

INCIDENT REPORTS FOR 2016

JANUARY

January 5, afternoon -- Incident #1 -- medical call in Filing 9 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders went to the scene to provide patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and assisted with establishing a landing zone in Red Feather for the AirLink helicopter.

January 25, morning -- Incident #2 -- mutual aid for Red Feather structure fire -- CLVFD firefighters responded to assist Red Feather Lakes VFD in fighting a house fire in Fox Acres. The fire appeared to have started in the crawl space under the hot water heater and spread up through the walls into the attic.

January 30, afternoon -- Incident #3 -- community member assistance in Filing 3 -- CLVFD department members responded to assist a member of the community who had fallen and could not get up.

FEBRUARY

February 6, noon -- Incident #4 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders went to the scene to provide patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs.

February 22, evening -- Incident #5 -- mutual aid/rollover accident on 74E -- CLVFD responders stood by to assist Red Feather Lakes VFD in responding to a rollover accident on 74E. Ultimately, RFLVFD determined they did not need further assistance from Crystal Lakes and all responders stood down.

February 24, midnight -- Incident #6 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders went to the scene to provide patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

February 27, morning -- Incident #7 -- medical call at the Sportman's Cafe -- CLVFD emergency medical responders were on scene when a gentleman at the Sportman's experienced a medical emergency. They provided patient care and assessment until the arrival of Red Feather Lakes EMTs.

February 28, afternoon -- Incident #8 -- mutual aid/MVA on 67J -- CLVFD emergency medical responders, firefighters, and special duty responders turned out to assist Red Feather Lakes VFD in responding to a rollover accident on 67J. CLVFD medical responders assisted in patient care while firefighters created a landing zone for AirLink and special duty responders handled traffic control.

MARCH

March 1, noon -- Incident #9 -- grass fire near Lost Lake -- CLVFD firefighters responded jointly with Red Feather Lakes VFD to extinguish a grass fire reported by a deputy near Lost Lake.

March 4, morning -- Incident #10 -- community member assistance in Filing 3 -- CLVFD department members responded to assist a member of the community who had fallen and could not get up.

March 8, night -- Incident #11 -- search and rescue operation -- CLVFD department members responded to a request from Emergency Services to begin the search for three lost hikers who were thought to be in Crystal Lakes. Search and Rescue was also on their way out, in case the hikers had left the area. The hikers were quickly found -- they had received assistance from community members and just needed some assistance in getting back to the house they'd rented.

March 12, evening -- Incident #12 -- campfire in Filing 5 -- CLVFD firefighters responded to a reported fire in Filing 5 on a property known not to have an approved fire pit (and therefore no fire permit). The property owner agreed to extinguish their fire and not start another until they had a permit. Property owners are reminded that fire permitting regulations in Crystal Lakes are in effect year-round. Trees and grasses are at their driest in the winter, due to the cold and the wind, and fires can run easily and quickly through dry winter grass -- fire is capable of running over the snow (through grass and other fuels that stick up above it) and even under the snow (through grass and fuels that have dried out underneath).

March 19, morning -- Incident #13 -- medical call in Filing 14 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders went to the scene to provide patient care and assessment while firefighters provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs.

March 24, evening -- Incident #14 -- fire in the Association trash compactor -- CLVFD firefighters responded to and extinguished a smoldering fire in the Crystal Lakes community trash compactor. This fire was started by someone dumping ash into the compactor. Fireplace ash can remain hot for an extended time and the interior of your ashbucket may be hot even if the surface is cold. For this reason, ash should only be disposed of in the compactor if it has cooled for at least a week, and we strongly encourage residents to also wet down their ashes before disposal to be certain they are cold. A fire in the compactor is difficult to extinguish because of the limited access firefighters have to the interior of the container and could easily become very dangerous, due to the proximity of the compactor to the Association fuel tanks.

APRIL

April 4, morning -- Incident #15 -- prank emergency calls -- CLVFD personnel responded to stand by at our station at the request of the 911 operators, who were receiving multiple hang-up calls from our area with screaming audible in the background. They were unable to initially trace the calls, so emergency personnel stood by to respond quickly once the calls were traced. The calls were eventually traced to prank

April 4, morning -- Incident #16 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter at the fire station.

April 6, early morning -- Incident #17 -- community member assistance in Filing 3 -- CLVFD department members responded to assist a member of the community who had fallen and could not get up.

April 18, morning -- Incident #18 -- assistance call in Filing 3 -- CLVFD personnel were called out by Larimer County Dispatch and asked to stand by to assist with a disturbance call that was believed to include a medical problem. Responders were stood down when their assistance was determined not to be needed.

MAY

May 2, morning -- Incident #19 -- MVA/medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment for an motor vehicle rollover accident on County Road 73C while firefighters and special duty responders established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.

May 3, afternoon -- Incident #20 -- mutual aid to Red Feather -- CLVFD responders were called to assist Red Feather Lakes VFD with a medical call.

May 10, early morning -- Incident #21 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and traffic control for the Red Feather ambulance.

May 22, morning -- Incident #22 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and traffic control for the Red Feather ambulance.

May 29, evening -- Incident #23 -- MVA/medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment for a dirt bike accident on Tiny Bob Road while firefighters and special duty responders provided lead-in for Red Feather Lakes VFD and PVH ambulances and established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

May 29, evening -- Incident #24 -- mutual aid/standby -- CLVFD personnel stood by at the station, prepared to assist if needed, while Red Feather Lakes VFD firefighters responded to a report of smoke sighted one mile south of Deadman Road. Red Feather firefighters determined that the smoke was from a campfire and all responders stood down. callers at the Red Feather Elementary School. It goes without saying that calling 911 without cause should never be done. In this case, both Crystal Lakes and Red Feather fire departments were called out for legitimate medical calls during the period the false calls were coming in. Had the timing of the prank calls been even slightly different, we would have had personnel out dealing with that when we needed them for the real medical calls.

JUNE

June 10, evening -- Incident #25 -- unsafe campfire -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner burning in an unsafe manner and without a firepit that met safety specifications. Responders spoke with the property owner, who extinguished their fire.

June 12, evening -- Incident #26 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and traffic control for the Red Feather ambulance.

June 16, late afternoon -- Incident #27 -- smoke report south of Ottawa Way -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner who sighted smoke a half-mile south of his location on N. Ottawa Way. Responders patrolled the subdivision to the south and west of the reporting party's location, but were unable to spot the smoke or determine its origin and eventually stood down.

June 18, evening -- Incident #28 -- smoke report west of Lone Pine Lake Drive -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner who sighted hazy smoke west of his location near Lone Pine Lake Drive. Responders patrolled the subdivision to the west of the reporting party's location, but were unable to spot the smoke or determine its origin and eventually stood down. (It seems likely, given the general haziness in the area, that this smoke was coming into our area from a fire elsewhere.)

June 19, evening -- Incident #29 -- mutual aid/standby -- CLVFD personnel stood by at the station, prepared to assist if needed, while Red Feather Lakes VFD firefighters responded to a report of smoke sighted south of the Village. Red Feather firefighters found a half-acre wildfire, which they determined could control with the resources they had and stood down CLVFD personnel.

June 22, night -- Incident #30 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes EMTs and traffic control for the Red Feather ambulance.

June 28, evening -- Incident #31 -- smoke report northeast of Crystal Lakes -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner who sighted hazy smoke northeast of her location off Crow Road. Responders patrolled the National Forest area northeast of the reporting party's location, but were unable to spot the smoke or determine its origin and eventually stood down. (It seems likely, given the general haziness in the area, that this smoke was coming into our area from a fire elsewhere.)

JULY

July 1, morning -- Incident #32 -- illegal slash burn -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner burning slash. Slash burns are not permitted on Crystal Lakes properties, nor are they allowed by the county at this time of year. Responders spoke with the property owner and extinguished their fire.

July 1, evening -- Incident #33 -- mutual aid to Red Feather -- CLVFD personnel responded to assist Red Feather Lakes VFD, who had been asked to stage while law

enforcement dealt with an injured, intoxicated camper. Ultimately, Red Feather EMTs responded to the scene and CLVFD EMRs were released from the call when their assistance was not needed.

July 2, morning -- Incident #34 -- medical call in Filing 15 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for Red Feather Lakes and Poudre Valley Hospital ambulances and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

July 3, midnight -- Incident #35 -- medical call in Filing 3 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

July 3, morning -- Incident #36 -- mutual aid/standby -- CLVFD personnel stood by at the station, prepared to assist if needed, while Red Feather Lakes VFD responded to a motor vehicle accident on Deadman Road. The accident had been reported by a third party, and when responders arrived, those involved in the accident had driven away and could not be found in a search of the area. RFLVFD responders turned the matter over to the sheriff's department and both departments stood down.

July 3, afternoon -- Incident #37 -- medical call at the fire station -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment for an injured party who showed up at the fire station. The injury was determined to be minor enough that the patient decided to go on down to the hospital himself, rather than call an ambulance.

July 8, morning -- Incident #38 -- fire in Pearl Creek -- CLVFD firefighters responded to a ground fire on a property off Pearl Creek Road. The cause of the fire was unclear, though it's possible the source was the property owner's fire pit (despite the fact that they had an appropriate pit and were burning safely). Fire was burning in the duff just off the cleared area for the property owner's house. CLVFD firefighters dug a fireline around the fire, extinguished it, and then cold trailed it (checked it by hand and heat gun for hot spots) before departing the scene.

July 8, afternoon -- Incident #39 -- fire in Pearl Creek -- CLVFD firefighters responded to a wildfire that started halfway up a steep slope from the location of the previous fire off Pearl Creek Road. This fire may have had the same source as the original fire in this area, but was not directly tied into it. Firefighters from Crystal Lakes, Red Feather Lakes, the Forest Service and Larimer County Emergency Services, with the assistance of the property owners and their neighbors, brought the fire under control within an hour. Firefighters spent the following five hours extinguishing and cold trailing it. CLVFD special duty responders lead responding agencies to the scene and handed traffic control around the incident so vehicles could get in and out safely. When the fire was determined to be out and all units stood down, CLVFD left water and equipment on the scene in case of a reignition, and firefighters returned the following morning to wet down the area again and recheck it for any remaining hot spots.

July 10, night -- Incident #40 -- medical call in Filing 14 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

July 13, evening -- Incident #41 -- smoke report in Filing 1 -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner who sighted hazy smoke northwest of their location in the First Filing. Responders patrolled the area, but were unable to spot the smoke or determine its origin and eventually stood down. Given the general haziness in the area, this smoke was likely coming into our area from the Beaver Creek fire.

July 15, morning -- Incident #42 -- fire in Filing 1 -- CLVFD firefighters responded to a fire burning in a stack of lumber near a house. Firefighters from Crystal Lakes, with water support from Red Feather Lakes, extinguished the fire within half an hour and remained to mop up and inspect the surrounding area for any signs of further fire starts. CLVFD special duty responders handled traffic control on 73C so vehicles could get in and out safely. This fire was started by a number of stain rags kept in a bucket near the stack of lumber. Water had been poured into the bucket to prevent spontaneous combustion, but that water had evaporated and the rags caught fire once they dried out. Please make sure to store paint- and stain-covered rags in a non-flammable container on a non-flammable surface.

July 18, morning -- Incident #43 -- mutual aid to Poudre Canyon -- CLVFD firefighters responded to assist Poudre Canyon with a house fire. Red Feather and Glacier View also responded to assist in suppression efforts. The structure was fully engulfed and firefighters worked for eight hours to extinguish it.

July 19, afternoon -- Incident #44 -- motor vehicle accident in Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while firefighters verified the vehicle was not leaking fluids and special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

July 19, night -- Incident #45 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

July 21, night -- Incident #46 -- mutual aid to Larimer County Emergency Services -- CLVFD firefighters responded to assist LCES and the Forest Service in locating a hiker who was lost in the area of Creedmore Lakes.

July 30, evening -- Incident #47 -- smoke report in Filing 1 -- CLVFD personnel were called out to respond to a property owner who sighted smoke northwest of their location in the First Filing. Responders patrolled the area where the smoke was seen, covering N & S Ottawa, Beaver Meadows, Jenny Creek, etc, but were unable to spot the smoke or determine its origin and eventually stood down. This smoke was likely coming into our area from the Beaver Creek fire.

AUGUST

August 9, night -- Incident #48 -- medical call in Filing 5 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided ambulance lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

August 10, evening -- Incident #49 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided traffic control for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

August 12, afternoon -- Incident #50 -- medical call in Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD emergency medical responders ascertained that the individual called about was deceased. Special duty responders provided traffic control.

August 19, afternoon -- Incident #51 -- medical call in Filing 5 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

SEPTEMBER

September 2, afternoon -- Incident #52 -- smoke report west of Crystal Lakes -- CLVFD and Red Feather Lakes VFD personnel were called out to respond to a report of smoke west of Crystal Lakes and north of the fire tower. Responders from both departments reported to good vantage points to see that area and also spoke with the reporting party. No further smoke was seen and all responders eventually stood down.

September 4, afternoon -- Incident #53 -- mutual aid to Livermore VFD -- CLVFD sent a brush truck and three firefighters to assist Livermore with the Starwood fire. Responders stayed on the fire until midnight, assisting to build fireline to slow its spread.

September 13, evening -- Incident #54 -- hazardous materials call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD personnel responded to a report of a strong propane smell in a house in Filing 11. Medical responders checked out all residents to verify they were not affected by propane exposure and recommended that they not return to the house until a certified inspector could check out their propane system.

September 14, morning -- Incident #55 -- medical call in Filing 3 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances.

September 25, afternoon -- Incident #56 -- medical call at Basecamp -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment for a patient who'd been in an ATV accident the day before and was now showing signs of needing medical care while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

NOVEMBER

November 7, morning -- Incident #57 -- medical call in Filing 3 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

November 19, evening -- Incident #58 -- possible chimney fire in Filing 9 -- CLVFD personnel responded to inspect the house to determine if there was or had been a fire in the chimney, which had recently produced a large number of sparks. After investigating thoroughly, firefighters determined that there was no chimney fire.

November 28, evening -- Incident #59 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances.

DECEMBER

December 6, afternoon -- Incident #60 -- carbon monoxide alert in Filing 2 -- CLVFD personnel responded to check out a property where the carbon monoxide detector was going off. Responders found no carbon monoxide readings with the department detectors, but recommended that the furnace be inspected by an expert before anyone spent time in the house, just to be on the safe side.

December 12, night -- Incident #61 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances.

December 16, afternoon -- Incident #62 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances.

December 24, morning -- Incident #63 -- smoke report south of Crystal Lakes -- CLVFD firefighters and special duty responders reported to search for the source of smoke sighted south of Black Mountain. After much searching, responders ultimately tracked the smoke to a location in Glacier View. Glacier View fire department was paged out and responders directed GV firefighters to the source of the smoke--slash burns undertaken by the forest service that had rekindled. After verifying with GV that no further assistance was needed, responders stood down.

December 25, evening -- Incident #64 -- fire call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD firefighters and special duty responders reported to the scene of a tree that had fallen across power lines on Chippewa Dr and was actively burning. PVREA was called out, but had a two-hour response time, due to multiple lines downed by high winds. Soon after responders' arrival on scene, the tree broke through the power lines, bringing them down across the road and extinguishing the fire in the snow. Responders remained in place for four hours, blocking the road to prevent access to the unsafe area, until PVREA arrived and repaired the power line.

December 26, afternoon -- Incident #65 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD emergency medical responders provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes and PVH ambulances and firefighters established a landing zone for the AirLink helicopter.

December 27, afternoon -- Incident #66 -- medical call at the fire station -- CLVFD emergency medical responders reported to the station to meet a patient there and provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.

December 29, afternoon -- Incident #67 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD emergency medical responders went to the scene to provided patient care and assessment while special duty responders provided lead-in for the Red Feather Lakes ambulance.