

POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MAY 2023 ELECTION

Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District is having a competitive election May 2, 2023 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for the four vacancies on the 5-Director Fire Board. This election is being conducted as a mail ballot election, and ballots will be sent out the week of April 10th to the 17th. If you do not receive a ballot during that time or shortly after and think you should have received one, contact the Designated Election Official, Paula Collins, paulamcollins@gmail.com to request one. Please consider if you are an eligible elector for this election before asking for a mail ballot request form. You must be registered to vote in Colorado and be a resident of PCFPD, OR a Colorado registered voter owning real or personal taxable property within PCFPD (or the spouse or civil union partner) who owns property in their natural person name, (not in a trust, LLC or similar legal entity).

Those candidates seeking election for Director positions on the PCFPD Fire Board are: Roger "Paul" McGraw, Robert Carl Busch, Bette Blinde, Leonard "Boots" Jaffee, Daniel Bond, John Kitchens, Patrick J. Conway, Sean Dougherty and Bryan Maddox.

The Fire Board plans to provide a "Meet the Candidate" link on the PCFPD website: poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org, once the ballots are mailed.

FIRE AT ARROWHEAD LODGE



Poudre Canyon Firefighters were paged out to a wildland fire on March 19, 2023 around 11:20 a.m. after Andy Collins and wife Tasha were driving by when they spotted the flames up by an outhouse on the Houser property and promptly called

for help. The "Arrowhead Fire" named by Dan Bond consumed approximately 7 acres due to high winds sending embers down the hill and across the river into steep terrain. Poudre Canyon, Red Feather, Glacier View, Emergency Services, Forest Service, and the Dive Team responded and voluntary evacuations were issued to nearby homes. Good news is that the Arrowhead Lodge and cabins were once again saved but a few outhouses suffered damage.



VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM

Due to breaks last winter, the board approved installing video security systems at all four stations. The systems at Stations 1, 2, & 4 send live images to the internet. Station 3 has no internet capability. If you would like to view the cameras, contact Chief Collins (h.collins@poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org)

for instructions. Funding was provided by CLPFEG.



Paula Collins is shown modeling one of our new response jackets. The district's fundraising group, CLPFEG, recently provided money for the purchase. Our current jackets have seen a lot of use and are falling apart. Jackets will be issued to the department when we get the full order.

FROM THE CHIEF

With spring weather fast approaching, it is time to start thinking about mitigating around your structures. Even though many structures in the upper canyon were mitigated during the Cameron Peak fire, annual renewal of mitigation work is essential to safeguarding every canyon property. If you have gutters, clean them out each spring. Crawl spaces under decks and buildings should be cleaned out if not sealed. Brush and tall grasses that have grown up around structures should be cleared back at least 5 feet. The ground around structures should be raked out the same distance. Trees should be limbed up at least 10' and ladder fuels cleared from under trees for at least 25' from structures. This may seem like a lot of work, but doing it every year will make it easier and will greatly impact your buildings chances of survival in a wildfire situation. The photo shows damage to an outhouse at Arrowhead Lodge that has not been mitigated.



VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM When you cut down trees or brush the fire department can help you deal with the slash. In the winter, when the conditions are right we can help you burn the slash. At other times we can help you chip the slash. If we are going to chip it, we request that you keep track of the hours you spend to generate the slash to report toward our grant needs. If you have large trees that you don't want to cut down yourself, the department will pay half of your cost, up to \$1,000, to have a professional tree service cut down the tree. Send your paid invoice to Bette Blinde (b.blinde@poudrecanonfiredistrict.org) to get reimbursed. Invoice needs to show it was paid, now a zero balance due.

The draft of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is on the website. Check it out at poudrecanonfiredistrict.org

NEW BUNKER GEAR

Last fall the state awarded our department 35 complete sets of bunker gear. While most of the gear has been received, we are still waiting for boots and some gloves. The new gear will be issued to the department when the order is complete



DO YOU SHOP AT KING SOOPERS?

If you do, consider register your King Soopers "SooperCard" and then choose Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District as the organization you wish to support. Then a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the fire department.

FIREBOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Find out more about the district by attending a board meetings. They are second Wednesdays of the every month at 7 pm.

- April 12 - Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building
- May 10 - Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
- June 14 - Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building
- July 12 - Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT?

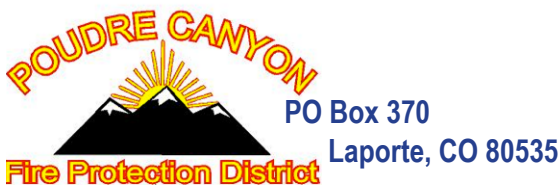
Want to learn more about our fire district? Go to PoudreCanyonFireDistrict.org. You can sign up there to get this newsletter electronically. If you would like to make a donation to the department, just click on the Support/Donation page and take it for a test drive. . .

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

You can receive our newsletter via email by signing up at our website: PoudreCanyonFireDistrict.org. Go to the newsletter page and click on the link to fill out the webform. The electronic version has more pictures.

FIREBOARD MEMBERS

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Bryan Maddox	970 580-0424
David Bliss	970 881-2209
Boots Jaffee	970 495-1335



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