

# THE FIREFLY

FALL 2008



Foothills Fire  
Protection District  
Fire Chief

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### From The Fire Chief

It is hard to believe that yet another summer has past and the cool fall days are upon us. There has been much going on around Foothills Fire & Rescue.

We made the initial payment on our new rescue truck, which is to be delivered in mid December. Our new administrative offices are finally in place at the Rainbow Hills Station, with the remodeling to begin in early September. We experienced a variety of delays, but are hopeful that we will soon be moved in.

Our totally redesigned website is up and running, thanks to the efforts of several volunteers and we welcomed our new Business Manager, Jeanette Kehoe, on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We're excited to have her be part of our administrative team.

**With the cool days of fall comes our annual recruitment drive. We are always in need of new volunteers.**

Our agency is built upon a foundation of community support and volunteerism.

**Whether as a firefighter, an auxiliary member, or a donor in kind, we NEED your support.**

If you would like more information on how to get involved, visit our website at [www.foothillsfire.org](http://www.foothillsfire.org), call or visit the station. We depend on the support of our community to continue and improve the services we provide.

**As 2008 gradually draws to a close, I would like to thank all of the members of Foothills Fire and Rescue.**

It has been a challenging year, and we have undergone many changes. Without your support and hard work, we would not have accomplished near what we have. You have made my year as Fire Chief a successful one, and for that I thank you.

**This community is truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional group of volunteers.**

**Brian J. Zoril**  
Fire Chief

**Are there any fire safety or fire prevention issues facing the community that you'd like to see addressed in an upcoming issue of The Firefly? Let us know. Send your questions and comments to Firefly Editor 67 S. Lookout Mountain Rd, Golden.**



## New Business Manager Joins Foothills

**Foothills Fire & Rescue are pleased to announce that Jeanette Kehoe has joined the staff as the new business manager for the district.**

Jeanette has been a volunteer firefighter with Foothills for nearly 4 years. She is a Firefighter I, Emergency Medical Technician, Wildland Firefighter & a member of the Rope Rescue Team.

Jeanette comes to us with a wide range of business experience. She founded, owned & managed two multi-disciplinary healthcare businesses over the past 17 years & has been an active member of the West Chamber of Commerce & Westside Business Builders. Jeanette also worked as the business manager & account supervisor of a healthcare clinic in downtown Denver. Jeanette holds three college degrees & in her spare time teaches Wilderness First Aid & Wilderness Survival for the Colorado Mountain Club. Jeanette's office hours are Monday through Friday 8am - 5 pm.

**She invites community members to stop by to introduce themselves. If you would like to contact Jeanette please call her at 303-526-0707, ext 1#, or email her at [jeanette\\_kehoe@foothillsfire.org](mailto:jeanette_kehoe@foothillsfire.org)**



**Foothills Fire & Rescue** will take possession of a new rescue truck by the end of 2008. The truck, funded in part by a Colorado gaming grant will become the heavy rescue main response unit, labeled unit #580.

Serving our entire community, unit #580 will be used for all traffic accidents, rope rescue, car fires, hazardous material fires, back country rescues & be the main support for all residential emergencies.

We welcome you to take a look at the new truck in 2009! **Todd J. Foster - Lieutenant**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FIREFIGHTERS**

Foothills Fire & Rescue Firefighters are recognized each month for their outstanding achievements, duty to the community & the department.

**Congratulations to**



Hayato Sekseki



Dave Stajcar

## COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

### Why have kids pages in The Firefly?

Foothills Fire & Rescue welcomes the opportunity to educate all of our residents in safety & fire prevention.

By providing a kids section we hope to get the younger community members asking questions & being more active in family safety.

**Each year in the United States  
an estimated  
2,800 children  
age 14 & younger are injured  
&  
850 are killed  
in residential fires.**

**Of these children over 40% are  
under the age of 5  
70% are under the age of 10.**

Our kids pages primarily target the 14 & younger age group. We hope these pages get you talking to your loved ones about fire safety. We hope that you will discuss the topics & encourage your kids to get involved with our competitions. Because having fun is the best way to learn anything & fire safety skills last a lifetime!

## Community Profile

### Pati Stajcar Sculptor & Volunteer Firefighter



I've called Lookout Mountain home for more than 30 years. Like you, I use to take my Fire department for granted most of the time, and thought someone else would take care of me and mine.

### Then I watched my neighbor's house burn to the ground . . .

Our fire department responded, but didn't appear to have enough people to be able to fight the fire effectively. My husband Dave and I listened to various neighbor complaints, attended several board meetings, and were told there just wasn't enough people in our community interested in responding to emergencies. It was then we both decided to volunteer in whatever capacity we could for the Foothills fire department. We signed up for the 2007 fire academy, which is held jointly with our generous neighbors in Genesee.

### What an amazing experience!

I was wary of fire, heights, enclosed breathing gear on the list is long. (Not Dave of course, he's fearless). However, with the education and training we received at the Academy, that is no longer true.

For the past year and a half, I've put out car and truck fires on I-70, contained wildfires close to our homes, assisted on medical calls in our neighborhood, carried patients off our trails, and yes, closed down your highway to provide safety zones.

You've seen the signs, "**Volunteers Needed**" on the front of the Lookout Mountain Firehouse. You drive by it everyday, not noticing. I know I did!

### Did you know that nationwide, 75% of all firefighters are volunteers?

Foothills Fire & Rescue is in critical need of more volunteers to help keep our community safe. I hope you'd consider joining us in helping to care for our friends, families and neighbors.

Oh, did I mention that I'm 5'6", 125 lbs. and 50 years old?

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 - 11th

**MOST HOME FIRES ARE PREVENTABLE : If you follow these guidelines**

- Install smoke alarms in all bedrooms, outside sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Test them monthly to make sure they are properly working at all times.
- Smoking is one of the leading causes of fatal fires. If you smoke make sure you put them out every time.
- Cooking fires are the leading cause of all fires. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- Residential sprinklers save lives. If you are remodeling or building consider installing residential sprinklers in your home.
- Know two ways out, whether you're at home, at the office, in a restaurant or where ever you are.
- Always react to a fire alarm immediately and stay calm.

**Foothills Fire & Rescue  
Foothills Fire Protection District Long Range Plan**

These meetings give the community the opportunity to discuss ideas you consider important for the Long Range Plan (LRP) of the Department. We encourage you to attend the meetings, to be involved in the process, development and execution of the plan.

Scheduled meetings  
**October 2, 6.30 pm Lookout Mountain Station**  
**October 21, 6.30 pm MVCC**

Further meetings will be posted on the web [www.foothillsfire.org](http://www.foothillsfire.org)

Discussions will include-  
What areas of interest you think we should place our primary focus on. Please consider financial, community involvement including HOA involvement, recruitment, partnerships with other Districts and operational issues over the next 5 years.

Please call Pat Smith, Chair LRP Committee 303 526 0649 with your ideas, considerations, or comments regarding the LRP process.

**THE LAST WORD**

**RESIDENTS ARE  
WELCOME**

To attend the Foothills Fire Protection District Board Meetings. Held every third Tuesday of the month at Mount Vernon Country Club. Upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday**  
**October 21st 6.30pm**  
**November 18th 6.30pm**  
**December 16th 6.30pm**  
**January 20th 2009, 6.30pm**



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