



MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT – 2008



Mountain View Fire Protection District
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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. The Mountain View Fire Protection District is a dynamic organization that is dedicated to providing emergency and non-emergency services to those that live in or visit the Fire District. The Fire District has experienced significant growth opportunities over the past few years, making it one of the fastest growing emergency services organizations in Colorado. The men and women that make up our work force that provide fire and rescue related services are extremely dedicated and well trained. Our organization's hiring practices are extremely demanding, allowing us to make the necessary changes to affect positive service outcomes and still maintain a sustainable organization in all areas of business. It is the organization's intent to take advantage of opportunities, weaknesses and threats in an effort to enhance organizational sustainability. In doing so, we believe this provides an environment for employees to be creative and provides a positive impact toward organizational diversity and improved service outcomes.

The Fire District's annual budget for 2009 is \$10,627,330. The District operates out of six fire stations and has 62 career firefighters and fire officers, 11 part-time paid and 19 volunteers. Significant portions of the District's operating costs are directly related to personnel costs. The remaining portion is used for infrastructure, facilities, ambulances, fire trucks, and operating supplies such as fire and emergency medical supplies.

In November of 2008, the citizens of the District voted to raise the mil levy from 7.817 to 11.747. This increase in mil levy will be used to:

1. Hire additional firefighters;
2. Purchase additional medical and rescue equipment, including automatic external defibrillators;
3. Provide necessary improvements to reduce response times, therefore allowing firefighters and paramedics to arrive quickly and safely to bring life saving skills and equipment to our citizens.

The Fire District has put in service an additional full-time fire engine. The Fire District has automatic external defibrillators on fire apparatus in all District stations. We have hired ten additional firefighters to help meet the service demands in all the communities we serve.

The Fire District Board and staff have been working on a plan that aligns the organization and budget structure with organizational priorities, missions, and objectives. This plan will outline the expected growth for the next five to ten years and will help the District staff anticipate when new stations, apparatus and personnel are needed. In addition, a comprehensive financial analysis will help plan the expenditures for operational activities and for debt service. Ultimately, the plan will outline the goals, objectives and action plans for the future.

I encourage you to explore our website and take advantage of other opportunities to familiarize yourself with our organization. The Mountain View Fire Protection District and its members are committed to providing service outcomes that create organizational sustainability and positive experiences in all situations.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Lawley, Fire Chief

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE

The Mountain View Fire Protection District covers approximately 185 square miles including the Towns of Mead and Erie, The City of Dacono, the population areas of Niwot and Brownsville and unincorporated portions of Boulder and Weld Counties. The Fire District surrounds the City of Longmont on three sides, the north, east and south serving a base population of approximately 50,000 with as many as 70,000 plus vehicles passing through the District daily.

The Fire District is a "full service" department, which includes fire, rescue and emergency medical response from 6 stations located strategically throughout the District. This is accomplished with a complement of 62 full time and 30 part-time/volunteer personnel trained in the many areas associated with fire and medical emergencies. Other services the District offers include Fire Prevention activities encompassing plan reviews, both business and home fire safety inspections, new construction inspections, and an array of public education activities. The District has fire and medical personnel dedicated solely to ensuring that all personnel are highly trained and skilled in the services we provide. The District also handles a large portion of maintenance of its vehicles and apparatus, as well as all of the technical items such as computers and software needed to support the operations of the District.

There are two areas that utilize a complement of volunteers to perform needed non-emergency services. The Fire Corps consists of a group of people who assist staff and field personnel with public education activities and events that occur on a regular basis throughout the District. There is also a group of volunteers that are highly trained and skilled in the area of fire and explosion investigations. While the District is very fortunate to have a low number of fires requiring investigation, this group of volunteers is asked to respond on a moment's notice to perform this highly technical service.

Community Events Are a Big Part of Our Activities

The Mountain View Fire District participates in numerous events throughout the year that occur in the communities we serve. In addition to regularly scheduled tours and visits to the schools, personnel take an active role in:

- Niwot Nostalgia Days
- Erie Town Fair
- Mead Days
- Tri-Town Fiesta Days
- Santa visits to the Communities
- Niwot and Mead Easter Egg hunts
- Erie and Niwot 4th of July activities

The personnel of the Fire District are also trained in the procedures for the proper installation of child safety car seats. To find out about this and the other services we offer, please call 303-772-0710, extension 15.



Mil Levy Override

On November 4, 2008, the taxpayers and citizens of the Mountain View Fire Protection District voted in favor of a mil levy override in the amount of 3.93 mils. The results of the election were as follows:

Boulder County	6108 Yes	4,266 No
Weld County	6,131 Yes	4,981 No
TOTAL	12,239 Yes	9,247 No

Insurance Rates and Your Fire District

The Mountain View Fire Protection District has an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of a 5 in the populated areas and a 9 in the rural areas of the District. For further information on how this affects your business or home fire insurance rates, please call 303-772-0710, extension 15.

New Fire Station News

The Fire District began construction of a new fire station late in 2008 in the City of Dacono. While it is a new station, it will actually replace the existing and very old metal building on Forest Street in Dacono. The new station is located at the corner of Perry Lane and Weld County Rd 12, a location that is more centrally located in the City. This station is being built with monies from a matching grant received from the Energy Impact Grant program, made available through the Colorado Division of Local Government.

The station completion date is expected to be mid summer of 2009. Watch for news concerning an open house and BBQ to celebrate the opening of this new facility.

Communication

In an effort to keep our communities informed, while keeping costs to a minimum, the District would like to make available its annual report by e-mail if requested or by stopping by one of the fire stations. We are looking forward to supplying the report and a newsletter by email soon. If you would like to receive these publications via email, please send your email address to: info@mvfpd.org

In addition, these and other informational items can be viewed **on the District's website at** www.mvfpd.org.

Our Mission

"To lead our communities in risk-reduction efforts, while maintaining an effective and efficient safety net of emergency services."

The District would like to take this opportunity to thank the taxpayers and citizens of the District for their support. A strategic plan is in the process of being finalized. The initial plan will include information and directives for personnel, recruitment, training, health and safety, emergency response, medical services, emergency management, risk reduction, maintenance, administration and management of information systems.

The taxpayers and citizens supported our need for hiring additional firefighters, purchasing additional medical and rescue equipment, and provision of necessary improvements to reduce response times to bring life saving skills and equipment to our citizens. Through the strategic plan, the District will address all these concerns in an efficient and fiscally responsible fashion.



2008 CALL STATISTICS

Structure Fires	29
Trash Fires	25
Wildland, Grass, Crop Fires	155
Vehicle Fires	31
Fires, Other	113
Explosions	6
Emergency Medical Calls	1,452
Motor Vehicle Accidents	450
Extrications/Rescue	18
Hazardous Materials	103
Service Calls/Good Intent Calls	485
False Alarms	240

TOTAL **3,107**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Mountain View Fire Protection District suggests that you stock the following for your home in case of an emergency:

WATER: Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Store one gallon of water per person per day. Keep at least a five-day supply of water per person.

FOOD: Store at least a five-day supply of non-perishable food. Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables. Canned juices. Staples (salt, sugar, pepper, spices, etc.) High energy foods. Vitamins. Food for infants.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING: Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person. Blankets or sleeping bags. Hat and gloves.

FIRST AID KIT: Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car: (20) adhesive bandages, various sizes. (2) triangular bandages. (2) germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer. (6) antiseptic wipes. (2) pair large medical grade non-latex gloves. Adhesive tape, 2" width. Anti-bacterial ointment. Cold pack. Scissors (small, personal). Tweezers. CPR breathing barrier, such as a face shield.

NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever. Anti-diarrhea medication. Antacid (for stomach upset).

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES: Mess kits, or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils. Emergency preparedness manual (www.redcross.org). Battery-operated radio and extra batteries. Flashlight and extra batteries. Non-electric can opener, utility knife. Fire extinguisher: Small canister ABC type. Pliers. Tape. Matches in a waterproof container. Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water.

SANITATION: Toilet paper. Soap. Feminine supplies. Personal hygiene items. Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses). Disinfectant.

SPECIAL ITEMS: Remember family members with special requirements, such as infants and elderly or disabled.

FOR BABY: Formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, medications.

FOR ADULTS: Heart and high blood pressure medication, insulin, prescription drugs, denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, extra eye glasses.

Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Randy Winsett, President
Mead, Colorado

Judy Rusk, Vice President
Brownsville, Lafayette, Colorado

Scott Lyle, Secretary
Erie, Colorado

Mike Rangel, Treasurer
Dacono, Colorado

Jerrold Vanlandingham, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Erie, Colorado

NOTE: The regular bi-annual election of Directors will be held the first Tuesday in May, 2010 (May 4, 2010). There will be three seats on the Board up for election. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Donna Mullison, Designated Election Official, in January, 2010 for more information.

STAFF

Fire Chief	Mark A. Lawley
Deputy Chief	Steve Pischke
Battalion Chief – A Shift	Hubert Albrandt
Battalion Chief – B Shift	Roger Rademacher
Battalion Chief – C Shift	Dave Beebe
EMS Director	Twink Dalton
Fire Marshal	LuAnn Penfold
Maintenance Supervisor	Bill Humphries
Support Services Manager	Donna Mullison
Resource Coordinator	Sheri Hannah-Ruh
Bookkeeper	Patty Creacy
Admin. Assistant-Training	Cindy Brown
Administrative Assistant	Andree Finger



STATIONS

ADMINISTRATION & CENTRAL STATION:
9119 E. County Line Road
Longmont, CO 80501
303-772-0710 or 303-651-0605
303-651-7702 (FAX)

STATION 2 & MAINTENANCE:
14308 Mead Street, #B
Longmont, CO 80504
970-535-6201

STATION 3 – MEAD:
441 Third Street
Mead, CO 80542
970-535-4330

STATION 4 – NIWOT:
8500 Niwot Road
Niwot, CO 80544
303-652-2984

STATION 5 – BROWNSVILLE:
10911 Dobbin Run
Lafayette, CO 80026
303-828-3768

STATION 6: ERIE
50 Bonanza Drive
Erie, CO 80516
303-828-3152

STATION 7 – DACONO:
100 S. Forest Street
(New station: Opening summer 2009
Corner of Perry Lane and WCR 12)
Dacono, CO 80514
303-833-3896

Member Opportunities

MVFPD Fire Corps

Volunteer & Paid Part-Time Fire Fighting

Mountain View Fire is recruiting volunteer firefighters and paid part-time firefighters. We are looking for men and women with the desire and dedication to serve their community in this critical role. Once you join our team, you will receive thorough and intense training in:

- Structural and Wildland Firefighting
- Emergency Medical Response
- Hazardous Materials and Vehicle Extrication

We believe that being a member of Mountain View will be a very rewarding experience. We would like to sit down with you, answer your questions, and have you meet the firefighters who serve your community. You will get to meet some of your future team members and tour the stations. For further information, please call our administrative office and ask for the Recruitment Coordinator.

Minimum Application Requirements

1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Must be willing to spend a minimum of 36 hours per month of duty time at a District Fire Station
3. Must possess a valid Colorado Driver License
4. Must possess Colorado EMT-B Certification/CPR
5. Must pass DRCOG with a score of 70% or greater, a pre-employment physical exam, as well as a driving/criminal background investigation, CPAT and psychological test
6. Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the State of Colorado for at least 1 year

To maintain active status as a volunteer firefighter:

1. Complete the minimum training requirements.
2. Maintain a minimum of thirty-six hours of training per year.
3. Spend 36-hours/month duty time at an assigned fire station (training hours may correspond with duty hours).

If you have any questions regarding Mountain View Fire's Volunteer Programs please contact us at 303-772-0710, ext. 14. More information is available at www.mvfpd.org.

Community members can make a big difference for their local fire/EMS district. Fire Corps helps departments build more capacity by connecting them to community volunteers who can assist in a variety of non-emergency roles.

The MVFPD has a Fire Corps program in place. Citizens can assist with non-emergency related activities such as:

- Fire prevention/Risk Reduction programs with the community, schools and businesses
- Assisting with administration activities like data entry, phones, filing, and grounds/facilities work
- Fire Inspection programs to ensure fire codes are being followed by businesses
- Assisting Emergency Medical Services section by helping set up programs and training activities
- Assisting Fire District training by helping set up programs and training activities
- Help maintain the antique fire truck "Engine 10" and help with taking it to various community activities
- Help with our "Sparky" the fire dog program (robotic dog used in fire prevention activity)
- And many other activities planned but yet to be implemented (Shelter program in conjunction with the Red Cross, etc.)

If interested in helping by volunteering your time, please contact Staff Aldrich, Fire Corps Coordinator, at saldrich@mvfpd.org.



**Our Newest Member:
Sparky the Fire Dog!**