



West Metro Fire Protection District

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LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

1. As the principal executive officer of the West Metro Fire Protection District (“District”), the Fire Chief has the authority to declare a local disaster emergency pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S.
2. The District faces a local disaster based on the imminent threat to life and public health resulting from the pandemic spread the novel coronavirus identified as COVID-19.
3. Without emergency response, the local disaster may cause further harm to the citizens of the District and the District is charged with operating in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.
4. Therefore, effective as of the date listed below, I am declaring a local disaster emergency pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S., which shall be in effect for seven (7) days unless extended by the Board of Directors of the District.

Fire Chief, Don Lombardi
West Metro Fire Protection District

March 17, 2020
Date

By declaring a local emergency/disaster, the West Metro Fire Protections District:

1. Communicates the seriousness of the situation to our Municipal, County, State and Federal partners.
2. Activates the District’s Emergency Operations Plan.
3. Implements an internal Incident Management Team to coordinate efforts and track expenses.
4. Initiates recovery planning and reimbursement activities.
5. Gives the Fire Chief greater delegated authority to develop and implement policies, authority to suspend or alter existing policies and procedures, greater financial and contracting authority, etc., necessary to deal with the disaster.