

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (June 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1 via Zoom.
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore).
- **Incidents** – 9 since last report, **31 YTD 2020**
 - #23 - Wildland fire at Lost lake, abandoned fire pit
 - #24 – Medical call on incident #24, heat exhaustion and dehydration
 - #25 – Female fell and hit head, loss of consciousness, possible seizure and/or concussion
 - #26 – Forklift crash into Crystal Lake, brake failure, oil spill in lake, haz mat cleanup
 - #27 – Smoke report on Black Mtn, legal campfire
 - #28 – Motorcycle crash on Deadman, possible puncture lung (Lifeline)
 - #29 – Overtured boat in Crystal lakes spotted, boat just got away from owner on shore
 - #30 – Female, strong stoke symptoms, (Lifeline)
 - #31 – Female, spider bite, reported anaphylactic shock, but just panic attack

No covid symptom patients for these 8 incidents

2. PERSONNEL:

- One new SDR started and one new firefighter (Don Harlan). Don is full time resident in CL.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – 2, in person trainings on Fire Engine hose deployment, including joint training with RFLVFD on same topic. “Optional” additional trainings being held every Wednesday. Four since last report
- In-person hands-on trainings continued in July with joint training with RFLVFD as planned..
- Monthly EMS training at Glacier View changed from “in-person” meetings to You tube videos. However, RFLVFD Chief Bobby Hill gave hands on training at GV with covid (mask) and social distancing practiced.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.
- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant -** Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.
- **VFA Wildland Grant-** Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review. Possibly July?
- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. Radios are in Ft Collins. We should receive radios soon.
- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training acadamy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and acadamy being scheduled for October.
- **RETAC grant for Covid supplies** - Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon. Grant is for \$13,000. Supplies include 7 foggers and disenfecant concentrate, 100 x 3M

P100 masks and 200 replacement filters. Masks are much better than N95 masks and can be decontaminated and reused multiple times. There will be enough of the enhanced masks for all firefighters of all the mountain depts. Grant submitted and approved. All supplies being purchased now. Crystal Lakes acting as group purchasing agent. We place the supplies order and make payment. Reimbursement to come back to CLVFD

- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). One additional set planned for new member. Must spend by Sept 15th. Possible amendment for other priority gear.

5. **OTHER:**

Covid-19

- Working with Larimer County Emergency Services for daily communications on State and County protocols.
- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- Community classes at the CLVFD Station:
 - o 6/13 Stop the Bleed & Chainsaw Safety - COMPLETED
 - o 6/27 Fire mitigation - COMPLETED
 - o 7/10 Evacuation tips, how/when - COMPLETED
 - o 7/25 Insurance tips
 - o 8/7 Stop the Bleed
 - o 8/15 Evacuation tips, how/when
 - o 8/29 Fire mitigation

USE OF SQUAD BY CHIEF – Stalled. Insurance concerns and safety of Squad (no airbags). No progress.

BURN RESTRICTIONS: Fire risk levels very high with several red flag warning days. Forecast is wind and heat.

- Burn ban in National Forest- does not appear that there is much enforcement by USFS.
- Possible Larimer County burn restrictions being discussed this past week but not approved. Additional discussion to be held next week by County Commissioners and Larimer County Emergency services. Unanimous support by all mountain fire dept Chiefs for implementation of burn restrictions.
- Burn Restrictions for Crystal Lakes to be considered if/when implemented by Larimer County.

Respectfully submitted,

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