

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department



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Fire Department Report

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- Business meetings: 1
- NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call: First Wednesday of the month via zoom. Quarterly in-person. Marian Kelly attended this month
- Monthly meeting with NLCERA medical directors (UCHealth): This is the first of this monthly meeting during which UCHealth and its medical directors discuss next month's medical training topics, and answer questions. Following the meeting, there is a train-the-trainer session for those who are providing training for individual NLCERA departments. I attended both the meeting and train-the-trainer this month.
- Greenbelt Management Committee Meetings: Monthly on 2nd Thursday at 19:00. I was late to this meeting this month following the CLVFD Officer meeting. This overlap will likely continue. - Incidents – 1 (9) since last CLFPD meeting.
- 032: 07/25/23 – Medical on Caddo Rd
- 033: 08/01/23 – Medical on Neosho Trl
- 034: 08/02/23 – Vehicle/person search on Osage Trl
- 035: 08/04/23 – Wildfire down Lady Moon Trail, RF
- 036: 08/05/23 – Animal Rescue, Onawa Rd, RF
- 037: 08/06/23 – Medical on Osage Trl
- 038: 08/07/23 – Medical on Osage Trl
- 039: 08/12/23 – Smoke report-illegal burn on Six Elk Ct
- 040: 08/14/23 – Illegal burn on Six Elk Ct

2. PERSONNEL:

- Anne Dirmeyer is currently on light duty (responding to station for station reports).

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- August's training was switched with the July topic (Structure 2). During this training, firefighters engaged a mock structure fire scenario at a location in Red Feather's District. Both RFLVFD and CLVFD firefighters participated in this training, as well as SDRs from CLVFD.
- September training is Beaver Meadows Scenario.
- A Crystal Lakes Dam Evacuation training WILL be scheduled this fall. Details forthcoming.

Outside trainings:

- Nothing right now. Tony Falbo with Poudre Canyon FPD indicated they would be holding some trainings soon and inviting the mountain departments to join them. Still no word on that.

2023 Training schedule in place with RFLVFD:

JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS
FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo (separate)

MARCH Ice Rescue
APRIL Wildland 1
MAY Structure 1
JUNE Wildland 2
JULY Structure 2
AUGUST Low-Angle Rescue
SEPTEMBER Cumulative scenario
OCTOBER Extrication
NOVEMBER SCBA
DECEMBER Radios (Combined Training = Mock Incidents)

4. GRANTS:

- Jim is working on an equipment acquisition opportunity through the DFPC to acquire higher-quality PPE, such as leather structure firefighting boots and additional/upgraded wildland PPE for new/returning members.

5. COMMUNITY

- The FD has been working with Raina Eschelmann from Larimer County Emergency Services to standardize an HIZ assessment tool for use by both the County and the Department. Assistant Chief Kelly is in communication with Raina, and they have already held one training for Department members interested in becoming HIZ assessors. A second training has yet to be scheduled with Raina for those department members interested in becoming assessors, but who were unable to attend the first training.

6. EQUIPMENT

- Engine 1 electrical problem seems to be resolved. Thank you, Alex and Mark!
- The siren stopped working on Brush 2. Emergency lights are still operational. I have no status update.
- Brush 1 is subject to a manufacturer recall that currently has no available solution. It is safe to drive, but may be unsafe to keep inside the station.

7. EVENTS

- Community classes this month include Chainsaw Safety.

8. OTHER:

Greenbelt Management Committee

- One more mitigation day near base camp is scheduled for 08/19.
- Mitigation projects tentatively scheduled through this fall, including preliminary work in Hidden Park. Contact Craig Mawle (craigmawle@comcast.net) for up-to-date scheduling.

Respectfully submitted,

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