

POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

The annual two-day boot drive during the Forest Service's Christmas tree sales was again a huge success earning \$5,470 for the department. We gave out dog biscuits to our 4-footed friends and 4,000 candy canes, coffee and hot chocolate to participants. We have these funds earmarked to put back-up cameras on our vehicles.



CLPFEG HOSTS FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Cache La Poudre Fire and Emergency Group (CLPFEG) hosted their 7th annual Firefighter appreciation dinner at the Mishawaka on Friday, November 30, 2018. The event recognizes our volunteers, retirees, and supporters who made significant contributions to the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District. This year we recognized supporters Mark Neubauer of Neuworks Mechanical Inc., Heather Allshouse of the Swing Station, Andy Metten and Caleb Brown for their efforts in supporting the Pig Roast at the Swing Station, Sandra Lundt and Ron Lonneman for their support of the Chili Cook-off. Retirees Bob and Laura Stahl and Dean Miller were recognized for their years of volunteering with the department. Special thanks went to Elaine Danhoff for coordinating the King Soopers cards and

Kellie Falbo for coordinating several fundraisers. Thanks to the Mish for the great dinner.

FROM THE CHIEF - PREVENT CHIMNEY FIRES

Chimney fires are caused when creosote deposits in the flue get too hot and ignite. Creosote is formed when smoke in the exhaust gases condenses on the walls of the flue. The heaviest build-up will be at the top of the flue where the exhaust is coolest. A single fire in your fireplace or wood stove will not deposit enough creosote to create a hazardous build-up, but a season of burning green wood may. Even if you only burn very dry wood a small amount of creosote is deposited each time a fire is started and again when it goes out. This will eventually result in a hazardous level of creosote.

If a chimney fire starts, the rapid rise in temperature in the flue can crack tile or masonry flues and may warp metal flues. When the flue is damaged, hot gases can escape into your house and start a structure fire. Even if the fire stays in the chimney, the fire can eject sparks or embers onto your roof or into the surrounding vegetation.

There are commercial products that are supposed to reduce creosote buildup in chimneys, and there are products that are supposed to extinguish chimney fires after they have been detected. Read their literature and decide if you want to use the product. Also, once a chimney fire is detected, call 911.

The best way to prevent chimney fires is to use only seasoned wood and have your chimney cleaned annually. For additional information, you can do research online. The following link has good information; (<https://www.csa.org/chimneyfires.html>).

CHILI COOK-OFF & FUNDRAISER



Mark your Calendars for Saturday, April 6th, 2019, for the annual Chili Cook-Off. If you have a donation for the auctions, door prizes or a cash donation, contact one of our firefighters or or mail to CLPFEG, P.O. Box 952, LaPorte, CO, 80535. Come and enjoy the evening!



Congratulations to our training officer Tony Falbo (and wife Kellie) for making CAPTAIN at Poudre Fire Authority!

IN MEMORY

Our department would again like to thank the families of Jackie Matzner and Milo Bohlender who named Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District as the recipient of memorials for their loved ones in lieu of flowers. It was such a kind gesture and greatly appreciated.

IMPACT OF GALLAGHER AMENDMENT

Every two years the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District has experienced a decrease in potential revenues since the Gallagher amendment passed in 1982. Thankfully, due to increases in property values, we have not felt the decreases, yet. Why are rural communities negatively impacted? It is because there are fewer commercial properties to contribute to the tax base.

The board is wrestling with how to make up this difference in revenue. Many departments in the last election asked their residents to de-Gallagher. All of these measures passed, probably because there is no change in the tax you are currently paying for emergency service. Poudre Canyon is looking into this option. For more information go to: (<https://www.lyongsgaddis.com/blog/what-is-the-gallagher-amendment>)

AMAZON

Do you shop at Amazon? If you do, you can help the fire department by switching to shopping at Amazon Smile. At this site Amazon gives a percentage of your bill back to a not-for-profit of your choice. If you choose Cache la Poudre Fire and Emergency Group, then you will be helping the fire department.

KINGS SOOPER REWARD CARDS

Our King Soopers reward cards program brought in \$2,810 in 2018. It's easy, call Elaine Danhoff at 881-2202 or Paula Collins at 881-2472, they have cards and details.

STATION 4 UPDATE

Progress on Station 4 has been very slow, much to our disappointment, but it is happening. The pace will pick up in a few months and we still hope to be in the building by summer. If you would like to help with the interior of the new community/training room (paint, tile, trim, etc.) let us know! Many hands make light work!!

FIRE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Find out more about the fire district by attending one of the board meetings. They are second Wednesdays of the every month at 7 pm. Odd months are at the Lower Community Center. Even months are at the Upper Community Center.

- March 13 Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
- April 10 Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building
- May 8 Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
- June 12 Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building

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