

POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER ~ FALL 2021



On May 7th Senator Bennet, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack, Governor Polis, and Congressman Neguse met at Station 2 for a round table discussion concerning the Cameron Peak Fire

watershed before their tour of the area.

Canyon Residents knew something was terribly wrong on July 20th when the water rose quickly and logs, propane tanks, refrigerators and water heaters floated by. Boulders rolling under the surface sounded "like thunder, rumbling". The instantaneous debris flow containing huge boulders aimed at Black Hollow, sent 6 homes into the raging water, torn to pieces. Four loved-ones perished. Our hearts go out to those who suffered losses from this disaster.

WILDFIRE REVIEW COMMITTEE VISIT



On September 21st the State Wildfire Review committee composed of Colorado senators and representatives toured the Cameron Peak wild fire and Black Hollow debris flow area. Lunch following was at Glen Echo where Chief Collins and Doug Dennin of Big Horn Cabins spoke to the committee about the effects of our recent disasters on the fire department and local businesses.

Ashes to Art proceeds of over \$12,000 each were given to Rist and Poudre Canyon FDs. Artists from all 50 states incorporated Cameron Peak Fire ash into their endeavors that were auctioned online.

2021 GRANT AWARDS

PCFPD was awarded grants of \$45,000 toward the purchase of a new \$100,000 brush truck from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), a 50/50 grant of \$99,520 from Colorado State Forest Service for a chipper and mitigation costs, and recently Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) grant of \$104,559 towards the purchase of a new ambulance which will cost \$222,948. Although PCFPD board has the reserves to cover the matching funds required for each grant, things get a little tricky when you have to provide a paid invoice for the total costs before you are reimbursed.

Mitigation is very important. PCFPD now has a second chipper thanks to funds from Colorado State Forest Service grant to be used for mitigation of properties in the Cameron Peak Fire area. Funding includes the price of a new chipper, in-kind services and some cost-share support for homeowners needing to hire professionals to remove dangerous trees. To receive the entire amount of the grant, PCFPD will be diligent about keeping records for expenses, volunteer hours and hours the homeowner spends in preparation for the chipping. Before and after photos will be needed. The original chipper now resides in Lower Canyon. For more information about chipping:

- Lower Canyon - Paul Radman (970-221-1383)
- Upper Canyon - Greg Danhoff (970-881-2202)
- Manhattan Creek - Hugh Collins (970-881-2472).

If you would like up to \$1,000 to hire professionals to remove dangerous trees from your property, please contact Hugh Collins (970-881-2472). We'd like to thank Bette Blinde for writing these grants for the department.

CAROL LUTHER MEMORIAL YARD SALE

On August 25th friends and neighbors of Carol Luther came to her yard sale to collect treasures and share memories of their friend who passed in the spring. Every item was truly "priceless" and donations were given to benefit PCFPD. The boot donations reached \$1,637 that day. Thank you to the Weibels and the Maddoxes for their efforts in coordinating this special farewell to Carol and for fulfilling a last wish.

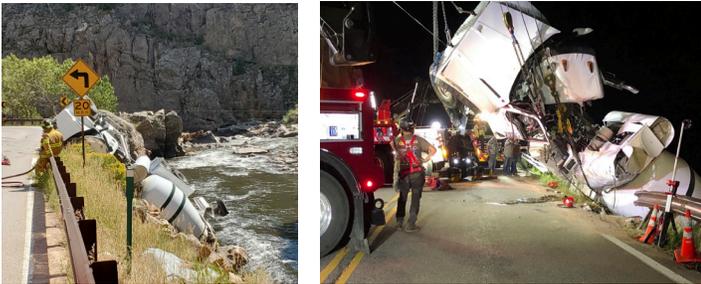
SHERIFF'S STAR AWARD

On December 12, 2020, PCFPD responded to a 911 call of "snowplow vs pick-up in the worst blizzard of 2020. Reid Miller, Paula Collins and Hugh Collins had no idea the UC Health paramedic on board had later nominated them for the Sherriff's Star Award "for going above and beyond on a call" - Reid for driving their ambulance to FOCO, and not losing control when the deer jumped out, and the Collinses for driving an extra four hours in white-out conditions to retrieve Reid from town.



UNUSUAL CALL

On September 9th PCFPD spent 14 hours on scene in the "Narrows" MM103 on Highway 14, with the cement truck that went through the guardrail and down to the river. Fortunately, the driver survived and the 7 yards of cement stayed in the drum.



NOTICE

POWER WILL BE OUT ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20TH

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Getting grant funding is very important to PCFPD. This year alone, we have received grants to help purchase: a new chipper and help homeowners with the cost of tree removal, a brush truck and an ambulance to help replace 20-year-old vehicles. Over the years PCFPD has received over \$1.5 million in grant money, due to the efforts and skills of Bette Blinde. Can you help? Station 1 wants a snow blower, and Station 2 an automatic generator! The bunker gear is old and our red and yellow safety jackets are falling apart, and we could use additional funds for the new ambulance. If interested in writing grants for PCFPD, send an email to: paulamcollins@gmail.com.

DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON OR KING SHOOPERS?

If you do, consider using smile.amazon.com and linking your purchase to Cache la Poudre Fire and Emergency Group. 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.

FIRE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

November 10 - Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
December 8 - Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building

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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. . .

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Mericle	970 219-4700
Bette Blinde	970 881-2902
Paula Collins	970 881-2472
Greg Danhoff	970 881-2202
Boots Jaffee	970 495-1335

A massive boulder came down the mountain side at MM 79. It hit the road, bounced a couple of times and ended up in the river. CDOT is going to fill in the damaged area with road base. They plan to pave asphalt on Monday, Oct. 18.

