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Fire Department

West Adams County Fire Protection District was formed in 1945 by 30 volunteer firemen and concerned citizens of the area of Eastlake and has grown to a department consisting of 85 volunteer firemen, 30 paid personnel, 18 pieces of equipment operating out of 5 fire stations. Two of these stations are located in Broomfield, Station #2 at 1275 W. Midway Blvd. and Station #5 at 135th & Lowell Blvd. near Westlake Village. The district covers an area of approximately 92 square miles.

Station #2, built in 1958, was manned by volunteers only until 1967 at which time the station was manned by 1 paid fireman. One more paid fireman was added about 1974. Station #5, built in July, 1977, is manned by 1 paid fireman. Stations #2 & 5 are covered by a roster limited to 35 volunteers of which 26 positions are now filled.

Volunteers, who are on call at all times, are notified by tone release radio and respond directly to the emergency (if in their area) or pick up additional equipment if necessary. Paid personnel work 24 hour shifts, 56 hours per week.

Stations #2 & 5 responded to approximately 650 calls during 1977. Of these, about 50% are first aid and non-emergency calls. The remaining are structure, car and weed fires.

The volunteer organization in Stations #2 & 5 consist of about 30 men whose requirements include responding to 20% of the calls in their respective stations and include 36 hours of supervised training per year. 1977 volunteer response totaled 4,556 man calls or an average of 7 men per call. The average number of calls per man per year was about 150 calls with a high of 379 made by one fireman. About half of the volunteer staff are Emergency Medical Technicians and are able to serve the community in first aid and emergency care as well as fire-fighting duties.

West Adams County Fire Department is administrated by a Board of Directors, 5 in number, elected at large within the Fire District and a Fire Chief who is hired by the Board. The operating budget for 1978 is nearly \$868,460.