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Boulder fire provides opportunity for city team to assist, train

COMMERCE CITY – The fire that raged through Boulder County last week was more than 20 miles from Commerce City, but the city’s Office of Emergency Management was involved nonetheless.

Four of the city’s six-member Incident Management Team were at the Boulder fire, training and assisting the Boulder command team, which managed multiple agencies working to put out the fire.

“The purpose was to allow members of our Incident Management Team to gain more experience and knowledge by working in a large multi-agency response incident,” said Alan Colon, the city’s emergency manager. “The city made available its Incident Management Team, mobile command post and any other support personnel needed.

“It was good experience for our team to assist on an incident of this size and complexity,” Colon said.

Along with Colon, Police Sgt. Joe Dougherty and police officers David Dunkle and William Booker provided assistance to the Boulder command team. Two other members of the city’s Incident Command Team, Det. Scott Green, and Officer Scott Woltering, remained in Commerce City in case they were needed in the city.

The fire burned nearly 4,000 acres and two homes before being contained late last week.