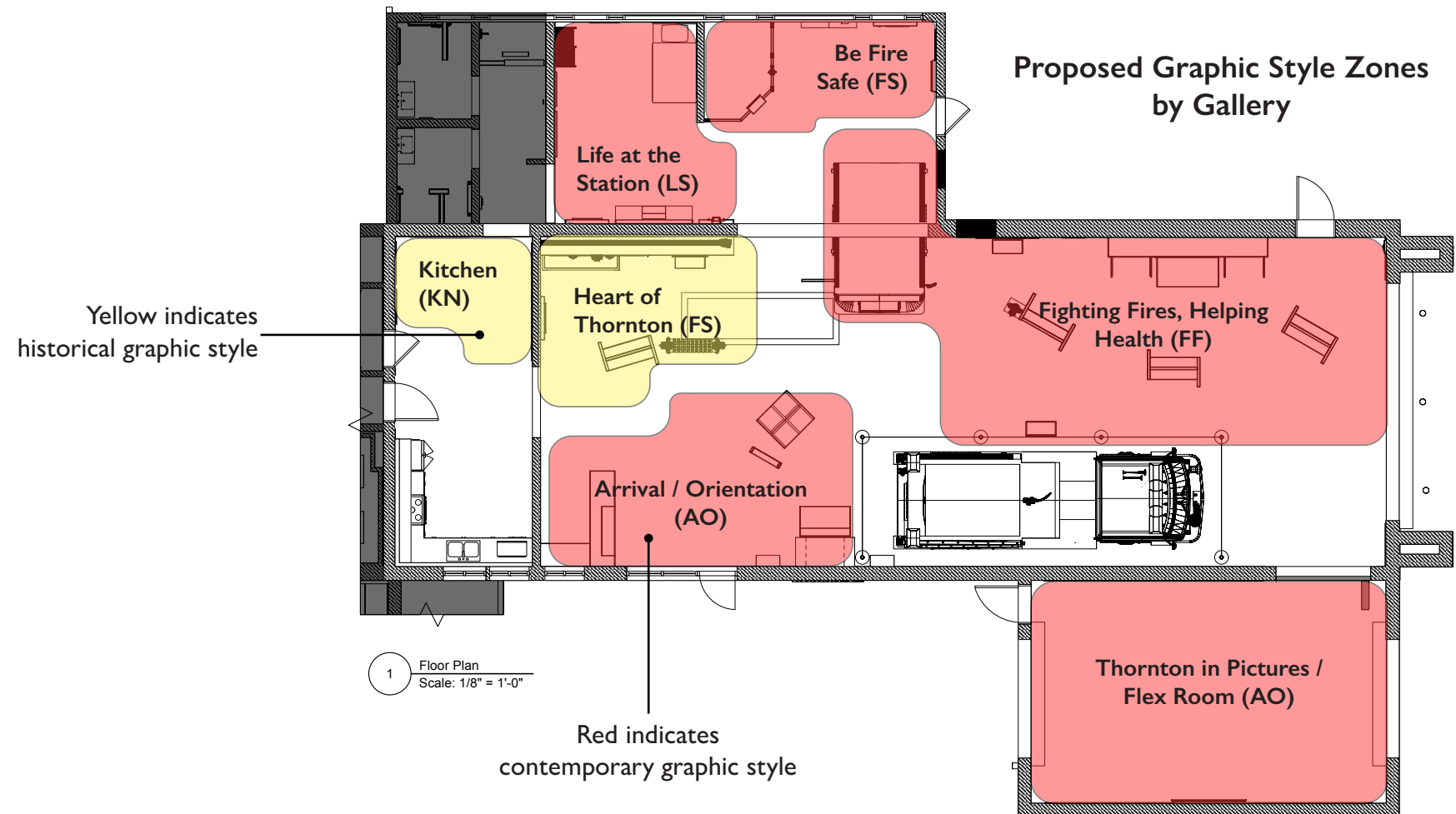


THORNTON FIRE MUSEUM

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April 17, 2026

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OWNER

City of Thornton
Fire Department
Thornton Fire Museum

EXHIBIT DESIGN



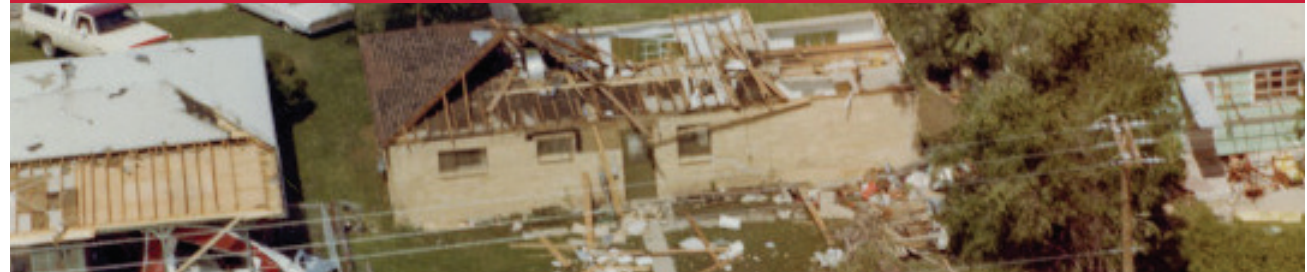
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Boulder, CO 80302

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Architectural Workshop
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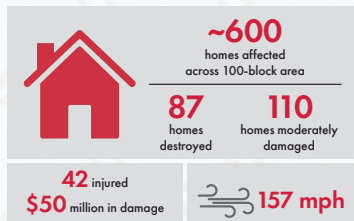
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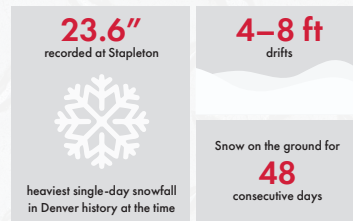
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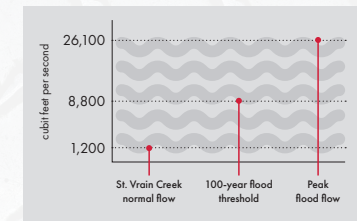
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They put out fires, delivered babies, took punches from bloody drunks, battled bulky, old fire trucks, cleaned the swimming pool, pumped out basements and watered trees.

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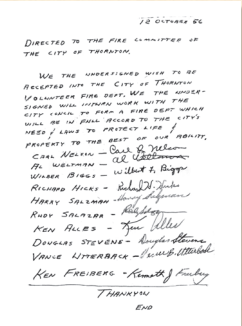


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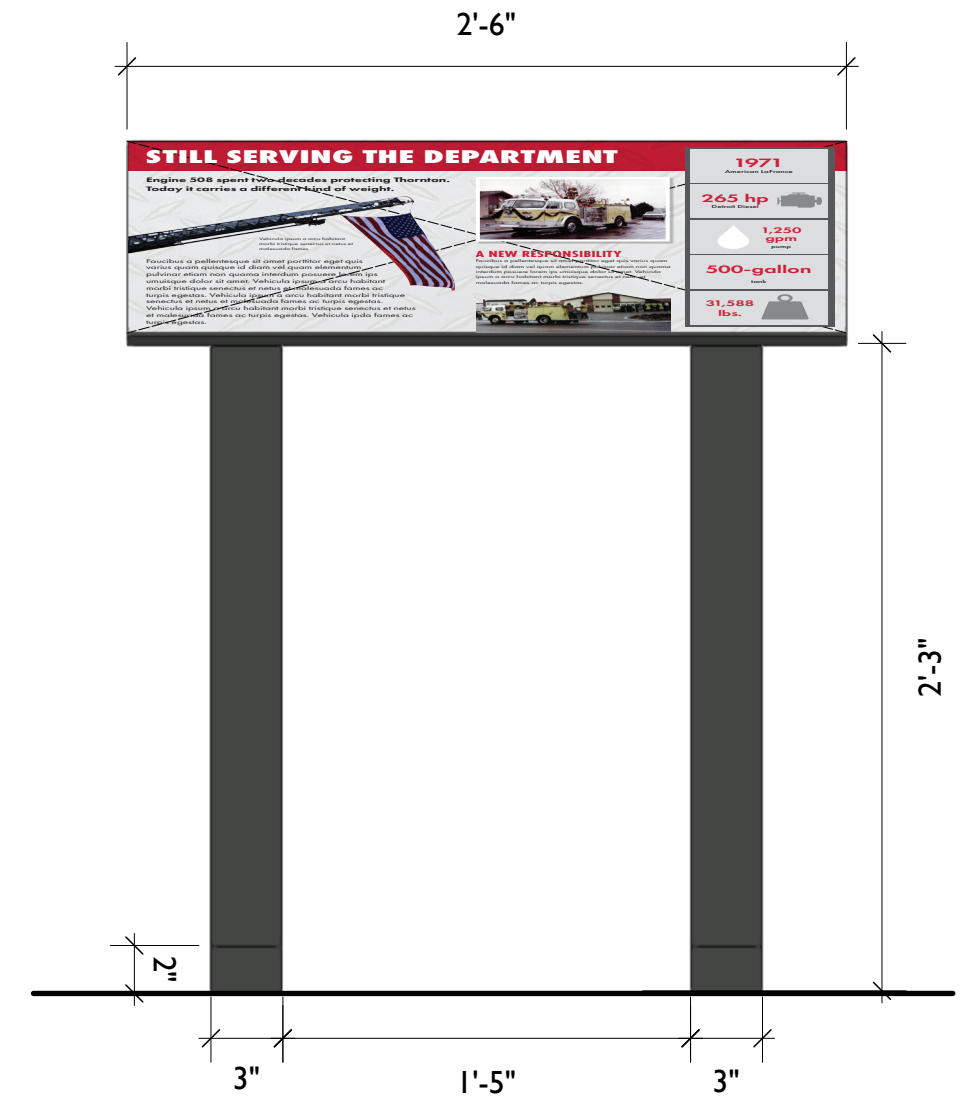
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30"w x 16"h

1971 American LaFrance
265 hp Detroit Diesel
1,250 gpm pump
500-gallon tank
31,588 lbs.



1 Reader Rail, Front View
Scale: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"






CHAINSAW

- Cuts through roofs, walls, and debris quickly
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8"w x 6"h



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Volunteers Lacked Equipment, Had Spirit

HOFFMAN HOMES

THORNTON COLORADO

HOMES

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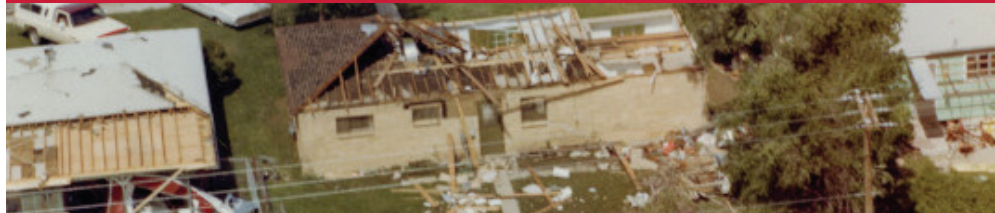
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~600 homes affected across 100-block area

87 homes destroyed

110 homes moderately damaged

42 injured

\$50 million in damage

157 mph

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23.6" recorded at Stapleton

4-8 ft drifts

heaviest single-day snowfall in Denver history at the time

Snow on the ground for **48** consecutive days

The Blizzard Baby

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Heroes

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26,100 cubic feet per second

8,800

1,200

St. Vrain Creek normal flow

100-year flood threshold

Peak flood flow

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