



# HOT TOPICS

## PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### SUPPORTING OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### PINEWOOD SPRINGS AWARDED FIRE DISTRICT GRANTS

In 2022 the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District was the recipient of 4 grants awarded to support our volunteer Fire Fighters and our community.

- The two FEMA "Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant" awards will fund the replacement of 2 crucial collections of equipment: self- contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and dual-band radios. SCBA provides protection from heat, toxic gases, and harmful particulates during car and structure fire suppression and rescue.
- The new dual-band radios will allow firefighters to carry one radio to communicate within our two different communications systems and positions us for upcoming communications infrastructure changes
- The "United Way of Larimer County" Grant, awarded earlier this year allowed us to purchase additional structural and wildland gear.
- The "Larimer County Firefighters Grant" provided new CPR and airway training mannequins to support community training classes.



#### NEW AMBULANCE DONATION

This year our Fire Department received a donation from ESTES PARK HEALTH - an all-wheel drive Ford F350 with an ambulance body. Currently the vehicle is being serviced, painted and prepped to serve as a rescue support vehicle.



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### PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District (PSFPD) provides 24/7 service to the Pinewood Springs Community and US-36 corridor from mile marker 8.5 to mile marker 14.25, protecting lives and property.

#### Officers

- Ted Plank, Chief
- Andrew Lucas, Assistant Chief
- John Bykerk, Battalion Fire Chief
- Jessica Bologna, Captain
- Andrew Hart, Captain
- Brian Rappel, Captain
- Paul Legan, Lieutenant
- Steve LeMaire, Lieutenant

#### Firefighters

- Trevor Byron
- Charlie Gau
- Matt Khachaturian
- Kevin Noble
- Kirk Ping
- Ross Swanson
- Tasha Wagner

#### Probationary Firefighters:

- Camilo Casas
- Shannon Heintz
- Serena Jura
- Morgan Morris
- Buck Rizvi

#### Technicians:

- Larry Davis
- Dick Wilcox
- Elizabeth Noble, Command Aid
- Geri Plank, Command Aid
- Gabi Benson, Comm Specialist

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### Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Many thanks to all community members who participated in the recent Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) survey sent out via email. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan identifies specific wildland fire risks facing our community and provides prioritized recommendations to reduce those risks. Work on the CWPP will continue into early 2023 and will be shared with our community in the coming months - stay tuned for more information.

### WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS

Winter will soon be upon us in Pinewood Springs - a season with new scenery and adventures to enjoy and be grateful for.

#### BURN PERMITS

Planning to burn slash on your property? You must have a valid burn permit issued by Larimer County and signed by the Pinewood Springs Fire Department. Apply online on the Larimer County website ([click here](#)). Once the application is received the county will provide further instructions.

#### WINTER DRIVING

Every winter our Pinewood Springs Volunteer Fire Fighters respond to multiple snow- and ice-related vehicle incidents. There are many drivers on our highway who are not used to mountain and winter driving, so be patient, exercise caution, and leave extra room between your vehicle and others on the road.

If you are stuck in a serious storm, do not leave your vehicle. Run the engine periodically and wait for help. Prepare a winter-driving vehicle kit including blankets, water, a flashlight, a shovel, some nutrition bars or other food for sustenance. Winterize your vehicle's safety kit with jumper cables, an ice scraper, extra blankets, and sand to help gain traction in the event you become stuck on ice or snow.

**In 2022 over 40 Pinewood Springs area residents have received CPR/AED training in community classes conducted by Fire Chief Ted Plank. Additional classes will be scheduled in 2023 - information will be posted online [\\*click here\\*](#).**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PSFPD Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer community members handling the administrative business of the fire district.

Michael Graham, President  
Jon Andrews, Vice President  
Patty Peritz, Treasurer  
Ardean Johnson, Secretary  
Jennifer Rivas, At-Large



Jon Andrews has served on the PSFPD Board of Directors for over 10 years, most recently as President. The Board, our Fire Department Command Chiefs and volunteer Fire Fighters all extend our thanks to Jon for his steady leadership, remarkable insight and warm sense of humor. Michael Graham, most recently our Board Vice President will be the new Board President. Jon will continue to serve our community as Vice President.