

FREMONT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



The District

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District Chief

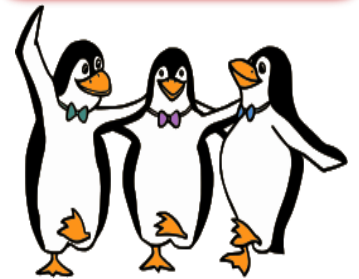
Once again I find myself at the end of the year wondering what words of inspiration that I can put to paper for you. This has been quite a year. A year of many firsts for me and some I hope never to have to repeat while others have brought great joy.

So while trying to emphasize the positive and the attitude that all things happen for a reason, we look for that proverbial silver lining. The one thing that will keep us going no matter what. And with this job I have found that silver lining, and it is YOU. The staff and volunteers of Fremont County Fire Protection District.

Now while some of you bring happiness in your coming and the optimism of better things, others bring that same joy in leaving. At first, you may think that I am joking, because I did. But maybe not so much. I mean let's face it, not everyone is cut out to do what we do. We all have seen the T-shirts and most of us have bought one or maybe posted something along the lines of "I fight what you fear", "We go where others are running from", "Put the wet stuff on red stuff", etc. on Facebook. We are a proud and somewhat twisted lot. We have to be to do this stuff. As Dan has said in the past, "**We are Family**, as dysfunctional as we may be sometimes, We are Family."

However, with this power that we suddenly seem to have thrust upon us when we take on the title of "Firefighter", also does come great responsibility (Thanks Spiderman). And that is where most of you shine. You take that power and responsibility and you own it, just as if you were born for it. There is no second guessing what you do to help others, no questioning why, you just DO. Now I'm not going to say that there aren't times that when the pager (or text message – should be both) goes off that we don't question our sanity, but we still respond. We take that responsibility to heart and accept the call to serve.

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**2016 Awards
Banquet
Will be
January 21, 2017
St. Margarets
Gym
Please RSVP
By
January 12, 2017**



Mid Winter Fire School (Photos by Darby Frank)

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But there are those out there who are not cut out for this job. But I will never discredit them for trying, I respect them for giving it a try and admitting when they cannot do it. Those who admit that they do not have the time or capability for doing what we do. That is what makes the world go around. It takes all of us doing different things to be successful. Let's face it, how many of you want me to be the airplane pilot on your next flight or the cop that pulls you over (man that would be fun with some of you).

But each of us has to take responsibility for what we do, and do it to the best of our ability. We must also respect the fact that we are all different and each of us have our own unique set of talents. Talents that we must utilize to their fullest extent. To each is given their own and they must decide what they are going to do with it.

I am so glad that those of you who are firefighters, and our probies that are working towards that goal, have magnified your talents and accepted the call to be a Firefighter. You provide an invaluable service to the people of your communities, Fremont County, and our visitors. But mostly to our family and friends.

I cannot count the number of times that I have found myself in the position to accept the gratitude of the people that you have provided service too. People who are so grateful and wish that they could thank each of you individually. So I try to pass that on to each of you when I see you, and if I haven't lately, let me tell you all **"Thanks for a job well done"**.

So take some time to spend with your families and loved ones and tell them how much you appreciate the time they allow you to spend with your "fire" family. Give them a hug so that they know you really mean it. Spend the time that you need with your Fire Family and let them know how much you appreciate them and the fact that they have your back. Careful with the hugging though, I don't need any phone calls. But know that you are appreciated, and although we probably don't tell you enough, **THANKS.**

I hope that you all had a Glorious Holiday Season and look forward to a New Year with great optimism.

Chief Haslam



District Trainer

Hey folks,

As we finish up 2016 and I review the years trainings and certifications I feel it is necessary to congratulate you all on a successful year.

The current reported training numbers that I have starting in January and running through November show that you, the members of this district have attended a total of 87 various trainings for a total of 4,464.5 total man hours. 18 individuals have obtained Firefighter 1 certification as well as 1 person who completed Firefighter 2.

Of the 147 members classified as a firefighter, 113 are certified at a minimum level of Firefighter 1 which is 87% of the district. Of the 34 who are not certified 16 are probationary members who are actively working toward completion and of the remaining 18, only 6 have less than 20 years of service. **Keep up the hard work, your commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated.**

Congratulations:

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| Nathan Ramsey – FF1 | Darby Frank – FF1 |
| Austin Drake – FF1 | Kira Gilman – FF1 |
| Kaleb Jones – FF2 | Andrew O'Neill – FF1 |
| Tom Sparks – FF1 | Casside VanVleet – FF1 |
| Kirk Weed – FF1 | Justin Helton – FF1 |
| Cole Horton – FF1 | Jess Moore – FF1 |
| Garrett Klein – FF1 | Steve Stajduhar – FF1 |
| Robert Friday – FF1 | Rollin Ware – FF1 |
| DJ Dimick – FF1 | Karen Jones – FF1 |
| Mike Streeter – FF1 | |

2017 is looking to be a good year as well. We currently have 35 individuals signed up for classes at Mid-Winter Fire School and a small handful of members who should obtain FF1 certification before the end of January.

Thank you all for a successful “16”, let’s make “17” even better.

Dan

Wildland Safety Officer

SA, all day everyday

Situational Awareness what is it?

The ability to **perceive** and **understand** what is happening around you, as time passes and be able to **predict** the future (in the context of time). (Dr Rich Gasaway CSP) Look him up S A Matters .com

Rocky



Announcements

Fire fighter of the Year nominations due NO LATER THAN January 6

Mid-Winter Fire School—January 6-8, 2017

Chief Haslam needs pictures for next years calendar. Please bring them in as soon as possible!

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