



# Arvada Fire Protection District

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## Information on Injured Firefighters

ARVADA – During fire fighting operations at 6555 and 6565 Union Street on April 3, 2011, fire fighters Kevin Jacovetta and Chris Paine sustained burn injuries. Fire fighter Jacovetta has been with Arvada Fire for 23 years and fire fighter Paine has been with the department for 7 years. We have included department photos of both.

Both fire fighters were treated at University Hospital. Paine was released on Friday, April 8th and Jacovetta was released on Monday, April 11th. During their hospital stay, both fire fighters underwent surgeries where skin grafts were applied to the injured areas. Fire fighter Paine sustained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns over approximately 7% of his body including his back, ears, arms and hands. Fire fighter Jacovetta sustained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns over approximately 17% of his body including his back, ears, arms and hands.

Even though both fire fighters were released, they are both going back into the hospital for additional skin graft surgeries at the end of this week and the beginning of next week. Even this may not be the end of their long healing process.

Both fire fighters and their families are ready to talk to the media but would prefer to do this after their next procedures. We will set the details for this after both procedures are complete.

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