

**FREDERICK-FIRESTONE  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE  
AND THE FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

*In response to the news release issued by Anadarko Petroleum this afternoon regarding the April 17 fire in Firestone, The Town of Firestone and the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (FFFPD) issued the following statement.*

It is important to note that Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District investigators have not yet completed their investigation into the April 17 fire. According to Theodore Poszywak, Fire Chief for the FFFPD, "We will continue to gather and analyze evidence to determine the origin and cause of the event. While the well in the vicinity is one aspect of the investigation, this is a complex investigation and the origin and cause of the fire have not been determined."

Poszywak continued, "Each of us with the Fire District and the Town of Firestone have been devastated by the tragic loss of life and our hearts, thoughts and prayers are poured out to the family of Joey Irwin and Mark Martinez. We are fully engaged in this investigation to a final determination unimpeded by speculation to bring honor and any closure possible to the family and our community. It is vital to note that as a top priority, officials have determined there is no threat to surrounding homes and have been in contact with nearby residents. Our priorities are to ensure the safety of the neighborhood, and to complete a systematic, thorough

and timely investigation to determine a conclusive cause. We have deployed every necessary resource into the investigation of this tragic fire since the initial dispatch on April 17 and will continue to do so without pause until the cause and origin are determined. Once the investigations into the cause and origin are complete, we will release those findings to the public without delay.”

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#### ABOUT THE FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (FFFPD) is governed by an elected Citizen Board of Directors and provides fire suppression, emergency medical, specialized rescue, and fire protection, prevention and education services to residents and businesses within the Town of Frederick, the Town of Firestone and unincorporated portions of Weld County, Colorado. For more information about the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District, please contact FFFPD Community Outreach Specialist Summer Campos at 303-833-2742 or by email at [scampos@fffd.us](mailto:scampos@fffd.us). The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Business and Education Center is located at 8426 Kosmerl Place, in Frederick, Colo.