighter Memorial was given by Chief Johnson. The memorial will be on Saturday August 16th, 2025 and will be held in conjunction with the Hall of Fame ceremony. He is currently looking for a keynote speaker for the event.

WYO-LINK UPDATE - Nathan Smolinski from WYDOT discussed the current status of WYO-LINK and new tower construction in Saratoga and Sheridan. He mentioned Cell Phone Apps that allow communication on WYO-LINK through First Net and Verizon. Nathan led a discussion on 911 outage reporting, 911 funding and regionalization of technology (NG911).

Legislative Committee - Shad Cooper and Lanny Applegate gave a report on the legislative session and gave an overview of the bills that passed during the session. The Management Council will be meeting on April 8th to discuss interim topics. One of the topics up for consideration is Wildfire Management in the State and ways to streamline response and the EFSA. Chief Cooper asked everyone to complete the Wildfire Survey and announced an in-person meeting in Casper to begin discussions of what needs to be done with Wildfire Response and what work needs to be done with the Legislature to make needed changes.

WFCA Residential Sprinkler Committee - Nick Hudson reported that the Committee meets on the 3rd Thursdays of each month via Zoom, and all are welcome to join. The Side-by-Side trailer is available for demonstrations and can be reserved via an application on the Fire Marshal Website, departments using the trailer will be asked to replace consumables. Home Sprinkler Week is May 12-16th. The focus of home sprinklers is being changed from cost to install to what it is costing to NOT install sprinklers in residential construction.

Wyoming Volunteer Fire, EMT and Search and Rescue Pension - Lanny Applegate reported on the most recent status of the pension plan. Approximately \$126 million in assets. 2397 total active members in the plan. Jerry Munger is retiring from the Board after 25 years and is being replaced by Bob Glasson. Kim Lee has also been recently reappointed to serve another term.

Wyoming Fire Academy - Ian Kraft submitted a written report about the Fire Academy. Year to Date training totals: 47 classes have been delivered in the 1st Quarter, 508 students have been contacted, 327-man hours of training have been provided, 16 fire investigations have been conducted, 7 meet & greet have been completed. Highlights:

The academy training grounds project has been completed and has already added training value for practical and driver training. The academy has a new roof membrane installed to help with the continuing leaking issues. The Training Section has a vacancy at Instructor and the opening will be advertised here in the near future. The third iteration of the career recruit academy is set to begin Monday, April 7th in Cheyenne and will run through June. ATF ADC Kyoto and handler Eric Siwik recently completed recertification in Las Vegas, NV. Congratulations to both!

2019 and 2021 SAFER Grant Reports - Gene Diedtrich submitted a report on the current status of both SAFER Grants. The WFCA currently has 1 active SAFER Grant offered through FEMA. The 2021 Grant is for \$795K, have spent \$161K which leaves a remaining balance of \$634K and expires November 19, 2026. Update on the 2019 grant - the final closeout report was submitted on February 19, 2025. The 2019 Grant was for \$458K and had \$247K expended, leaving \$211K that was not used. No final approval from FEMA has been received.

Highlights of SAFER GRANT coverage.

Training Reimbursement

Includes the Training Cost, Daily meals and lodging incurred within the Wyoming Current Per-Diem rates.

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By-Laws Committee - Chief Wamsley reported that the By-Laws Committee has finished work on updating the By-Laws. He highlighted what changes the committee made. President Fox indicated that the changes will be sent out to the Membership and will be voted on at the June Meeting in Torrington.

SECTION REPORTS

Wyoming Firefighter's Certification Committee - Chief Alan Robinson reported on behalf of the certification committee. He indicated the committee has a vacancy for the industrial section. The committee met with the Cancer Support Network and discussed adding a cancer awareness course as a pre-requisite to certifications. He also mentioned that changes are being made to Haz Mat Ops to include new methodologies and also reported that specs for Technical Rescue continues.

Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals - Nick Hudson reported the annual conference will be in Casper, April 9-11th. The association is small but mighty with about 40 code enforcement officials across the state participating. The purpose is community risk reduction. Affordable CME is available at the Conference. Greg Rogers with NFPA will be the keynote speaker and will talk about Upstream Leadership.

Industrial Fire Chiefs - Donnie Stevenson from Newcastle was unable to attend due to problems at his plant and will give a report at the next meeting.

Consortium Section - Chief Wamsley reported on the activities of the Section. The Section met on April 4th in Riverton. They discussed the retention of career staff, statewide mutual aid, the application of a SAFER Grant for the recruit academy, by-law changes and the closure of the National Fire Academy. The next meeting will be October 5th.

STATE FIRE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Wyoming State Fireman's Association - Cody Scott submitted a written report for the WSFA. The Fire Convention will be held in Torrington June 12-14th. The fundraising raffle is being held again with tickets being \$5 each with some great prizes. Tickets will be sold until 9AM on June 14th. Contact Cody Scott to purchase tickets or with any questions. Registration for the conference will be June 11th at 5PM. The next meeting will be on June 12th at 9AM at the Torrington Fire Station. Chief Scott can be contacted at cody.scott@torringtonfire.org or 307-575-9690.

Wyoming State Rural Firemen's Association - Shad Cooper reported that the Rural Fire Conference will be held December 3-5th at the same location, Best Western in Casper and invited the WFCA to again hold a joint meeting together on December 4th starting at 8:00AM. Work on AOP's are ongoing, the Mini Mob is being updated and will be available soon. The Master Agreement needs to be renewed in 2027 and work is starting on making any needed changes.

L.A.S.T Team Update - Chief Dan Johnson reported that the LAST Team Checking Account has a balance of \$20,419 and the 2 Year CD Balance is \$21,719. The Team wrote a check to Access Yes to thank the G&F Commissioners for the donation of the tags. He also reported on the ongoing effort of the Engine Project in Casper as it is getting closer to completion. All Chiefs were asked to contact their local GF Commissioners to help get Tags donated for the LAST Team's efforts.

307 CRR - Nick Hudson reported on behalf of Director Mathews for 307 CRR. He discussed the thermal fuse project, the statewide initiative for food truck inspections and the carbon monoxide initiative.

Wyoming Firefighter Cancer Support Network - Chief Shad Cooper gave a report on behalf of Paul Juergens and the Network. He reported that 5 classes have been taught, 1 case was supported and that a recent fundraiser netted \$1800. A discussion was held about the cancer screen legislation that was recently passed and the process that firefighters need to follow to be covered. This process is outlined on the Wyoming Department of Work Force services website. It was mentioned that future training at a meeting would be a good idea to help firefighters learn the process of getting screened properly. Chief Quinney asked Director Mathews to help line up training for the April meeting.

STATE AGENCY REPORTS

Wyoming State Forestry - Kelly Norris and Jerod Delay were not able to attend and submitted the following written report.

- Working with current aviation contractors on additional two SEATs and one helicopter. This will allow more flexibility in assigning assets to areas of need around the state. Availability dates of the SEATs will be June 16th, and the additional SEATs possibly the first of June, depending on a SEAT base being operational. Casper will be open on the 16th of June. The one additional helicopter, possibly available on July 1st. The current contracted helicopter will be available on June 2nd. But there could be changes depending on fire activity.
- Additional aviation positions; 1 helicopter manager, fulltime, 3 seasonal helicopter crew members, and 1 seasonal SEAT base manager.

- Helibase design is completed and out for bids now. Groundbreaking should happen sometime in the first part of June.
- WSFD has reclassified 3 vacant crew supervisor positions to fire trainer positions. Applications are advertised now. Locations for positions are; Newcastle, Riverton, Lyman/Pinedale.
- The WY Military Department received funding to start development of a wildland fire program. This is aimed at in 3-5 years having 3 crews, 6 engines, 2 water tenders, and 2 dozers available. The focus will be to get National Guard personnel wildland trained at the FFT1 level. Primary responsibility will be at Camp Guernsey, with the ability to activate additional personnel during times of higher fire activity to be available statewide.
- The kick off meeting for the renewal of the Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act response Agreement should happen in May. There have been some scheduling conflicts with the Forest Service.
- WSFD is finishing up on the development of a Strategic Plan and should be ready to present at our Staff Meeting in Cheyenne on April 23rd.
- WSFD, Fire Advisory Board, and federal partners are having a meeting April 11th in Cheyenne to discuss fire response and coordination in Wyoming.

Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office - Director Mathews gave a report on the status of the NFA Closure and what was still being delivered in the State. The DEQ is developing regulations on Foam. 138 Fire Departments are listed in the Legacy System, 85 reported data in 2024. 103 existing departments have been identified. 2024 data showed 33 firefighter injuries, 6 civilian deaths in 2024.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security - No Report Given

Office of Emergency Medical Services - No Report Given

CONTINUING BUSINESS

SAFER Grant Application - Chief Dan Johnson gave an update on the process of applying for a SAFER Grant for the recruit academy. Work is ongoing for the application process. A discussion was also held about applying for a SAFER Grant to extend the current grant that is used for training and new firefighter physicals. Ryan Fox and John Rutherford will work together to begin that process.

NEW BUSINESS

PSCC Appointment - President Fox stated that Josh VanVlack had resigned his position on the PSCC and it is necessary to find a new person to represent the Fire Chief's Association. President Fox will email the body to solicit interest and he will make an appointment for a new representative in the near future. The PSCC meets again on May 7th.

NFA Closure Letter - Chief Wamsley presented a letter to be sent to the current administration in Washington DC to express our concerns over the closure of the National Fire Academy. A discussion was held about the letter and

the importance of our voice being heard. John Ruthford made a motion to send the letter as presented. Ryan Fox seconded the motion.

Fire Service Website - A discussion was held about the possibility of having one single website for the Wyoming Fire Service. Chief Wamsley indicated that he could reach out to the person who designed the website for the Missouri Valley Division and see what it would cost to develop something. Jim Wamsley and Shad Cooper will work together to explore options and bring back some recommendations to the body.

With no other business being brought before the body. A motion was made by Lanny Applegate to adjourn the meeting. Second, by James Curren. All present voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned by President Fox at 12:00 PM

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- June 11, 2025, starting at 3:00 PM at the Torrington Fire Department held in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the State Firefighters Association.
- December 4, 2025, in conjunction with the Rural Fire Association Meeting, starting at 8:00 AM at the Best Western in Casper.
- January 9, 2026, starting at 12:30 PM at the Fire Academy in Riverton, Legislative Meeting will be held prior with time TBD.
- April 4, 2026, annual meeting of the WFCA, with elections starting at 9:00 AM at the Riverton Volunteer Fire Department Station #1 meeting room. A delicious lunch will be served after the meeting by the good cooks of the RVFD.

WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION

For the Period December 1, 2024 Through March 31, 2025

Beginning Cash Balance	\$	62,137
Deposits:		
<i>Interest - Checking Accounts</i>	\$	55
- CD #18231	\$	343
<i>Last Donations</i>	<u>\$</u>	<u>398</u>
<i>Western Fire Chiefs</i>	\$	200
<i>Dues Drive Including Square Deposits</i>	\$	-
<i>Consortium</i>	\$	5,168
<i>Recruiting and Retention Grant</i>	\$	2,450
	<u>\$</u>	<u>28,102</u>
	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>\$ 98,455</i>

Disbursements:			
<i>Travel - Quinney to Mo Valley Chiefs Meeting</i>	\$	-	
<i>Recruiting and Retention Grant</i>	\$	28,160	
<i>Various Office Expense</i>	\$	-	
<i>NVFC Dues</i>	\$	-	
<i>Internet Domain Fee</i>	\$	-	
<i>Legislation Acquisition</i>	\$	7,487	
<i>Surety Bond</i>	\$	-	
<i>L.A.S.T. Team Expense</i>	\$	6,441	
<i>Secretary of State - Annual Non Profit Corp. Fee</i>	\$	-	
<i>Annual Meeting Meal Expense</i>	\$	-	<u>\$ 42,088</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$</u>	<u>56,367</u>	

<i>Checking 184-774</i>	\$	3,875
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<i>Checking 184-776</i>	\$	20,419
<i>CD 18231</i>	\$	15,919
	<u>\$</u>	<u>56,367</u>

<i>Recruiting and Retention Grant Income to Date</i>	<i>Disbursed</i>	<i>Consortium</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>Checking</i>
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		2,450	160,169	205,305	
		-	160,227	184,886	
		<u>\$ 2,450</u>	<u>\$ (58)</u>	<u>\$ 20,419</u>	

<i>Cash Restriction</i>	\$	22,859
<i>Unrestricted</i>	\$	33,508
	<u>\$</u>	<u>56,367</u>

**WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
CONSORTIUM UPDATE BY YEAR
April 1, 2025**

	2024	2025
	\$	\$
CAMPBELL COUNTY	\$100	425
CASPER	100	
CHEYENNE		\$175
EVANSVILLE		275
JACKSON HOLE	100	175
LARAMIE	100	300
MILLS	100	100
RAWLINS	100	
ROCK SPRINGS	<u>100</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>700</u>	<u>1750</u>

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WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
Membership Roster
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2025

Your Name	Department/Association
Lanny Applegate	Lander Vol FD
Jesse Cassity	Riverton Vol Fire Dept.
Allen Robinson	Rawlins Fire Dept.
Chris Kocher	Worland Fire Dist.
GARY HARNISH	SHERIDAN FIRE-RESCUE
Chad Brutlag	Sheridan Fire-Rescue
Ryan Fox	Campbell County Fire Dept.
Dan Johnson	Laramie FIRE DEPT
James Curran	Newcastle VFD
Fred Baldwin	Kemmerer Fire Dept.
John Rutherford	Carbon County Fire Protection Dist.
CRAIG HABITAM	FRONTIER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
Shad Casper	Sweetwater County Unified Fire
Mike Moyer	Jackson Hole Fire/EMS
NICK HANSON	WSFMO
Nate Smollingski	WYDOT
Byron Matthews	WSFMO
Tim Wombley	Rock Springs Fire Dept.
JR Fox	Campbell County Fire
Denise P	Newcastle
Rocky McWilliams	FCFPD

Wyoming Firemen's Association Report

We would like to remind everyone that the Wyoming State Fire Convention will be held in Torrington, Wyoming, from June 12th to June 14th. This is an important event for all of us to come together, network, and share in the camaraderie and experience of our state's firefighting community.

Additionally, we are excited to announce our Fundraiser Raffle, which will run across the state leading up to the convention. Tickets are \$5 each, and the prizes are amazing:

- Custom .308 Rifle
- 1911 Handgun
- Custom Hunting Knife
- Traeger Grill
- Wyoming-Themed Metal Fire Pit

Tickets will be sold and collected until 9 a.m. on June 14th. If you would like to purchase tickets or need more information, please contact me directly. The funds raised will support the association's legislative efforts and help fund the annual convention tournament.

For teams needing to schedule practice, please don't hesitate to reach out. The sooner, the better, so we can ensure everyone is prepared.

The registration for the convention will begin on June 11th at 5 p.m. at the convention site. Also, a reminder that our next meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on June 12th at the Torrington Fire Station.

We look forward to seeing you at the convention and appreciate your support in making this event successful!

For Tickets or Information:

Contact: Cody Scott
Phone: 307-575-9690 Email: cody.scott@torringtonfire.org

Thank you for your continued dedication and support to the Wyoming Firemen's Association.

Sincerely,
Cody Scott
State President
Wyoming Firemen's Association

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WFCA 'SAFER' GRANT REPORT 04-05-2025

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Side note – November 19, 2026, will be here soon in a year and half. There is only one annual time a year to apply, so the 2024 usually start in 2025 etc. I think applying for a grant at the next application opportunity should be made so the funds are available needs to be considered.

Wyoming L.A.S.T. Team

Procession Fire Truck



About Wyoming L.A.S.T.

Local Assistance State Team

The Wyoming LAST is a volunteer program under the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation dedicated to supporting families and fire departments after a firefighter's line-of-duty death

— LODD. The team provides direct services such as planning and implementing funerals/memorials, honor guard resources, pipes and drums resources, and assistance with federal, state, and local benefit filings, including the Public Safety Officer's Benefit — PSOB. Wyoming LAST provides these services to the Wyoming fire service and directly supports all public safety services across Wyoming.

Established in 2010, Wyoming LAST is coordinated by Fire Chief Dan Johnson, Laramie Fire Department, and Fire Chief Scott Kitchner, Sweetwater County Fire District #1. The team consists of 70 volunteer members from various public safety agencies across the state, working together to ensure no family and/or fire department faces this difficult time alone.

Information about Wyoming L.A.S.T. Co-Coordinators:

Fire Chief Scott Kitchner, Sweetwater County Fire District #1, Skitchner@Fd1Fire.com

Dan Johnson, Laramie Fire Department, djohnson@cityoflaramie.org

All of this has been made possible by the generous donations of:

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Knife River

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Wyoming LAST



What a Way to Fight a Fire



The Journey Begins...

5 Years Ago — Former Wyoming State Fire Marshal Mark Young and Wyoming LAST began searching for a fire engine to be customized into a fire truck casket for funeral processions honoring first responders lost in the line of duty.

1970 American LaFrance Fire Engine Found — Located outside Cheyenne, the perfect truck was identified but required extensive restoration.

Donation and Transport — Wyoming State Fire Marshal, Byron Mathews, donated the fire truck. Affordable Towing and Recovery moved it from Mathews' home to Knife River, transporting it from Cheyenne to Casper for restoration.

Restoration at Casper College

Diesel Engine Repair — Instructors Steve Bartolic, Mike Johnson, and recently Kurt Buresh led the restoration of the firetruck's diesel engine undertaken by Casper College's Diesel Power Technology program. The project involved a complete in-frame engine overhaul, critical system repairs, and the fuel tank relocation to optimize functionality.

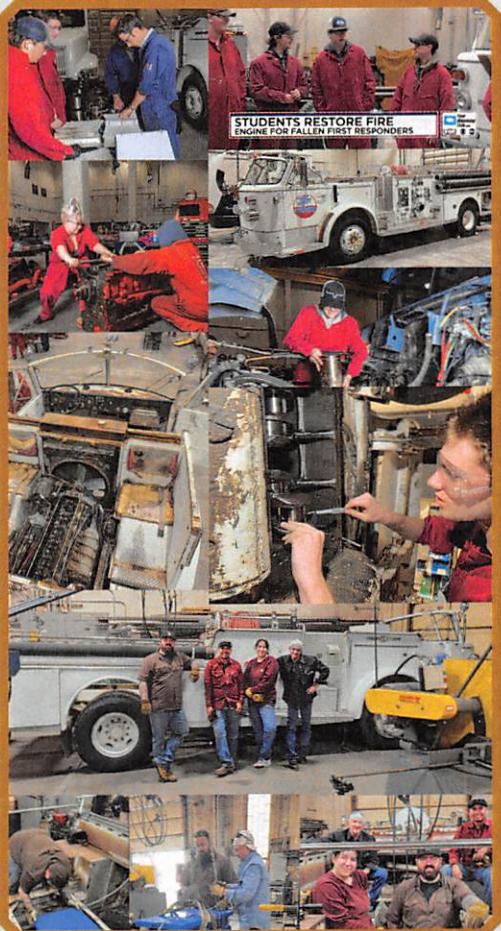
Scope of Work

- Engine Overhaul:** Installed new pistons, liners, rings, injectors, a new rod, and main bearings, along with a student-rebuilt cylinder head.
- Blower and Brake System Repairs:** Rebuilt the blower, repaired air lines, replaced and inspected brake components, adjusted brakes, and ensured proper system functionality.
- Fluid and Grease Application:** Completed the overhaul with essential fluids and lubrication.
- Fuel Tank Relocation:** Moved the fuel tank from the center of the frame to the left rear compartment.
- Tank Installation and Fuel Line Rerouting:** Installed a fabricated fuel tank and rerouted fuel lines and filters.
- Electrical Repairs:** Wired the fuel level sensor and repaired the rear lights and backup alarm wiring.

Fabrication and Welding — Instructors Darin Miller and Marvin Aragon of the Casper College Welding program led students on this project to transform a 1970 American LaFrance firetruck into a specialized funeral service vehicle through extensive structural and functional modifications.

Scope of Work:

- Height Reduction:** The truck's height was carefully lowered on both sides for a streamlined profile while maintaining structural integrity.
- Water Tank Removal:** The original firefighting water tank was removed to free up space for the custom installation.
- Rear Refabrication:** The back half was rebuilt and reinforced to support new equipment, added weight, and functionality.
- Casket Lift Installation:** A discreet, stable lift system was installed to ensure a casket's dignified transport and elevation during services.



Next Steps...

Autobody and Finishing — Instructor Emil Williams of the Casper College Autobody program will lead students on this project to repair bodywork and paint the firetruck.

- Autobody and Finishing:** Begin bodywork and surface preparation for painting, ensuring a smooth and durable finish.
- Parts Sourcing:** Identify and acquire necessary replacement parts, including body panels, trim, and other essential components.
- Chrome Work Planning:** Determine components requiring chrome finishing, such as gauges and the pump control panel, and coordinate the plating process.
- Upholstery and Interior:** Plan and source materials for seat restoration, dashboard refinishing, and any other interior details.
- Electrical and Lighting:** Assess and map out wiring needs, ensuring proper installation of lights, switches, gauges, and control systems.
- Decals and Final Touches:** Design and procure decals, emblems, and any lettering required for authenticity and final aesthetic detailing.