



## FREMONT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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# THE DISTRICT

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## Craig's Message

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### Summer Jobs District Volunteers Only!

The Fire District is again this year looking to hire two part-time seasonal fire-fighting positions. Minimum qualifications are:

One -NWCG Fire Fighter  
Type 2

One - NWCG Engine Boss

Apply at Fire District Headquarters. Applications being accepted through May 12th

Apply at HQ.

### Hey Folks

Not much to be said that hasn't already been said. Kind of like an Incident Action Plan – Our first and foremost objective is to provide for firefighter and public safety. We are all aware of the shrinking numbers of people volunteering to help us do what we do. We have seen firsthand how changes in building construction and the continual growth of the energy industry have effected changes in how we have to do business. And lest we forget the rules and regulations that govern the fire service and their ever increasing impact on not only our most valuable resource YOU, but the cost of the changes as well.

So what is the answer??? I wish there was a simple, point blank answer. But there isn't. That is where we all have to work together to get more folks from our communities involved and to find more efficient or effective ways to do what we do. Sometimes we have to look outside of the box and see what the rest of the world is doing. We aren't the only ones who are effected by the decline in members. Even the career departments are losing staff due to budget cuts and looking at changing the way they have to do things.

One of the things that we can do is to provide you with educational opportunities, realistic/real world trainings, and to stay up to date with changes in the fire service. This doesn't mean that every time someone comes up with a new gadget that we are going to run out and buy it, what it does mean is that when new ideas and technology come around we will look at them and we like to get those who show an interest involved as well. Training is the way that we can make safe and effective progress.

With that we will be providing a world renowned speaker at the WFA for you. Chief Eddie Buchanan will be presenting Structural Tactics with Limited Staffing in 2 – 4 hour classes (See Page 3). This will give you the opportunity to free up either your morning or afternoon to attend. It is the same class twice and will be an exceptional training opportunity for us. Hope to see you all there.

And Thanks for all that YOU do.

Craig

## Dan's Message

Hey folks,

It looks like spring may have finally arrived so make sure that your Wildland trucks and PPE are ready to go. The majority of you have already completed your safety refresher for the season and many of you have completed your pack tests. For those of you that still need the refresher give me a call so we can get one set up as soon as possible. If you need to do the pack test make sure you call Cindy and set up a time and date for using the pack vests. They are in high demand this time of year so you may need to schedule the pack test around their availability.

On May 31, the District will be hosting Chief Eddie Buchanan from Hanover Fire & EMS, which is in the Richmond Virginia area. Chief Buchanan is an amazing speaker and comes from a combination department so he is very in touch with the concerns and needs of the volunteer fire service. I am not sure if he will be presenting "Leading with Attitude" or "Doing it Different" either way it will be well worth your time. He will be doing the presentation twice, once in the morning and then again in the afternoon. Please make time in your busy schedule to attend one of the sessions. You will not be disappointed.

As most of you know, I attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis every year. This year I was able to take another member of the district with me, it was great to have the company and be able to share the experience. While we were there, we were able to candidly discuss the district and more specifically training within the district. Upon returning to the office, I sat down with Chief Haslam and we discussed the creation of an actual "Training Division" to supplement and support the training that is already taking place at the battalion and district level. I have sat down with a hand full of individuals who have quite a resume' in both training and operational firefighting and as a group, they feel that this will enhance the availability and level of training we already offer. This will also allow the district to offer more of the advanced courses that are difficult for the volunteers to attend. Currently this is in the concept/creation stage and will take time to get up and running. If you or your battalion have any ideas or suggestions regarding the types of training you want or need please let me know. I really want to make this work so that no matter when, where or what type of training you want (within reason) it is available.

Thanks for your time and dedication

Dan



### Trainings:

Remember get your pack test done soon. Get your training done before Fire Season starts.

Contact Dan or Cindy today.



# Structural Tactics with Limited Staffing



**TWO PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE  
May 31, 2014**

**Option #1: 08:00-12:00**

**Option #2: 13:00-17:00**

**Location:  
Wyoming Fire Academy,  
2500 Academy Ct.  
Riverton WY, 82501**

**FREE TRAINING!**

**To register contact Headquarters and let us know which session you will be attending. Lunch will be provided based on registration. It will be good to see you there.**

*Much is changing in the American fire service. New fire dynamic research is causing us to re-examine how we fight fires. Financial constraints and other factors make it difficult to staff the initial alarm with enough people to do the job safely. This program explores how to leverage the latest fire dynamic research to get the most out of the staffing available. The SLICERS tactical approach is offered as a sample method to operate safer and more efficiently. Additionally, leading change in the fire service is discussed and real-world experience shared on making the transition to a modern tactical model.*

**Program highlights:**

- Defining and understanding the current tactical mindset
- Definitions of "Limited Staffing"
- Survival skills necessary for operating in the limited staffing environment
- Adapting fire dynamics research to local fire department tactics
- SLICERS Initial Tactical Operations
- Managing and leading tactical change

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#### Mission Statement

The Fremont County Fire District is dedicated to providing the highest quality of fire, emergency and other community related services to the residents and visitors of the district.



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We're on the Web at

[FremontCountyFireDistrict.com](http://FremontCountyFireDistrict.com)

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## Do You Know Why We Yell "Geronimo!" Before We Jump?

Geronimo was a brave warrior with the Apache Tribe who played a major role fighting both the Mexicans and Americans trying to hold on to his tribe's native lands. The Mexicans apparently would yell out to patron Saint Jerome for protection as the Apaches charged toward them.

In 1939 after Geronimo had passed away, Hollywood started creating Western movies featuring the brave warrior Geronimo! As the story goes, a group of American paratroopers at Fort Benning, Georgia attended one such movie the night before they were to make their first parachute jump.

After the show, one of the troop members told his fellow paratroopers that he was going to yell "GERONIMO" as he made his first jump from the airplane the next morning. He did so and all of the other paratroopers followed suit. The rallying cry caught on throughout the Military and is still used today. Almost every youngster of every age knows to yell "GERONIMO" before taking a leap!

