

Making Boulder stronger, wiser

When it comes to evaluating risks here in Boulder, we don't have to look very far back in time. Recent events include wildfires and floods – natural disasters that have resulted in significant destruction.

Forecasters tell us these continue to be real threats, especially as the impacts of climate change become more evident.

But sudden events like these are not the only dangers we face. Chronic stresses, like the city's affordable housing issues, social inequity and the possibility of economic downturns, could also affect us.

While avoiding risks may not be possible, we can control how we prepare for them. That is the focus of the City of Boulder's newly drafted resilience strategy.

The document is the result of an 18-month effort that began when the city was chosen as one of the inaugural participants in 100 Resilient Cities, a global initiative pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation. 100 Resilient Cities provided funding for a chief resilience officer, as well as a unique network and learning opportunity involving other city participants and a variety of technical partners.

The draft strategy, available at ResilientBoulder.com, was informed both by the city's participation in this valuable program and by local stakeholder engagement. It identifies three strategic areas of focus: connect and prepare; partner and innovate; and transform and integrate.

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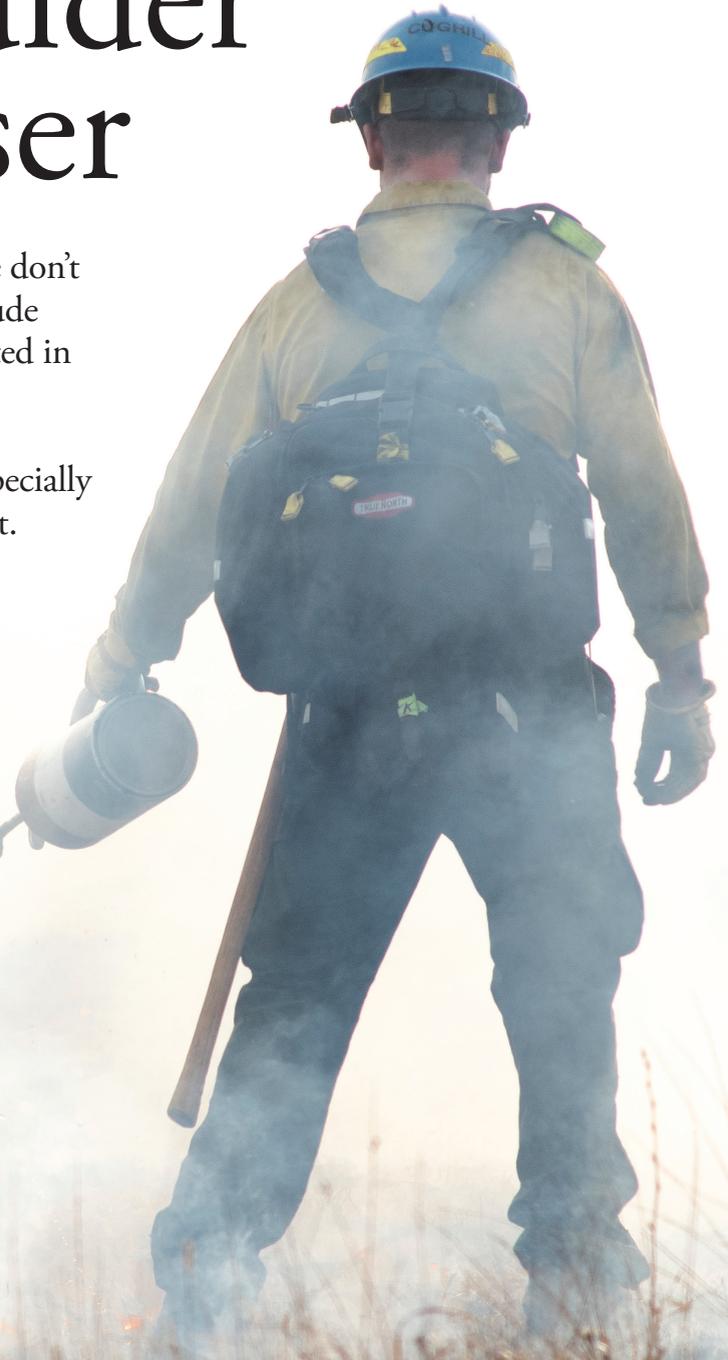


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