



Lost Acres Fire Department

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- The LAFD was founded by longtime resident Horace B. Clark. Clark was a Fire Commissioner for the City of Hartford and established the department with eleven members on June 1, 1936.
- The name Lost Acres comes from the name of the Clark estate located in East Hartland and Granby which was where the first truck was kept, in Clark's barn.
- Prior to 1936 the Town of Granby was protected by the Ensign Bickford Fire Department.
- In February, 1941 the department was incorporated with 31 active members.
- In 2024 the Lost Acres Fire Department celebrated the 88th anniversary of the formation of the department and has been providing fire and rescue services to the citizens of Granby since.



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Line Officers

Chief – John Horr, Jr.
Assistant Chief – Tim Weber
Deputy Chief – Bill George
Deputy Chief – Erik Davis
Captain – Bill McHugh
Captain – Jason Cooke
Captain – Sean Yucha
Lieutenant - Steve Galuska
Lieutenant - Paul Cote
Lieutenant - Dan Jacobs
Chief Engineer – Nate Jansen

Corporation Officers

President – Dave Demchak
Vice President – Bill Langdon
Treasurer – Kyle Gilmore
Secretary – Raul Guinazu



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- The LAFD currently has three stations throughout town
- The Center station located on Salmon Brook Street was built in 1987 and holds three pieces of apparatus
- The West Granby station on Route 20 was opened in 1970 and is home to two pieces of apparatus
- The oldest active station is the North Granby station located on North Granby Road also hosts two pieces of apparatus – this station was built in 1965 to replace the original North Granby station



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The Infrastructure





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LA-2 (Engine)

- 2000 HME 1871 with 6 man cab
- Built by Dingee Manufacturing
- 1,000 gallons of water
- 1,250 GPM pump
- 1,200 feet of 3" hose mounted on reel
- Full complement of SCBAs, ground ladders and other tools
- Located in West Granby station



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LA-3 (Engine)

- 2010 HME 1871 with 6 man cab
- Built by Dingee Manufacturing
- 1,000 gallons of water
- Class A Foam System with 30 gallons of foam
- 1,250 GPM pump
- 1,200 feet of 3" hose mounted on reel
- Full complement of SCBAs, ground ladders and other tools
- Located in Center station



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LA-4 (Engine)

- 2007 HME 1871 with 6 man cab
- Built by Dingee Manufacturing
- 1,000 gallons of water
- Class A Foam System with 30 gallons of foam
- Class B Foam System with 30 gallons of foam
- 1,250 GPM pump
- 1,200 feet of 3" hose mounted on reel
- Full complement of SCBAs, ground ladders and other tools
- Located in North Granby station





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LA-5 (Brush Truck)

- 1995 Ford F450 4x4
- 300 Gallons of water
- 500 GPM pump
- 3,000 kw generator with 2/1000 watt lights
- Brush equipment including forestry hose, soft packs for water and hand tools
- Located in West Granby station



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LA-6 (Tanker)

- 2003 Kenworth T800
- Built by 4 Guys
- 3,000 gallons of water
- 1,000 GPM pump
- 2 – 10" side discharges
- 1 – 12" discharge on rear
- Full ability to control discharges from the cab
- 3,000 gallon drop tank
- Attack lines, SCBA
- Located in Center Station



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LA-7 (Rescue Truck)



- 1991 GMC Top Kick
- Built by Salsbury
- Full rescue body with talk through to cab
- 10 kw generator
- Full complement of rescue tools including Hurst cutter, spreader and ram. Also, Resq jacks and high/low pressure air bags
- High angle rescue equipment including stokes basket, ropes and climbing harnesses
- HAZMAT equipment including gas detectors, booms and pads
- Housed in North Granby Station



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LA-17 (Rescue/Utility Truck)

- 2005 Chevrolet 4500
- Built by Cue's
- Rescue body with interior storage
- 10 kw generator
- Hurst cutters
- HAZMAT equipment including gas detectors, booms and pads
- Cold water rescue gear including Mustang dry suits
- Various pumps and hoses for water removal
- Located at Center Station



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- The LAFD was established under the provisions of CGS Section 7-301
- The Town of Granby and the LAFD are bound by an operating agreement that was created in 1963 which has been periodically modified (1983, 1987, 1995, and 2003).
- The operating agreement requires the LAFD to submit two things to the Town
 1. An Annual Operating Budget for the department
 2. A Five-Year Capital Plan – updated annually

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- The Town of Granby appropriates money annually to the LAFD in support of their operations and capital needs
- The amount of money budgeted for the LAFD is based on a % of one mill
- Years ago, the LAFD rate was 0.7% of one mill. Over time as the Grand List has grown, that amount was adjusted to 0.3% and now stands at 0.278% of one mill
- FY 25 Adopted Current Tax Levy - \$44,492,129 produced by a Mill Rate of 33.13
- Value of one mill = \$1,342,956 X 0.278 mills = \$373,342 due to LAFD

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The Budget Request

- An open “To Do” is to update the Town of Granby and LAFD operating agreement:
 1. To be sure the funding is adequate to support the operation
 2. To be sure the LAFD capital needs post-covid are adequate
 3. To recognize the radio and other equipment purchased by the Town
 4. Memorialize/recognize the volunteer efforts of the LAFD



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Questions?