



ARVADA FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Quick Facts About the AFD

Here are some fun facts that you may not have known about us!

- The Arvada Fire Protection District was founded in 1911.
- Our firefighters work 48 hours on, 96 hours off.
- We have three shifts: A shift, B shift, and C shift.
- When you see several of us at the grocery store, please know we go together so that if necessary we can respond to an emergency as quickly as possible. We remain together so that we can collectively be ready to roll out immediately. Also, since we are in the station for 48 hours we shop for groceries and cook our meals together.
- Firefighters pay for their own meals; tax dollars are not used to buy their food.
- We conduct many “special opera-

tions” outside of firefighting, including:

- Ice & Water Rescue
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Wildfire
- Technical Rescue
- We have five ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulances in service.
- Five of our fire apparatus provide ALS and three provide BLS (Basic Life Support).
- The AFD has a full-service maintenance and repair facility that maintains a fleet of 75 pieces of equipment and 15 buildings within the District.
- Our paramedics are also trained as firefighters. They will spend one month on an engine and then rotate one month on an ambulance to keep up with their skills in both areas.
- We have 148 line firefighters. ■



Chief Report

BY CHIEF JON GREER

Budget time is an exciting yet hectic time of the year for the Fire District. In addition to our normal duties, we must also prioritize needs, look at salary adjustments, and ensure that our ongoing responsibilities are met. Once these things are determined, we must then ensure that everything fits within a balanced budget.

The Fire District follows a budget calendar to ensure that we meet not only our own timelines, but the timelines that are outlined by Colorado State Statute. Our calendar is shown below:

When we look at adding items to the budget, like new personnel, we evaluate the long-term effects. A good example of a future expense is the new Station 9 in the Candelas area, and the 12 fire-fighters that will be needed to staff that Station. While building the Station is a one-time expense, the cost of maintaining it with proper staffing levels will be ongoing. We therefore need to look ahead and ensure we are adequately prepared—even though it may be several years in the future, we must plan our expenditures now to ensure that we have

Date	Action
First week of July	Budget Instructions to Division Heads
Third week of July	Preliminary Budget Submittals to Division Heads
First week of August	Review with Division Heads, Admin and Fire Chief
Fourth week of August	Final Budget Submittals Due
First week of October	Proposed Draft Budget to District Board of Directors
District Board Meeting in November	Public Hearing
Between December 10 and 15	Adoption of Budget by Board of Directors
By December 15	Certification of Mill Levy Filed

As you can see, we work on the budget for several months each year. For the most part the budget is defined by salaries, benefits, debt service, and ongoing expenses like legal and utilities. That leaves about 25% that we can allocate to different areas in the Department while also keeping future financial plans and goals in mind.

We know that our current expenditures can impact future budgets. We want to be sure that we are looking ahead to the next five to six years and what our needs will be at that time.

adequate funding to cover those personnel costs.

District management staff and specialty team leads work hard to come up with a comprehensive budget that guarantees the Department is financially secure now and well into the future. To review the current budget of the Arvada Fire Protection District, visit arvadafire.com and click on “important documents.” If you have questions, please call me at **303-424-3012**. As always thanks for letting us be your Fire Department. ■

Battle of the Badges

This summer the Arvada Police and Arvada Fire Departments participated in Bonfils’ first-ever Battle of the Badges competition.

Blood donations are needed year-round; however, in the summer months the need increases as donations tend to taper off. The Battle of the Badges helps alleviate the strain on depleting blood reserves. Fire and law enforcement agencies from around Colorado came together to hold blood drive donation events. Across the State, 13,895 people donated 13,339 units of blood. These donations will save or enhance the lives of 40,000 patients in need. During the event each donor had the option to vote for Team Fire or Team Law. Though Team Fire won the friendly competition for bragging rights, we know the true winners are the ones whose lives will be saved by the efforts of these campaigns.

Arvada Fire and Arvada Police hosted two separate blood drives in July. The Arvada Police event resulted in 41 pints of donated blood and Arvada Fire’s resulted in 37 pints of blood. Both events brought in first time donors. The Arvada Police Department had 16 walk-ins; 14 of them were first time donors! Together our departments collected a total of 78 pints of blood, totaling in 234 lives saved. Though this event was advertised as a “battle” it was really a great opportunity for Team Fire and Team Law to yet again collaborate on an effort that results in us being able to better serve our community. 

Smoke Alarm Campaign

This past summer, the AFPD held the “Six Days of Summer Smoke Alarm Safety Campaign.”

The Community Risk Reduction Division challenged the stations to a friendly competition: whomever could get the most smoke and CO alarms installed in homes in their service area would win the best prize we could think of... food of course!

The entire District did a phenomenal job from coordinating the distri-

bution of supplies to managing donations. The crews have stunned fire departments and non-profits from around the nation with the amount of alarms they were able to install in just six days. In total we were able to install 1,643 alarms, replace 100 batteries, and inspect 316 homes. In addition, we received over \$3,000 in donations that we can use to continue to support our smoke alarm program.

A huge thank you to Operation Save-a-Life for their large donation

of battery-powered smoke and CO alarms. Much gratitude is also owed to the Red Cross which supplied us with an additional 160 alarms for the campaign once we ran out of supplies. The Red Cross continually supports our smoke alarm program by donating battery powered alarms year round.

Thank you to all who invited us into your homes and for our community partners for making this event possible! ■

We Have a New Website!



Please take some time to check out our new and much improved website!

The website is loaded with information. Check out safety tips on topics such as home safety, safety within a business setting, motor vehicle safety, fall prevention, youth fire setting, and more. You can also learn more about the fire station that serves your neighborhood and the various divisions that we have throughout the Department.

Have questions about the permitting process or how to request a visit from us to your next event? Just visit our website. We have kept a record of the most frequently asked questions that we receive from the public and have made sure our answers are easier to access. 

Arvada Fire's 8th Annual FIREHOUSE CHILI COOK-OFF



A suggested Donation of \$5.00

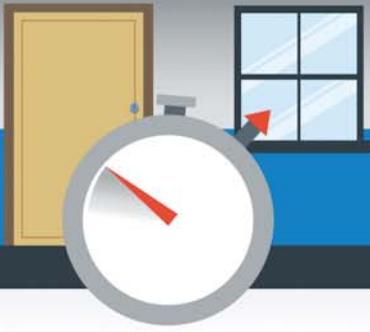
100% of the donations will benefit Arvada Fire's 9/11 Memorial Fund

December 5

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

@ Klines Beer Hall

During the Lagniappe Festival

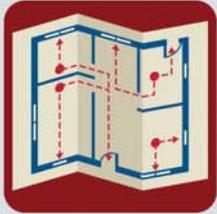
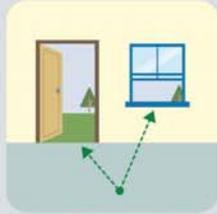


Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!™

Fire Prevention Week | Oct. 8-14, 2017

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

<p>1</p>  <p>Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Find two ways out of every room.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Practice your drill with everyone in the home.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Get outside to your meeting place.</p>	

For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.

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