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Good day!

I hope you are well on this sunny Monday! I wanted to take a moment and update you on Front Range Fire Rescue's (FRFR) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You likely know that the State, counties, and towns are working on plans on where we all go from here. At FRFR, we have been drafting our strategy for the last few weeks. FRFR's program, I feel, is based on the best practices that have been developed to date and take a very cautious and systematic approach to re-opening.

Last week, the State announced that as of today, they would be implementing a "Safer at Home" approach. This means that while the "Stay at home" order is being lifted, there is still concern around personal interactions and a high possibility of a new wave of infections. We share that concern based on the number of cases to which our emergency response partners and we have seen. Additionally, as firefighters and EMTs our personnel's safety, and of equal importance, the safety of the citizens that we serve, requires that we will be staying the course for a while longer. So, for now, we will continue to limit our admin staff's hours at headquarters and keep our office doors closed to the public. We continue to encourage you to vote in our upcoming Board election via absentee ballots, if possible. And lastly, we will continue to limit our members' exposure by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Today, I recalled my first awareness of the Corona Virus a few months ago, and how it might affect us at Front Range Fire Rescue. I can remember thinking that its effects on us might be small, but we must be well prepared. Today, while I am hopeful that we will all get back to "normal" very quickly, I believe that slow and steady in our approach will maximize our potential to help people while minimizing the possible risk. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Michael West
Fire Chief