

Press Release

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Mountain View Fire Announces Board of Director Candidates for May, 2008 Election

The Mountain View Fire Protection is announcing candidates running for the District's Board of Directors in an upcoming May 6th regular election.

"In this election there are nine candidates seeking a total of three positions on the Board of Directors. The knowledge and experience of the individuals is extremely diverse," said Jesse Hodgson, spokesman for the Mountain View Fire Protection District.

This is considered a 'regular election' meaning it's the regular bi-annual election for the purpose of electing persons to fill the seats on the Board of Directors.

Three seats are available and voters will elect directors to those positions on May 6, 2008. This is a polling place election, to be conducted at five of the District's fire stations.

Two of the seats are for a 4-year term and the third is a 2-year term that will fulfill the remainder of the term for Director Anne Freeman-Pawlowski, who resigned her seat November 19, 2007.

Starr E. Aldrich, Jr. has temporarily been appointed to fill Mrs. Freeman-Pawlowski's seat and has been filling it since January 12, 2008. He will continue to fill the vacant position until the May election.

Seeking 4 year terms are incumbents Randy Winsett and Stephen Walker. In addition to the incumbents, the following persons are seeking election to the 4 year terms: Nan Serkes, Andrea Nabarrete, Jerrod Vanlandingham and Michael Mooradian.

Seeking the two year term is Starr E. Aldrich, Jr., Mike Rangel and Mike Evans.

Two forums are planned that will give the public a chance to meet the candidates; those dates are Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Dacono Station located at 100 So. Forest Street; and Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Mead Station located at 299 Palmer Ave.

At the beginning of each forum, Fire Chief Randy Templeton will make a presentation about the Fire District to familiarize community members and candidates about Mountain View.

After the Chief's presentation, each candidate will have five minutes to present their platforms. Thereafter, the attendees will be allowed to ask questions.

About the Candidates:

Nan Serkes: Lives in Erie and is employed as an Administrative Officer for the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder.

Her husband, Keith, has been a volunteer with the Brownsville/Erie Station for 16 years.

"This District has grown so much since we first moved here, but, unfortunately, revenue hasn't kept up with growth. We need to make the most of the resources available to us right now and one critical resource is our cadre of volunteers. It concerns me that we don't seem to be as successful as we used to be in recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and I think we need to figure out why. Additionally, we need to address current staffing levels and make sure they meet safety standards. And we need to be able to retain our career staff. In that regard, our pay scales must be competitive."

Mike Rangel: Lives in Dacono and works professionally as a Firefighter / Inspector / Investigator for the City of Boulder Fire Department.

Mr. Rangel's wife is Carey and together they have four children- Cody, Casey, Dylan and Derek

"I have been active in the Fire Service for over 20 years. I have experience both as a volunteer and career firefighter. In the many positions that I have held from Firefighter to a past Chief, I have come to realize that Firefighter safety plays a vital role in the kind of service that is provided to each of the communities that a Fire Protection District serves. Firefighters are dedicated to protecting their communities, but in doing so their safety should not be compromised. This is why as a Board Member for the District; my goal would be to promote the safety of every firefighter under the direction of the Fire Chief. I would work to increase the current staffing on fire engines from two firefighters to a minimum of three. I feel that the current staffing of only two firefighters per engine is in violation of NFPA 1710. This ultimately jeopardizes the lives of the firefighters who have vowed to protect life and property for the tax paying communities belonging to the Mountain View Fire Protection District".

Jerrod Vanlandingham: Lives in Erie and works professionally as a Lieutenant with the Longmont Fire Department. Currently he is assigned to training within the department.

Mr. Vanlandingham has been Married for 16 years and has 3 boys ages 10, 8, and 6.

“I am interested in being a, elected Board Member for the Mountain View Fire Protection District because I understand the level of service we are getting from the District and I hope to support the Fire Chief in his quest to improve that service. The firefighters that provide that service also need our support as a community to receive the resources needed in order to remain safe in providing for our protection. As a board member I plan on supporting the Chief in the five year plan of adding personnel, building new fire houses, and providing ongoing training programs to support the efforts that will keep the community and its firefighters safe. We as customers of the Fire District have the right to expect a certain level of service from our fire and emergency medical provider. When that service is compromised due to funding, staffing, and training I believe it is our obligation as citizens to help in the effort to improve that service.

Randy Winsett: Lives in Mead and works professionally for the Weld County Sherriff's office where he has been for 28 years.

Mr. Winsett is married to Sandra and together they have two children, Adam Winsett and Stacy Sharp.

“I am running for the Mountain View Fire Board for a second term because of the fact that I thoroughly enjoyed my first term. I learned a great deal about the fire profession and the Mountain View Fire Department. I found that we have an excellent group of Fire and Medical responders that have a great deal of pride in their department and community and are willing to give 110% at any given time to the community. It makes me proud to be a small part of that and to be able to assist the department in their continued quest to become better trained and equipped so that our community is better protected and serviced.

I also want to work with the new Chief that we just hired. I devoted a lot of time on the testing and selection of the new Chief and would like to be available to make his first few years an easy and successful transition. I feel that if the leader of the department is given all opportunities and support to be successful it then allows for the same success at all levels in the department.

I also feel very strongly about giving back to my community and doing my civic duty where I can and this has been a great way for me to do this. I find it very rewarding and exciting and only hope that I continue to

give back to my community the rewards I have received because my first priority is to the citizens in this community and those that work and pass through it”.

Andrea Nabarrete: Lives in Erie and has a business background. Mrs. Nabarrete works professionally as a manager at IBM and has held positions as a first line manager, program manager, project manager and business analyst.

“I am dedicated to our community and will be devoted to the interests of the families and businesses of the Mountain View Fire District.
I recognize that reliable medical and fire service is essential to the well-being and quality of life of all Mountain View District members.
I have been an active and involved volunteer fire department member for seventeen years with the last six years for Mountain View Fire District.

I will work diligently, focusing on community needs, business strategies, resource issues, priorities of stations and equipment, financial budget and superior customer service. With the combination of my medical/fire experience and skills developed through years of employment, elected, and volunteer service, I will strive to serve the best interests of the community Mountain View Fire Protection District services”.

Mike Evans: Lives in Erie and is married. Mr. Evans has 3 children and 4 grand children.

“If elected, I would like to accomplish the following goals:
- Ensure the safety of MVFPD personnel.
- Obtain the tools necessary to perform Emergency Response duties.
- Deliver the best Emergency Care possible to the tax payers of our district”.

Star Aldrich: Lives in Niwot and is married to Betty. He is retired from IBM after 37 years and is now an Information Technology Audit Manager with Wells Fargo.

“My goals, if elected, are to ensure prudent management of the District within the constraints of the taxpayer funding. I wish to see the Fire District improve services and the safety of the career and volunteer firefighters.”

Dr. Stephen Walker: Dr Walker lives in Niwot and is married to his wife Donna of 20 years. Dr. Walker has two sons who live and attend school in the District. Professionally, Dr. Walker is a licensed healthcare practitioner whose career has been dedicated to treating stress disorders and emotional factors that inhibit human performance. He is a sport psychologist and consults coaches and athletes at all levels from Olympians to little league.

“Mtn. View is a large District which serves many communities within Boulder and Weld Counties. My current goal is to continue the positive steps taken by the District to become more accountable to its citizens, provide the best service we can given serious needs and limited resources, seek out and capitalize on every grant and outside funding opportunity we qualify for, and, do our best at unifying the many communities Mtn. View serves”.

Michael Mooradian: No information on Mr. Mooradian is available at this time.