

FREMONT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



The District

March-April 2016

District Chief

I hope that all of you have had a good start to 2016 and that this finds you all well. There are many things that I would like to say and there are some concerns that I have as we continue to move forward. There are some of you who believe that I sit in my office most of the time and when I am not there I am gone. Well lately that seems to have been the case, but let me assure you that I am pretty tuned in to what goes on in this District.

In the last few months I have visited every fire hall in the District at least once, some multiple times. I have spoken to many of you and some have even come into my office. All of you need to know that my office door is always open for you. Sometimes I may not be there but if you need to talk with me, I will make the time. Give me a call and we will get together. The most important part of this District is you as our volunteers.

Those of you who know me very well at all know that, if nothing else I try to be fair. If you come to me with a problem, I will probably ask you for your thoughts on a solution. If you have concerns about something I will see what I can do to resolve them. But keep in mind that I will talk with other people and do a little ground work before I jump to any conclusions. And those who know me know that there are times that I like a good challenge especially when I am doing what is right for the District and for my firefighters.

There are things that I do not like. I do not like people who are deceitful. There are some of you out there who think you are sneaky and above the rules. You may be ahead of the game for a while but I am a strong believer in Karma.

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**Turn Clocks
Forward
March 13, 2016**

**Daylight Savings
Time Begins**

*Thank you
For attending
The Banquet!*

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District Chief

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What goes around will eventually come back around and everyone will get their reward. Oh I know that you think what you are doing won't hurt anybody and if they don't know it's all good, right??? Well good luck with that. Because while I am a very forgiving and sometimes naïve person, do not push your luck.

I might suggest that you take a look at our District's Code of Ethics and do a little pulse check on yourself to see how you are doing. And maybe while you are at it take a look at some of the policies also. I know that there are things that I need to work on and things that I could do better. And I know that there are some of you out there thinking "what is he rambling on about?" Well to you, there are people out there who feel that they are above the rules or that they simply do not apply to them. These are the people who will continually push the limit and Heaven forbid, might even get someone hurt. The people who believe that rules are for everyone but them, because they are just that good.

I know that this is a volunteer organization, and I know that very well. It is where I came from and where my heart is. I hold the utmost respect for volunteers, but that doesn't give you a pass to break the rules. You may be a volunteer but you are a professional and I expect you to act like one. We are given the trust of the communities that we serve. They believe that when we show up at their homes or by their sides they will receive 100% of what we have to offer through our dedication, commitment and training. They expect to receive the same treatment that we would give our own family or that we would expect them to receive if they needed the help.

Honor, integrity, pride, dedication are just a few of the words that are used to define a firefighter. How you choose to define yourself soon becomes how the public will define us. People know who the firefighters are. Heck, we put your name in the newspaper every year and your picture is on the website. It doesn't matter where you are, people will know who you are. It doesn't matter what you do, people will sooner or later find out. I am not a big fan of having law enforcement show up and give everyone on scene a breathalyzer test, but it has been done.

I dislike rumors. I do not like to have to follow up when I hear that people are breaking the rules. I do not like green eggs and ham (just seeing if you're paying attention). But unfortunately that is my job. All I ask is that you use some of the common sense that everyone brags about us having so much of in Wyoming. How about a little integrity thrown in just to ensure that we maintain the trust that we have been given by everyone else.

So to those of you who are mad at me right now. Are you mad at me because you are being accused of something that you are not doing or are you mad because you got caught not doing the right thing? The choice is yours.

Once again because of the few I have to speak to the many. Most of you out there are the rule and not the exception. As I have told many of you in the past, 95% percent of my time is spent with 5% of the people. So to the 95%, Thank you for all that you do. And to the 5%, we will be talking.

Craig

District Trainer

Hey folks,

With spring right around the corner, I guess it is Wildland refresher season. Many of you have already planned, scheduled and even completed this training. For those of you who haven't let me know, my plan for this year is to complete the refresher using the S-133 Look up, Look down, Look around course. This will allow for those who are relatively new to wildland fire the opportunity to complete another of the continually growing courses needed to advance as well as provide a good refresher for those who already have it. Along the lines of wildland courses, I have scheduled the S130/S190 course for March 11-13 at the Wyoming Fire Academy. Letters were sent to all members who need this course. Please contact Headquarters and make sure you are signed up. If for some reason you are not able to attend this offering of 130/190, I need to know that as well.

As we head into wildland season, make sure that you go through all of your gear. If you are missing something let us know. It is amazing how things have a tendency to grow legs and walk away during the winter months. Craig and I both try and carry a little extra stuff with us like gloves, batteries and nomex hoods but even then we don't always carry enough.

Cody fire school is coming up at the end of April. I haven't received the official class offerings yet but I am sure they will be available soon. I will get the information to your chiefs and training officers as soon as I have them.

I would like to thank all of the battalions for your hard work and diligence in completing the required annual trainings. I know that it is not easy and very time consuming. I have been hearing a lot of battalions talking about extrication trainings and burn buildings. Please let me know what you need, when you need it and what I can do to help make it happen. Please try and give me 2 – 3 weeks lead time on any of your training needs. I do the best I can on short notice but my availability is not guaranteed and if I need to find another instructor chances are the training will have to be rescheduled.

By the way, anyone who has one of the districts weighted vests, would you please return it.

Keep up the good work,

Dan

Upcoming Trainings

March 11-13

S130/S190 Class

Contact Headquarters to sign up

April 29-30

Cody Fire School

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