



HOT TOPICS

PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE DEPT.

The Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District (PSFPD) provides 24/7 service to the Pinewood Springs Community and US-36 corridor from mile marker 8 to mile marker 14. The Pinewood Springs Fire Department serves our community and the US-36 corridor by protecting lives and property, providing accident and emergency medical response, serving as a disaster management hub and engaging in wild land fire mitigation.

The goal of the 100% volunteer-staffed Fire Department is to provide courteous and professional emergency services to our mountain community. A robust team of volunteers is central to their success. "These men and women spend countless hours in training, equipment and station maintenance and responding to emergencies. It is truly an honor to be a part of this group of dedicated volunteers," said Fire Chief Ted Plank.

Fire Command

- Ted Plank, Chief
- Andrew Lucas, Assistant Chief
- Jessica Bologna, Captain
- John Bykerk, Lieutenant
- Tom Emerson, Lieutenant
- Andrew Hart, Lieutenant
- Brian Rappel, Lieutenant

- Diane Emerson, Command Aide
- Elizabeth Noble, Command Aide
- Geri Plank, Command Aide

Firefighters

- Bryan Baer
- Trevor Byron
- Larry Davis
- Angelo Gala
- Charlie Gau
- Thomas Hart
- Matt Khachaturian
- Steve LeMaire
- Art Maese
- Kevin Noble
- Sue Perney
- Kirk Ping
- Ross Swanson
- Dick Wilcox

- Gabi Benson, Communication Specialist



A Hardy Thank You!

The PSFPD Board of Directors and Fire Department would like to thank Russ Hardy for his time, leadership and support over the last 5 years. Russ has served as Board At-Large member and Board Vice President. He played a key role as Project Manager and Bookkeeper supporting the fundraising, planning and construction of our new Pinewood Springs Fire Station and Community Center.

"The energy, time and creative-thinking Russ contributed cannot be understated," said PSFPD Board President, Jon Andrews. "The Pinewood Springs community benefited from Russ' contributions, and we wish him, Terri and Gracie good luck!"



Thank you to everyone who joined in our "July the 4th (and back)" Parade. [Click here for pics!](#)

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FIRE MITIGATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

One key objective of the Pinewood Springs Fire Department is to help educate our community on wildfire prevention, defensible space and fire mitigation. PSFPD Wildfire Prevention is a mitigation program which includes a free Defensible Space Survey designed to detect issues in and around your home that can be removed or corrected to lessen ignition points on your home site. Mitigation is not 100% preventative of fires since occurrences of fire can be started by natural causes such as lightning or structural reasons such as electrical issues in your home.

Defensible space is an area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been managed to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to safely defend the house. In many cases creating effective defensible space requires working with neighbors.

The home ignition zone is the area of the home and its immediate surroundings. It includes both your home and your defensible space.

For more information, click to view 7 tips from www.firewise.org.

Additional Community Protection Links:

Pinewood Springs Open Flame Policy

Swift Water Safety Tips



Protect Your Home

7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

- #1 Clear**
Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.
- #2 Store Away**
Store away furniture cushions, reed mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.
- #3 Screen & Seal**
Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.
- #4 Rake**
Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.
- #5 Trim**
Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.
- #6 Remove**
Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats - anything that can act as a large fuel source.
- #7 Close**
If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

NFPA NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.

Board of Directors

The PSFPD Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer community members handling the administrative business of the fire district which covers over 3,200 acres of our community, the US-36 corridor and the adjacent National Forest lands.

Krista Diaz was recently named Treasurer on the Board. "Our mission is to support our firefighters to make sure they have the resources they need to respond to calls safely and efficiently. Joining the Board allows me to be involved with my community and give back to our firefighters. Our goal this year is to evaluate the current fleet and raise funds through fundraisers and other means to replace our aging equipment," said Krista of her new position.

For more information on your PSFPD Board, click [here](#).

Over \$1,400 raised in Estes Rotary Duck Race!

The PSFPD would like to thank the 74 Duck adoptions that were made supporting our volunteer fire department in the 2019 Estes Rotary Duck Race. After discussion these funds will be allocated towards the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which will be located in the hallway of the Community Center. Big THANKS to everyone who adopted a Duck on behalf of PSFPD. See you in 2020!

