



# More Than \$2.9 Million

HAS BEEN RAISED TO DATE, WHICH HAS ALLOWED THE DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DO SOME GREAT THINGS. HERE IS WHERE THAT MONEY HAS GONE:



## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**\$130K WAS INVESTED IN:**

- A full-time firefighter-specific physical/occupational therapist (PT/OT) who works directly with injured firefighters to help get them back to work within the safest, shortest amount of time.
- Proactively assuring that all firefighters are receiving kinesthetic instruction to help avoid injury. After two years, the cost-savings to DFD was so significant that the PT/OT position as a permanent staff position.
- Providing life-saving heart scans for 300 Denver Firefighters -- 75% of the Denver firefighters who participated had some evidence of coronary artery disease. All participants were directed to a course of action that included change in diet, exercise, and medication.



## GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

**\$2.4 MILLION WAS INVESTED IN:**

- Helmets for about half of the Denver Fire Department, 633 helmets, which replaced helmets that were 10+ years old.
- Purchasing 242 SCBAs (air tanks) for ¼ of the DFD. The new tanks provide firefighters with a more complete range of motion, decreasing the risk of injury.
- New bunking gear for over half of the DFD.
- Fully equipping 21 of our Denver fire engines with state-of-the-art pulse oximeters. These devices are able to quickly test and assist in the triaging and diagnosing of patients required of the DFD who are the first line of response in all emergency situations.
- Purchasing 18 spec packs, backboards used in car extrication.
- Purchasing protective haz-mat gear.



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

**\$75K WAS INVESTED IN:**

- Spearheading a collaboration between DFD, the Mile High Red Cross, and the Denver Firefighters Museum for public education. Grant dollars supported Simply Safe. Since fall of 2008, this collaboration has taught fire prevention to over 350,000 Denver Public Schools' elementary students.
- A grant through the City's 2A/Healthy Lifestyles' Youth BOOST to fund 2 weeks of Career Exploration Camp for middle and high school students. This program provides participants hands-on experience with emergency equipment while performing simulated fire and rescue situations. The goal the camp is to inspire participants to consider working as a Denver Firefighter after their high school and college careers.



## TECHNOLOGY

**\$250K WAS INVESTED IN:**

- Smart Board technology for training and 88 iPads for inspections and access to real time info
- In-Station Virtual Training Centers at all 38 Denver Fire Stations and Training Facilities