

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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November 19, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (October 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 + Rist Cyn). Calls changed to every other week.
- **Incidents** – 6 since last report, **59 YTD 2020**
 - #53 - Home heat alarm went off. Faulty sensor.
 - #54 – Dispatch error, new system – no call
 - #55 – Co detector going off.
 - #56 – Male fell in RV, twitching, non-responsive
 - #57 – Vehicle slid off driveway, perched on steep slope, drive trapped
 - #58 – CO detector going off, high levels of CO found. Bad Furnace.
 - #59 – Fire in Community trash compactor (Crystal Lakes)

No covid symptom patients for the one medical incident

2. PERSONNEL:

- One probationary member asked to resign. Bad fit with Dept.
- Asst Chief Mark Weeks resigned CLVFD (10 yrs of service). Will pursue personal adventures. Mark will remain EMT for RFLVFD when he is in town. Doug Race to replace Mark W as Asst Chief. Working with Dept to replace Doug’s position as Admin Officer / Secretary.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – November training held – SCBA Operations. Joint training on Saturday with RFLVFD.

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. We were not awarded grant.
- **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 received!
- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). Three additional sets planned for three new members (see above). The time to spend grant money was extended for 1 year to Sept 15, 2021.

5. OTHER:

Covid-19

- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.
- Covid 19 is in second surge with highest levels of positive tests ever.

BURN RESTRICTIONS / BAN:

- Burn Ban implemented by CLVFD for all of Crystal Lakes on August 16. End date TBD based on circumstances. Will most likely coincide with County ban lift.
- County implemented 30 day fire ban on August 18. Ban extended twice to 11/30.

- State implemented 30 day fire ban on August 20, extended additional 30 days to Oct 20. State fire ban is no longer in effect.
- County slash burn permits run from November to end of May, but County permits are not being issued due to current County burn ban. This also affects the CL Slash Pile, although they go through a much more rigorous permit process due to the size of the Slash Pile.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: See attached

Respectfully submitted,

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Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CAMERON PEAK FIRE:

START DATE: Aug 13 (90+ days old)

START LOCATION: Chambers lake campground area (approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes). Origin unknown as of today.

CURRENT FIRE SIZE:

- 8/20 - 16, 500 ACRES, 0% contained
- 9/17 – 102, 650 acres, 8% contained. The fire is the largest in Larimer County History (bigger than High Park) and the 4th largest in Colorado history.
- 10/15 – 164,140. The fire grew approx 30,000 acres and traveled an estimated 17 miles on 10/14, and is now the largest fire in CO history.
- 11/19/20 - 208,913 acres with 92% containment

CURRENT STATUS (11/19/20):

- Very little, if any growth in last 3 weeks. Still smoldering in spots even after multiple small snows. Fire crews continue to mop up burning spots using helicopter water drops (wind permitting, which has not had much break in past couple of weeks). We have still not have season ending snow to fully extinguish fire, but minimal growth and continued containment growth fully expected.
- Fire lines (dozer lines) around RFL and CL are being “rehabbed”, but left in place with RFLVFD and CLVFD Chief’s request.
- 481 total structures damaged or destroyed
- 231 residential structures destroyed of which 42 were primary residences

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD PIO (Marian) to the Community on status.

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action, but standing down for past 3 weeks.