



Summer 2012

Smoke Signals

Indian Hills Fire Protection District

Serving the Citizens of Indian Hills Since 1947

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Come join Indian Hills Fire Rescue at its traditional Fourth of July celebration. The event celebrates our nation's birthday beginning with a pancake breakfast and followed by a bouncy house for the kids, helicopter fly-in/display, and traditional parade. Come join us for a fun morning!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST	7:00 – 11:00 am
BOUNCY HOUSE	8:00 – 11:00 am
HELICOPTER FLY-IN/DISPLAY	10:00 – 11:00 am
PARADE	11:00 am – 1:00 pm

All events will be held at or adjacent to the Indian Hills Fire Station at 4476 Parmalee Gulch Rd. The events are organized and conducted by members of Indian Hills Fire Rescue and local community members, who graciously volunteer hundreds of hours to ensure that the celebration is a success. **Donations to help cover the cost of the activities are greatly appreciated.**

Due to extremely dry conditions this year, the fireworks display will **not** be held. As such, we ask that all Indian Hills residents comply with the fire ban that is currently in place and not set off any private fireworks. Strict consequences will be levied on violators of this policy. Thank you for your help in keeping our mountain community safe.

Indian Hills Fire Rescue Celebrates 65 Years

Help us celebrate 65 years of service to the community! To commemorate the event, 15-ounce coffee mugs and beer pints will be offered for sale featuring the Indian Hills Fire Rescue logo. Quantities are limited. So stop by the station during the Fourth of July events to purchase. Both coffee mugs and beer pints are \$8 apiece.



BOOTS CORNER

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We Need Volunteers — Indian Hills Fire Boots

The Indian Hills Fire Boots is a group of non-uniformed volunteers who provide support to Indian Hills Fire Rescue. Join the Boots and help strengthen our community by supporting Indian Hills Fire Rescue.

Since its inception in July of 2010, the Boots have made strides in becoming a fully functional citizen support group. Areas of involvement have included the Fourth of July festivities, fund raising, incident support, the Big Chili Cookoff, reflective house number signs, Board elections, and local news.

The Boots meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the fire station. For more information, call Jackie Kniss at 720-339-8618 or join us at our next Boots meeting.

Join the Boots — Get a kick out of it! Meet new people, share your skills, join us!

NEW APPARATUS TO SERVE YOU



We've recently added several new emergency response vehicles to our fleet, and another is on its way.

In June 2011, we replaced our 1997 Ford F250 command vehicle with a 2008 Ford F350. A Type 6 wildland brush truck was added last November. The 2008 Sterling Bullet (above) recently responded to the Sawmill Gulch fire near Idledale. This vehicle greatly improves our wildfire response capability.

The newest arrival is a 2003 Ford F450 Wheeled Coach four wheel drive ambulance, which replaces a 1993 reserve ambulance. It joined the fleet in late May.

Rounding out the fleet upgrades is a new 3,000-gallon six wheel drive Mack Granite tanker/tender, which is being built to replace our aging 1975 Autocar tender. The new tender should be completed and in service later this summer.

UNDERSTANDING FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND FIRE BANS

Stage 1 vs. Stage 2 . . . What's the Difference?

It's not surprising that there is often confusion about what is allowable when the County implements a fire ban or fire restriction. Here are some guidelines:

The following are prohibited during a **Stage 1** fire restriction:

- Any fire or campfire that is not within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.



The following are prohibited during a **Stage 2** fire ban:

- Anything that produces an open flame that is not liquid or gas fueled. This includes charcoal grills at private residences.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.
- Using any fire to burn trash, debris, or vegetation.
- Any campfire.
- Use of any apparatus that has an explosive initiation system without following proper guidelines as outlined on the Jefferson County website.

If in doubt, you can always visit the Jefferson County website at www.jeffco.us to check current fire restrictions. Thank you for taking the time to stay informed and for following the rules in place to keep our community safe.

Slash Collection Dates

June 23-24
8:30 am-3:30 pm
Coal Creek Fire Department
11583 Camp Eden Rd.

August 11-12
8:30 am-3:30 pm
Inter-Canyon Station #3
8445 S. Hwy. 285

The fees for remote slash collection are as follows:

Small pickup, bed high: \$5
Small pickup, cab high: \$8
Small pickup, above cab high: \$10
Large pickup, bed high: \$8
Large pickup, cab high: \$10
Large pickup, above cab high: \$12
Single-axle trailer: \$10
Double-axle trailer: \$15
Dump truck, cab high: \$20
Dump truck, above cab high: \$25

Slash is also taken all summer at:
Rooney Rd. Collection Site
151 S. Rooney Rd.
303-710-9120

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PROPERTY MITIGATION

Help Us Help You!

Your first defense against wildfire is to create and maintain a defensible space around your home. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Create a defensible space of least 70 feet around your house. Increase this distance if your house is on a slope.
- Clean roof and gutters at least twice a year to eliminate an ignition source for potential fires.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet uphill from your home.
- Thin out continuous tree and brush cover in a 15-foot distance from your house.
- Beyond the initial 15 feet, thin trees to achieve a 10- to 12-foot crown spacing.
- Mow grass and weeds to a height of six inches for a distance of 30 feet from all structures.
- Remove dead and unhealthy vegetation from your property on an ongoing basis.

New Evacuation Plans

Authorities have created new evacuation plans for residents in unincorporated Jefferson County. There are now three levels of evacuation that will be communicated to residents affected by an emergency.

Level 1: Be ready. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area. You should make preparations to be ready to leave and then follow the media for updates. Residents with special needs are advised to evacuate at this time. Those with livestock or pets should consider moving them out of the area. Evacuations at this time are **voluntary**.

Level 2: Leave soon. Residents should know that there is significant potential danger in the area. You should relocate to outside of the affected area **as soon as possible**.

Evacuate? What to Take

We certainly hope that the time never comes when Indian Hills residents have to evacuate because of a fire. But if it does, it's best to be prepared by knowing what to take with you. The following is a list of the most useful items to take. But remember that you know best what you value most. And how many of these items you take with you may depend on the amount of time you have to evacuate. Remember, safety is always paramount.

- Birth certificates
- Insurance cards for medical/auto
- Drivers' licenses/passports
- House deed
- Insurance papers
- Legal documents
- Marriage license
- Tax papers
- Other financial papers
- Blank checks
- Cash and credit cards
- Prescription medications, glasses, dentures, and hearing aids.
- Valuable jewelry and other family heirlooms
- Original paintings and photographs/photo albums
- Pet ID tags and medication
- Electronics such as cell phones, computers, etc.

Level 3: Leave immediately. Danger in the area is current and imminent. There is no time to gather belongings. **Leave immediately.**

If evacuation plans are put into place for Indian Hills residents, **DO NOT CALL 911 FOR INFORMATION**. If in doubt, leave the area as soon as possible.

CAN WE FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?



Everyone knows the adage “*every second counts*” is true when referring to an emergency. While millions of dollars have been spent on 911 systems in the past years, one small problem has been ignored. People often don’t mark their addresses sufficiently for emergency personnel to find them. Especially at night! Help us find your home faster with a reflective house number sign.

Reflective House Number Signs for Sale

Indian Hills Fire Rescue offers house number signs made of rust-free aluminum with a blue reflective background and white numbers. They are available in horizontal or vertical format with numbers on one or both sides. You can order your house number sign by completing an order form, which is available at the Indian Hills Post Office or on our website at ihfr.org. Signs should be mounted along the road; not on your house. Please make sure you submit your *address* number and not the now-defunct fire code numbers. If you have any questions, please call 303-697-4568. Thanks for helping us help you!

Meet the Fire Protection District Board of Directors

Paul Pettit is President of the Board and has been a Board member since 1998. He has resided in Indian Hills for 30 years. His background in broadcast engineering has allowed him to assist with the District’s communications system upgrade. Paul has also played a role in replacing all but one of the Department’s aging fleet during the 14 years that he has been associated with the Board. He is serving a four-year term that expires May 2016.

Marc Rosenberg, a 24-year resident of Indian Hills, is Secretary of the Board. In addition to being a Board member for 2½ years, he has been a Department member for 10½ years. His service as a firefighter allows him to bring an in-depth understanding of fire operations to the table. He is also very familiar with the District’s apparatus and involved in weekly maintenance. Marc serves as Collections and Distribution Manager for Evergreen Metro District. He is serving a four-year term that expires May 2014.

Kelley Lehman serves as Treasurer of the Board. A member of the Board for the past nine months, Kelley is a teacher at Parmalee Elementary and has been a resident of Indian Hills for 18 years. She has past experience in serving on the board of a nonprofit organization. Kelley enjoys that her role on the Board allows her to serve her community. Her two-year term expires May 2014.

Ron Walton originally moved to Indian Hills in 1979 to serve as the caretaker of Foss Chapel. He joined the Department as a responding member that same year and served until 2005, holding a number of officer positions during that time. Ron, a service technician for computer-controlled manufacturing equipment, served one term on the Board in 1998 and was appointed to another term two years ago. His current four-year term expires May 2014.

Scott Kellar, the newest member of the Board, is also new to Indian Hills. He moved to the area last winter to enjoy the beauty and energy of the mountains. Scott currently serves as Homeland Security Coordinator for the ten-county Denver Metropolitan area. As such, he assists local government leaders in implementing homeland security and emergency management initiatives, which dovetails nicely with his role as a Board member. He is serving a four-year term that expires May 2016.



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Chief's Corner

With Indian Hills celebrating 65 years of service to the community, it's an appropriate time to reflect on the growth and changes that have occurred over the years. Like many fire departments, Indian Hills Fire Rescue had humble beginnings. What started as a one-bay station housing one brush truck at the Community Center has evolved into a Department that houses nine apparatus and currently has 19 responding members.

The service that is provided to the citizens of Indian Hills has also evolved. We now have four EMT members who are certified in advanced life support (ALS), enhancing our medical response (ambulance) level of service. We are still in need of more firefighters for both structure and wildland fire suppression and encourage any community members who are interested in firefighting to join our team of committed volunteers.

With the dry weather, it should come as no surprise that increasing our firefighting ranks is a priority. An additional priority is asking all of you to help us by making efforts to mitigate your property. Doing so would provide added protection to your home and belongings should a serious fire ever threaten our community. We also appreciate you taking the time to stay informed of fire bans and taking those bans seriously by abiding with all restrictions.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe. We look forward to having you join us at the Fourth of July festivities.