

# POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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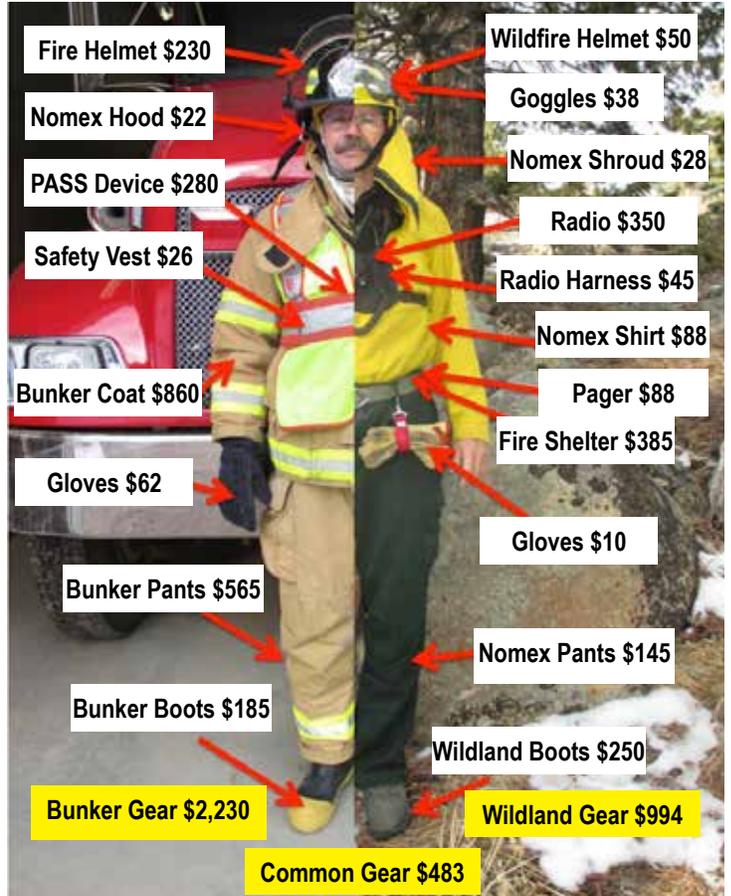
**EXTRICATION TRAINING**  
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### FUNDRAISER AT GOODELL CORNER A SUCCESS!

On December 5th and 6th the Poudre Canyon Fire Department sold breakfast burritos and LaRue Jay's cinnamon rolls to hungry Christmas tree hunters during the Forest Service's annual Christmas tree cutting sales. Thanks to generous boot donations and food sales, the volunteers collected over \$5,000! Thanks goes to Ralph Matzner for heading up the project and all the volunteers from the department and community who donated tortillas (Glen Echo), eggs (Morning Fresh Farm), helped prepare food, rolled burritos, brought and set up equipment, signs and advertising (Ron's Equipment) and manned the event. It was a great time for all those involved and were able to purchase some additional radios and pagers for our firefighters!



### FROM THE CHIEF

Poudre Canyon Fire Rescue responded to 97 calls in 2015, and we assisted homeowners with slash chipping and burning. We operate 6 brush trucks, 2 tenders, 1 engine, 1 support vehicle, 1 squad, and 2 ambulances working out of 4 Stations. Our Department has the largest membership of all our mutual aid partners, with over 50 volunteers. This may seem like a lot of people, but we are all volunteers and are not always available to respond. Our district covers 99 square miles and we are the first responding agency for another 150 square miles of National Forest. Last year, we had more people join our department than resign. Our new volunteers need additional training, and we need to outfit them with protective gear for both wildland and structural firefighting. Most of our protective gear has reached the end of its service life and needs to be replaced. When I added it all up, it costs over \$3700 to put a firefighter into the field and we need about 60 sets of gear. We have applied for grants to cover these costs, but even if we get one or more of the grants we have applied for, they require from 5% to 50% matching funds.



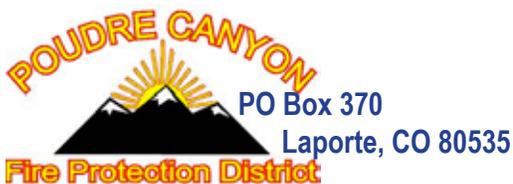
Fire Board President Glenn Simmons presenting appreciation plaques to retired board members Bill Sears and LeAnn Davis

**CACHE LA POUFRE FIRE AND EMERGENCY GROUP, INC.** also known as CLPFEG is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was formed solely to raise and provide resources on behalf of the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District. This organization was established in 2005 by a group of canyon residents who were deeply concerned by the ongoing struggle the fire district faced for funding; so therefore, focuses solely on fund-raising, supporting only fire and emergency services in the Cache La Poudre Canyon. As a non-profit corporation CLPFEG is able to offer the added benefits of tax-exempt donations to our contributors.

### BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- March 9 Lower Community Center
- April 13 Upper Community Center
- May 11 Lower Community Center



## MEET THE VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Battalion Chief  
Bob Stahl

Bob Stahl moved from "suburbia" Loveland to the Poudre Canyon in 2000 to get back to "what felt right". That same year Jack Becker approached him to join the PCFPD. Bob had previously

volunteered in northern California in Calaveras County, where he attended college in Hayward, Santa Rosa, and Ukiah studying Forestry & Fire Science.

Bob reflects, "I have been through all of the ups and downs with this department in the last 16 years of growth. Even though there have been some great times and some not so great, I would not trade any of the last 16 years for

anything, and I hope to see another 16 years with the department. Volunteers have come and gone. Some have stayed and 'family' has been created. When my hands were burned in a structure fire, it was then Chief Carl Solley and fire fighter/EMT Glenn Simmons convinced me to get help and saw me through. A night in ICU with great doctors (one being Carl's son at PVH) and I was on my way to recovery."

Bob feels that we all volunteer for many different reasons. After the newness wears off, however, those who stay do so because it helps our community and public. That compassion is what fuels us to respond at all hours of the night in the worst weather possible.

The department can always use additional volunteers at all levels. If you're interested, please contact any PCFPD personnel and they will get you in touch with the officers.

### 2015 Financial Report

<i>Income:</i>	
Donations & Fundraising	
Events	\$ 44,208
Tax Revenues	\$161,838
Other Income	\$ 5,179
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$211,225</b>

<i>Expenses Administrative</i>	
Audit	\$ 7,500
Insurance	\$ 28,811
Pension Fund	\$ 7,242
Fees, website, newsletter, dues	\$ 8,020
<b>Total Admin</b>	<b>\$ 51,573</b>

<i>Expenses Operating</i>	
Protective equip, fuel repairs, licenses	\$ 15,425
Equipment (type 6)	\$ 19,051
Training	\$ 5,848
Utilities	\$ 17,673
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$ 57,997</b>
Payment on buildings	\$ 79,735
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$189,305</b>
<b>Operating funds</b>	<b>\$ 21,920</b>