



# HOT TOPICS

## PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Join your friends and neighbors Saturday, May 7th

Save the date! The Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District is hosting a community-wide event on Saturday, May 7th at the Pinewood Springs Fire Station and Community Center.

Stop by between 9AM and 12 noon to learn what you can do to help protect yourself, your property and your community from wildfire. Then go out in the afternoon and join people across the nation in preparing your property to withstand wildfire.



We'll have representatives from the Colorado State Forest Service, Larimer County Emergency Services, LETA (Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority) as well as our own Firefighters on hand to provide information about fire mitigation, emergency preparedness and communications, evacuation procedures and a host of other topics.

This event is supporting Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, a national campaign that encourages people and organizations everywhere to come together on a single day to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks.

### Support Your Fire Department in the 2022 Estes Park Duck Race!

It's easy! [Follow this link to adopt a duck online](#) - every duck you adopt will benefit Pinewood Springs!

Last year our community raised over \$4,900 (that's a lot of ducks) to purchase much-needed equipment for the department.



### PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District (PSFPD) provides 24/7 service to the Pinewood Springs Community and US-36 corridor from mile marker 8.5 to mile marker 14.25, protecting lives and property.

#### Officers

- Ted Plank, Chief
- Andrew Lucas, Assistant Chief
- Jessica Bologna, Captain
- John Bykerk, Lieutenant
- Andrew Hart, Lieutenant
- Steve LeMaire, Lieutenant
- Brian Rappel, Lieutenant

#### Firefighters

- Trevor Byron
- Jon Coleman
- Charlie Gau
- Shannon Heintz
- Matt Khachaturian
- Paul Legan
- Morgan Morris
- Kevin Noble
- Kirk Ping
- Ross Swanson
- Tasha Wagner

#### Technicians

- Larry Davis
- Dick Wilcox

- Elizabeth Noble, Command Aid
- Geri Plank, Command Aid
- Gabi Benson, Comm Specialist



In January, Fire Chief Ted Plank conducted EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) training for 22 firefighters from five agencies including Lyons, Allenspark, Big Elk Meadows, Estes Park and Pinewood Springs.

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### SPRING RUN-OFF & WATER SAFETY

Your Pinewood Springs Fire Department reminds you Spring run-off will be impacting our community soon by bringing deeper, fast-moving waters to our river. Please use extra caution near the river, especially in the area of the Tubs. Water will be moving quickly, and some areas are deeper than they appear making climbing out difficult.

Red Rescue cabinets can be found on either side of the river near the Tubs, at Crescent Lake and at the Reservoir. These cabinets were installed to keep our community safe! Please keep an eye on these cabinets and ensure they are not being opened or used in non-emergency cases. These cabinets contain an air horn (to alert neighbors), a life vest, a throw rope and a life preserver - items that can be safely used in case of emergency. [CLICK HERE](#) for more Swift Water Safety Topics.

### COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING

In our rural mountain community it is important for us to be able to assist one another in times of need.

In February the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District kicked off community training with 3 Community CPR classes and 1 Basic Life Support (BLS) class.



Over 20 residents participated in courses that combined online learning and hands-on skills training led by Fire Chief Ted Plank. Interested in signing up for a future class? [CLICK HERE](#)

### COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

PSFPD is partnering with our community to update our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a strategic plan focused on identifying and addressing local hazards and risks from wildfire. This is an opportunity to inform our community on our local response to wildfire threats and effective actions that we all can take to reduce the wildfire risk and safely respond. Public review and input is part of this process - stay tuned!

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PSFPD Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer community members handling the administrative business of the fire district.

- Jon Andrews, Board President
- Michael Graham, Vice President
- Patty Peritz, Treasurer
- Ardean Johnson, Secretary
- Jennifer Rivas, At-Large



Howdy, I'm Jennifer Rivas, the new At-Large member of the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

I have been involved with the Board since early 2015 (shortly after moving to lovely Pinewood Springs from Denver). I have supported communication efforts, maintaining our website, producing the Hot Topics newsletters and facilitating Community CPR training.

I am so proud to serve my community and support our dedicated volunteer firefighters.

If you have any communication ideas (or see a great bird in the neighborhood!) drop me a line at [jen.rivas@pswfire.org](mailto:jen.rivas@pswfire.org)