

# Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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December 17, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

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

- **Business meetings** – 1, via Zoom
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore + Rist Canyon).
- **Incidents** – 2 since last report, **61 YTD 2020**
  - #60 - Propane leak from main tank
  - #61 – Female lost consciousness in vehicle, probable prior stroke**No covid symptom** patients for the one medical incident

## 2. PERSONNEL:

- **One new probationary member** – Craig Mawle. Full time resident in CL.
- **CLVFD Officer Election completed** – Results are:
  - **CHIEF** - Mark Rode
  - **ASST CHIEFS** - Marian Kelly, Doug Race
  - **TRAINING OFFICER** - Evan Rau
  - **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER / SECRETARY** - Jann Barron
  - **SAFETY OFFICER** - Jim Kubichek
  - **TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER** - Kate Kelly and Jody Sandquist (50/50 job share)
  - **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)** - Marian Kelly

- **REIMBURSEMENT PER CALL IMPLEMENTATION** – \$15 per incident responded to. Scheduled to start Jan 1, 2021. Policy developed and reviewed with all members.

## 3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – December training held via Zoom – Radio Operations with Larimer County Radio Lead. ALL CLVFD radios updated with most current settings (annual process).
- **2021 Training schedule** in place with RFLVFD:

Month	Topic
JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS,
FEBRUARY	EMS equipment/EMS scenarios
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Hose deployment/Engine pumping
MAY	Tender ops/Water supply
JUNE	Initial wildland attack/shelters
JULY	Wildland water supply
AUGUST	Cumulative scenario
SEPTEMBER	Extrication
OCTOBER	Beaver Meadows

NOVEMBER	SCBA
DECEMBER	Radios

4. **GRANTS:**

- **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.
- **Multi-gas meter:** Received from grant

5. **OTHER:**

**Covid-19**

- Covid 19 is in second surge with highest levels of positive tests ever.
- State update 12/9 on vaccine distribution to first responders. First responders (CLVFD) currently scheduled in group 1A (2<sup>nd</sup> group). No firm date. Estimated to be sometime in the winter. State website is: [Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine)

**BURN RESTRICTIONS / BAN:**

- Burn Ban for CLVFD lifted 12/1 to coincide with Larimer County Ban lift and lifting of State burn ban. Ban still in effect for National Forests..
- County slash burn permits run from November to end of May. Permits are now being issued with removal of the county ban.

**CAMERON PEAK FIRE:** Fire containment is now at 100%. Control of the fire suppression turned back over to local Forest Service agencies.

**CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE:** Committee is lead and run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief now participating with committee to develop mitigation plan and guidelines. CLVFD input will be based on what was learned from the Forest Service during physical inspections of CL property.

**NEW BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE:** Order for new truck placed with Dodge dealer Tuesday 12/15. Cost for truck and utility body is \$74,094. Estimated cost of vehicle after all the work we do is still in the \$120,000 range. Money availability at this time is as follows:

**BRUSH TRUCK FUNDS 12-14-20**

\$ 73,475	Total Funds available in CLFires for CLVFD
\$ (5,610)	Funds in CLFires designated for headsets
\$ 67,865	Total funds available for new Brush Truck in CLFires
\$ 12,000	funds donated directly to CLVFD for Brush truck
\$ 20,000	Underspent funds from CLVFD budget going into reserves YE 2020
\$ 89,000	Current funds in CLVFD Reserves
\$ 188,865	Total funds "technically" available for new Brush truck
\$ 120,000	Estimated cost of Brush Truck

\$ 68,865 Funds remaining in CLFires and CLVFD after purchase of Brush Truck

There is currently \$13,400 in the GoFundMe page for the Brush truck. We are not sure how much of this is calculated in the CLFIRES number. The funds from the GoFundMe page are paid into the CLFIRES acct. That is how we get the money from the GoFundMe acct. So we could have more funds available (maybe).

There have been some questions on NextDoor about how much money **we have collected in donations for the New Brush Truck**. That number is:

\$40,000 Money donated to CLFIRES designated for the Brush truck

\$12,000 Money donated to CLVFD designated for the Brush truck

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\$52,000 total donated **designated** to the new Brush truck.....Again, we do not know if the \$13,400 in the GoFundMe acct is already calculated in the CLFIRES number or not.

When we look at all the accts available to us, we have enough money to pay cash for the new Brush Truck, but when we look at just the funds that were donated and designated for the Brush truck, we have \$52,000-ish.....So we will keep the campaign going to get more funds donated specifically for the new Brush truck.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode  
Fire Chief  
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.