

# POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## NEWSLETTER ~ SUMMER 2015



### SWING STATION PIG ROAST RAISES OVER \$5 000

Caleb Brown and Andy Metten had been throwing a party for their friends. After the High Park Fire they decided to make their party into a fund raising event for the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District. This is the third year for the pig roast. They raised the pigs, donate them to the event then cook them. This year's event raised \$5410 for the fire district. When asked why, they said they often spend their free time in the canyon. They like to raft, hike, and camp. THANK YOU Guys! And all the folks who donated this event.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Since the last News Letter our department has responded to over 70 calls, assisted with wildfire hazard mitigation for several homeowners, burned or chipped over 100 slash piles, and provided mutual aid to a neighboring fire district during wildland firefighting operations. Our new trucks are working well and we were recently notified that we were the successful bidder on an older County truck that will replace Engine 631. Though over 10 years old, it is still 10 years newer than the truck it replaces. Additionally, it has a much higher load rating than the current vehicle. The truck will cost about \$25,000 to purchase and outfit, with the money coming from donations and the sale of the old E631.

Due to lack of cell phone coverage in the canyon, the Lower Canyon Association installed a 911 phone on their community building. The Upper Community association followed suit and installed a 911 phone on the north side of Station 2. Not to be outdone, LETA (Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority) installed a 911 phone at Kelly Flats (north side of the road). We now have an emergency phone about every 10 miles from the mouth of the canyon to Spencer Heights. Next year, LETA plans to install a 911 Phone near the Blue Lake Trailhead.

### NEW EMTs

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District is proud to announce that we have six new EMTs: three from upper canyon and three living in lower canyon. Because the canyon was in short supply of EMTs, these volunteers agreed to answer the call when Poudre Valley Hospital announced that they would be offering the first remote access EMT class in Colorado. PVH saw the need for more EMTs in the mountain communities and recognized the reluctance of students to travel in the winter an hour each way to class. Students attended class twice a week for three-hour sessions at their stations and every other Saturday they were required to travel to Fort Collins for a six-hour hands-on skills class. Two twelve-hour shifts with the Poudre Valley Hospital ambulances in Fort Collins were also part of the training. The cost to our district was approximately \$900 per EMT to cover the expenses of criminal background checks, immunizations, books, tuition and National testing fees. Our remaining EMTs and firefighters are thankful to have the extra hands!

### MEMORIES OF RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS

#### *LeAnn Davis*

I joined the Department in 2005 after my move back to the area, and was quickly recruited for the Board Treasurer position which I held until January 2015. During that time I was on the active fire fighter rolls as well. The accomplishments of Department during that time have provided me with some of my proudest moments. But a favorite (or really embarrassing) memory is the time I was doing the driving check-out on Big Red. I pulled the truck out of the bay at Station 4 and Bette closed the bay door. Then amidst much stomping of the floor boards because I couldn't find the brake pedal, the engine rolled back into the door. It caused a dent that resulted in a long-needed replacement of the door. Everybody got a big yuk out of it since I've driven trash trucks for years.

#### *Bill Sears*

I don't know exactly when I first became a board member, maybe around 20 years ago. I was off the board for a couple of years while the fire stations were being built. As I recall I served as a board member, secretary, vice president, and president over the years. One of my most unforgettable memories is from May, 2012. We had a training session based at my house. I came home late in the afternoon and my yard was filled with fire trucks and No-mex-clad firefighters and their gear practicing fighting a wildfire. Two weeks later I came home to the identical surreal scene, my yard full of the same firefighters and the same trucks, and the mountain behind my house on fire, the Hewlett Fire.

## DONATIONS WELCOMED

Did you know that you can make a donation to your local fire department and it is tax deductible? Donations help us pay for equipment and train our volunteers.

## CASH FOR BUYING FOOD AND GAS!

Our Kings Sooper cash back incentive program is paying off! Many thanks to those of you who have purchased the refillable gift cards and are using them at Kings Sooper when you buy groceries and gas. We have reached the first required \$5000 of expenditures and have received our first check for \$367. That's a pretty nice return for us! Currently we have 24 refillable gift cards being used in our behalf. Do you want to help? It's easy to do. Simply purchase a gift card for \$25.00 from Elaine Danhoff (edanhoff@yahoo.com) and use it at Kings Soopers for gas and groceries. When you buy the card, it already has \$25.00 on it, ready to use. After you spend the \$25.00 on the gift card, simply put more money on it and keep using it when you buy groceries. The department will get a check for \$250 every time we as a group spend \$5000 with the gift cards. It's that easy! Thanks to all of you who are helping us already!

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Find out more about the fire district by attending one of the board meetings:

October 14 Upper Community Center  
November 11 Lower Community Center  
December 9 Upper Community Center



## WE WERE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS OF FOR A TYPE 6 ENGINE

We want to thank everyone for their donation towards the purchase of the type 6 engine that the county was selling. The purchase of this truck was covered entirely by donations and fund raising events held for the district. We spent \$16,555 for the truck, and this was the best value in a truck we could find. It came equipped with tank, pump and lightbar.

### August Financial Report

<i>Income:</i>		<i>Expenses Operating</i>	
Donations & Fundraising		Protective equip	\$ 2,208
Events	\$ 36,846	EMT expense	\$ 517
Tax Revenues	\$150,834	Fuel	\$ 1,099
Other Income	\$ 2,843	Repairs	\$ 1,527
Total Income	\$190,523	Equipment	\$ 3,258
<i>Expenses Administrative</i>		Training	\$ 5,262
Audit	\$ 7,500	Utilities	\$15,322
Insurance	\$ 14,482	Total Operating	\$29,193
Fund raising	\$ 1,000	Payment on buildings	\$79,750
Fees	\$ 1,900	Payment on truck	\$16,555
Other website, newsletter, dues	\$ 3,086	Operating funds for remainder of 2015	\$37,057
Total Admin	\$ 27,968		



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