



West Metro
Fire Rescue

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West Metro Recognized for Outstanding Financial Management

Prestigious Award Acknowledges Innovative Program

Lakewood, CO – The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has named West Metro Fire Rescue as a winner of the Association’s most prestigious award for 2019. West Metro is a recipient of the Excellence in Government Finance- Exceptionally Well Implemented Best Practices Award, one of just eight government agencies to be recognized, and the only fire district.

“Part of our commitment to our community is sound financial management that guarantees we will have the resources we need to keep our firefighters well trained and well equipped,” said West Metro Fire Chief Don Lombardi. *“We’re honored to be recognized by the GFOA for our dedication to the people we serve.”*

The GFOA Awards for Excellence in Government Finance recognize innovative programs that contribute to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The awards stress practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance.

West Metro’s Finance Division researched, developed and implemented an innovative plan to ensure the district’s financial sustainability, by revising the comprehensive fund balance policy and the approach to analyzing reserves, based on risk factors that are specific to the district’s economic and financial situation. Through the process, the district gained a new knowledge base and established a strong foundation for future obligations.

West Metro’s Finance Division has also been honored by the GFOA the past three years with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and West Metro has earned 18 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Awards.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving more than 20,000 government financial professionals in the United States and Canada.

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About West Metro Fire Rescue:

West Metro Fire Rescue is an ISO 1, internationally accredited, full-service, all-hazard, fire and rescue agency. We serve nearly 280,000 residents in the cities and towns of Lakewood, Morrison, Golden, Wheat Ridge and Edgewater. The District also serves sections of Jefferson and Douglas County and unincorporated Littleton, Colorado.

WMFR is committed to providing professional fire protection, emergency medical services, life safety and community service with a vision that shapes the future.

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