



THE VIEW FROM THE FIREHOUSE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



TRAINING CENTER MOVES TO NIWOT

The Mountain View Fire Protection District Training Division has moved to their new headquarters located at Station 4 in Niwot.

"With all the new and expanded training being implemented throughout the District, we needed more space." Says Training Captain, Shad Bennet.

The new training headquarters has office space for Training Captains, Shad Bennet and Hal Plitt, and EMS Director, Twink Dalton.

The move, which took place over several days, allows the Training Division more available space for textbooks and materials used in fire and EMS training.

The Mountain View Training Division can be reached at:

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MOUNTAIN VIEW WELCOMES NEW CAPTAINS

Mountain View Fire is pleased to welcome the new Training Captain, Hal Plitt.

Captain Plitt has been a career firefighter for 13 years, with most of his time spent at Cheyenne Fire Department in Wyoming.

Captain Plitt also served with the International Guard as a part time firefighter for three years and is currently certified as a Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor III, Hazardous Material Technician, EMT-Basic and has experience in technical rescue. Captain Plitt is married with seven children and enjoys spending time with them. Feel free to stop in at the Training Division in Niwot and meet Captain Plitt.



Mountain View is also pleased to welcome our new Line Captain, Jeff Powley.

Captain Powley has been in the fire service for 12 years, eight of those years as a career firefighter with the City of San Gabriel Fire Department in California.

Captain Powley is currently certified as a Fire Officer I, Paramedic, Hazardous Material Operations, Fire Instructor I, Type I Heavy Rescue, Driver Operator, and Swift Water Rescue.

Captain Powley is married with three children, and enjoys spending time with his family in the outdoors.

Captain Powley will be working with "B" shift.



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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Disaster can strike any time, day or night, quickly and without warning. A disaster could force you to evacuate your neighborhood or keep you confined to your home.

What would you do if disaster strikes?

After a disaster strikes, relief agencies will be sent to assist. However, depending on the disaster, it may take hours, or

days before relief arrives. Would you and your family be able to cope until relief arrives?

Families are able to handle the unexpected if they are informed and prepared before the disaster strikes. Knowing what to do is your best protection!

There are four essential steps to safety.

1. Find out what could happen to you:

Contact the local Red Cross chapter or emergency management office.

2. Create a disaster plan:

Discuss the types of disasters most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.

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CANDLE SAFETY

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SAFETY CORNER

HELPING KEEP YOU SAFE

CANDLE SAFETY

Candles add to the ambience of our homes. They look nice, they smell nice and make for wonderful decorations.

However, candles are one of the fastest growing fire threats in our communities.

There are several ways to reduce the risk of home fires started by candles.

Never leave a candle burning unattended. Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to bed. Almost half of all

home fires started by candles begin in the bedroom.

Forty-one percent of US home candle fires begin in the bedroom, causing 24% of the deaths resulting from these fire.

The National Fire Protection Agency discourages the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas of the home where people may fall asleep.

Keep candles away from flammable liquids and combustible materials, never place a candle in a window where the flame may come

large enough to collect any dripping wax.

Place candle holders on a sturdy surface away from contact by children or animals.

Never use candles during a power outage, always have flashlights and extra batteries on hand.

Always keep candles and matches out of reach of young children.

FACT: December had almost twice the number of home candle fires of an average month.

FIRE CORPS NEWS AND EVENTS

Fire Corps. What is it?

Have you ever wondered how you can support your local fire department without having to perform all the things a firefighter has to do? Community members can make a difference for their local fire and EMS department. Fire Corps helps departments build more capacity by connecting them to community volunteers who can assist in a variety of non-emergency roles.

The role of the Mountain View Fire Protection District in the community is an important one, and not just for the provision of emergency services. The Mountain View Fire Protection District becomes a focal point, a place that becomes a family not only to those who serve in it, but to the citizens around it. A place where children find their heroes, a place that people young and old alike hold in the high-

est regard. Being such an important part of the community creates an interest and willingness of the citizens to give of their time to help the department grow and meet its mission: to serve those around it.

There are many necessary tasks that can be performed by citizens from the community in the fire and emergency services every day. From creating web sites, to maintaining vehicles, to promoting life safety education and providing administrative help, the list is endless, bound only by your imagination.

The Fire Corps program answers the needs of the community in helping the Mountain View Fire Protection District meet its goals to the community.

So far, in 2007, the Mountain View Fire Corps program has provided assistance in Fire Inspection and

Fire Prevention activities within the district.

We were instrumental in obtaining a "Sparky the Fire Dog", a robotic tool to provide fire safety information to the schools and other public functions, which will soon be on-line. We are also responsible for the operation of the Fire District's antique fire truck, E-10, which has been used to promote fire safety and public education activities throughout the district.

There are 7 volunteers within the Fire Corps program for Mountain View and we could use many more.

If you are interested in helping the Mountain View Fire Protection District in non-emergency related activities, contact Starr Aldrich at saldrich@mountainviewfire.org.

Starr Aldrich
Fire Corps Coordinator



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

3. Pick two places to meet:

In the event your family becomes separated, choose a meeting location.

4. Practice and maintain your plan:

Quiz children every six months. Conduct fire and emergency drills. Replace stored water and food every six months.

If you are a member of a homeowners association or neighborhood group, meet with your neighbors and discuss what your neighborhood would do as a group in the event of a disaster. Make plans for childcare in the event parents can't get home.



An essential component of a family's disaster preparedness plan is a disaster supplies kit.

Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three (3) days. Place your supplies in an easy to carry container, such as a duffle bag, back pack, or a covered trash container. Place your kit in a convenient location known by all the members of the family.

Disaster Supplies Kit

- Water
- Food
- Non-prescription drugs
- Tools and supplies
- Sanitation and personal products
- Clothing and bedding
- Entertainment
- Important documents
- Special items:
for adults
for baby

For more information on disaster preparedness, go to: www.fema.gov

Disaster can strike at any time, day or night. What would you do if you and your family were cut off from all basic services?

TIPS FROM TWINK

FIRST AID TIPS FROM EMS DIRECTOR TWINK DALTON

Tis' the season for good food, good friends and spending the holidays with loved ones. As most of you get into the holiday spirit, time will be spent buying the perfect gifts, baking goodies and preparing the perfect holiday feast, but there is trouble lurking out there.

Food poisoning is ruining the holiday spirit for some. We here at Mountain View Fire want to help to make this time of year a pleasant one. Here is what you need to know: We here at Mountain View Fire want to help to make this time of year a pleasant one.

Here is what you need to know: Food poisoning is a common, yet distressing and sometimes life-threatening problem for millions of people in the U.S. The most common type of food poisoning is salmonella. Salmonella is a bacterial infection that can be passed on to humans from domestic and wild animals, including poultry, pigs, cattle, and pets. But most often, it is caused by drinking un-pasteurized milk or by eating undercooked poultry and poultry products such as eggs.

Any food prepared on surfaces contaminated by raw chicken or turkey can also become tainted with salmonella. Any food prepared on surfaces contaminated by raw chicken or turkey can also become tainted with salmonella

The symptoms can develop rapidly, within 30 minutes, or slowly, worsening over days to weeks. Most of the common contaminants cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramping. Usually food poisoning is not serious, and the illness runs its course in 24-48 hours.

The most common treatment for simple food poisoning is simply supportive care at home with clear liquids to stay hydrated, and after vomiting or diarrhea subside, the gradual return to eating beginning with a bland diet.

911 should be contacted if the person has nausea, vomiting or diarrhea that lasts more than 3 days, a fever, dizziness, vomiting blood, a swollen abdomen, problems breathing, sharp abdominal pain that lasts more than 15 minutes altered mentation and/or unconsciousness.

If you have any questions about food poisoning, signs and symptoms and treatments please feel free to contact Mountain View at 303-772-0710 and we will be happy to assist. We here at Mountain View Fire wish you and your loved ones a healthy, happy holiday season.



MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS

November 2007

Mountain View sent two crewmembers to Southern California to assist in fighting the horrific wild land fires. Northern Dispatch, (the agency responsible for selecting the crews that respond), called Mountain View after receiving a response request from California.



Fire Chief
Randy Templeton

Deputy Chief of Operations
Mark Lawley

Deputy Chief of Support
Steve Pischke

Support Svcs Manager
Donna Mullison

Fire Marshal
LuAnn Penfold

EMS Director
Twink Dalton

Accounting
Patty Creacy

CORE PURPOSE

Helping people by safeguarding life and protecting property

We exist as ordinary people to do extraordinary deeds of service, to bring order in chaotic situations. But we distinguish between life and property, and will only risk life when life may be saved. Property can be replaced and restored; but, we cannot replace our friends, famil or members.

CORE VALUES

Golden Rule Ethics

We believe that the highest form of human interaction takes place when we treat others the way we ourselves wish to be treated. Further, we take the lead in doing the right thing, at the right time and for the right reasons. In so doing, we are not ashamed to be guided by our conscience and timeless principles. We choose to do the right thing-because it is the right thing-even though others around us decline, or fail to do so.

CORE IDEALOGY

1. Community First.

We will promote the highest interests of our entire community-both within and without the organization-while respecting and valuing each individual.

2. Individual Contribution, Team Effort.

Every member is key to our joint success; every contribution vital to our final service product. The sum total of our service quality outcome is measured one call or public interaction at a time by how well we respond in dynamic "moments of truth."

3. Invested Service.

Our vocation is professional safety services, our avocation is to invest ourselves in the legacy of community well-being.

We're on the web!
www.mountainviewfire.org



RISK REDUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY

What are Common Risks Faced By Communities :

Initially it depends where you live. In the mountains, wildfires are a risk, on the plains, tornadoes are possible, if you live near the ocean, hurricanes may be a risk.

There are common risks faced by every community, regardless of topography. These risks include: injuries to young children, injuries to seniors, and residential fires. These risks account for billions of dollars spent each year. Many of the risks are overlooked because they have become such a familiar part of our lives.

Who is Responsible for Community Risk Reduction?

Each person in the community is responsible for reducing risks in the community. Local government, fire departments, police departments, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are the leaders in the process.

The Role of the Fire Department in Risk Reduction:

Your local fire department will assist you in identifying hazards in your home. There are many ways to mitigate the hazards in your home, some of those would include: proper placement of working smoke detectors, estab-

lishing and maintaining clear areas around water heaters and furnaces, assuring proper usage of electrical cords and surge protectors. There are many more ways to reduce hazards in your home, your local fire department would be happy to assist with the process. The process would include evaluation of your home or business, prepare a risk-reduction plan, and assist with implementation of the plan. All of these services are offered free of charge to the community.

Where do you Start?

If you are a private citizen or a business owner, the first step would be to assess any hazards may be present in your home or business. Some of the hazards are:

- Non-working or missing smoke detectors.
- Flammable items stored around water heaters and furnaces.
- Unstable, cracked, or missing stairs in entryways of homes.
- Improper use of electrical cords and extension cords.

For more information, please contact the Mountain View Fire Protection District @ 303-772-0710.

**COMMUNITY
FIRST**