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Cameron Peak Fire



Glacier View Fire Protection District – November 2020



Message from the Chief – Acting Chief

Warren Jones/Dan Knox

Greeting residents and property owners in the Glacier View Fire District

As we go into the second half of the year Assistant Chief Dan Knox will take over as the Acting Chief for Chief Jones as he steps aside to complete a contracting job in Wescott. Dan will conduct his Acting Chief position with all the responsibilities and authority to perform the Chief duties. Dan Knox and his wife have lived in the Glacier View area for twelve years and he has been a member of the Glacier View Fire Protection District for six years. He is an EMT both by profession and as a volunteer for Glacier View Fire District. Chief Jones will continue as the project manager for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

So, what is happening with the CWPP in the next year?

Glacier View Fire District is pleased to announce a major effort to address the wildfire threat in our District. The center piece of this effort will be the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This is a 12-month project beginning this month. We have contracted with the Ember Alliance to produce this plan. It will be funded primarily from donations received from the Cameron Peak Fire last summer.

The goal of our CWPP will be to help us all create a safer and more resilient community to wildfire. The High Park Fire in 2021 and the Cameron Peak Fire last year clearly illustrate the threat wildfire poses to our District. The Ember Alliance staff, formally with the Forest Stewards Guild, have much experience with CWPPs in Colorado. One of their most recent projects was with the Genesee Fire District. This plan and the process used to produce it are on the Genesee website at <https://geneseefpd.colorado.gov/>.

The GVFD planning team is comprised of GVFD project manager Warren Jones, Assistant Chief Peter Henderson, Board Vice-President Randy Golden and Board member Bill Salmon. The Ember Alliance project manager is Corrina Marshall.

The first step in this process is data collection. As prime stakeholders, we are asking all the home owners associations to help us compile information on values at risk from wildfire. These include office buildings, maintenance buildings, storage yards, and commercial fuel storage. They also include water and sewer facilities, and other equipment critical to providing services to our communities.

A major portion of the CWPP will be focused on emergency evacuation. This will identify areas of our public and private road systems that are at higher risk of evacuation bottlenecks due to topography, curves and proximity to vegetation.

Another major focus will be to identify areas where vegetation is particularly hazardous. Some of these areas were located during the Cameron Peak Fire and mitigation was completed on public lands adjacent to developed areas, and on some private properties. Identifying priority mitigation areas will be important to applying for mitigation grants in the future.

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After the data collection phase Ember Alliance will produce several scenarios of potential fire growth and risk to structures and evacuation routes. This will help us identify and prioritize areas for fuel mitigation, water supplies and evacuation routes. It will help us integrate the Larimer County emergency notification system with the fire response capability of our district, Larimer County, the state and the Forest Service.

As this planning process unfolds there will be opportunities for public participation. We will post information on our website as it's developed. We have also established a special CWPP email. It is GVFD.CWPP@gmail.com.

Warren Jones, CWPP Project Manager

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the new Assistant Chiefs and Captains

Assistant Chief Jim Perry



Jim moved to Glacier View Meadows with his family twelve years ago. He has been with the Glacier View Fire Department for eight years. Jim works in construction as a finish carpenter. In his spare time he likes to hunt. As Assistant Chief, he is in charge of Training

Assistant Chief Peter Henderson



Peter recently moved to the Glacier View area with his wife and two young children, a puppy, and two horses. He brings over 20 years of Fire (structure and wildland) and EMS experience to the mountains. Peter has served in a variety of operational and leadership roles. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve his community and making Glacier View Fire District more resilient to wildfire. As Assistant Chief, Peter is in charge of Wildland Fire Operations

The 2021 Captains are: Bridget Knox – She will assist Chief Knox as the EMS Coordinator, Lynn Creekmore – She will assist both Jim and Peter with Training and as the New Member Coordinator, and Steven Leenerts – He will assist Peter with Wildland Fire Operations.

A Message from the GVFD Patronage Committee

Glacier View Fire Protection District has developed a ten year Capital Equipment Replacement Plan and outside donations are the key to make this happen.

Glacier View Fire Protection District operates under an annual budget which comes from many sources such as a mill levy, contracts with other entities, fund raising and donations. The use of this money is divided into many categories.

About 16% of the budget is included in Administration which includes administration personnel, general insurances, phones, and legal expenses to name a few. Operations expenses take up about 31% including communications, supplies for EMS and fire-fighting incidentals, training, fuel for vehicles, vehicle and building maintenance and other expenses that are not listed. Debt services and the FPPA pension fund make up another 6% of the budget. Appropriated reserves that help pay for future planned purchases/expenses (such as Operation Reserve, Capital Equipment Reserve and Wildland Fire Reserve) add another 47%.

Much of this equipment is quite costly to repair or replace. We know we do not have the money to buy everything *new* so we look for *used* pieces in good condition that will give many years of service or, if feasible due to cost and availability, have the existing equipment rebuilt by a qualified repair facility to make the needed repairs.

This is where the Patronage Committee comes into play. We have allocated donations to the Glacier View Fire Protection District generally fall into three areas: capital equipment replacement (over \$5000.00), small equipment replacement (under \$5000.00), and general operation.

People, businesses and charities will have the option to donate to any area. If they want their donation to help buy a greater than \$5000.00 item, it will be tracked and assigned to the equipment they made the donation for. As an example, we have a type 1 pumper that is slated for replacement in 2025. A *used* one is around \$200,000.00. We need to set money aside for this now and your donation can be designated specifically for this or any other piece of equipment large or small.

Thank you for all your support now and in the future. It is greatly appreciated.

GVFD Board Secretary – Gordon Cunningham
GVFD Board Treasurer – David Thompson

2021 FIREWISE EVENT

Come Join the Glacier View Fire Protection District for its annual Firewise Event!

We will have educational vendor booths, events for the kids, drawing for donated items, AirMed helicopter landing, and more!

SATURDAY
July 10TH

10 AM to
2 PM

DRAWING
AT 1 PM

SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS:

Home Depot – South FTC
Tiger Tree
Glacier Gals
Fox Acres
RFL Ace Hardware
Mishuaka
Foothills Fire Extinguishers
The Forks
RFL Library
And MORE!

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
11AM-1PM

Glacier View Fire Protection District
1414 GREEN MOUNTAIN DRIVE
Gate 8 – Station 1
(970)493-3353

See details at glacierviewfire.gov

GVFD Board would like to express its gratitude and say “THANK YOU” for your donations this past year. These donations have helped us in purchasing needed items for the fire department.

Take a peek at our new website as it is still under construction. There will soon be a Payment option where you can make a donation online! www.glaciertviewfire.gov

SEE YOU AT FIREWISE – SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 10 AM – 2 PM!

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC – SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 11 AM – 1 PM

2021 - GVFD Board Members

Steve Switzer – President Randy Golden – Vice President
Gordon Cunningham - Secretary David Thompson – Treasurer
Bill Salmon- Director

Your Glacier View Fire District Board of Directors thanks you for your support!

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