



# HOT TOPICS

## PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### SUMMERTIME SAFETY AWARENESS

#### PINEWOOD SPRINGS OPEN FLAME POLICY

While the danger of wildfire can exist every season, Summer brings rising temperatures, low humidity and dry winds. Fire Restrictions are currently in effect for Larimer County, Boulder County and the National Forest surrounding Pinewood Springs. Please [click here](#) for more information.

- ALL TYPES OF FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED in the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District. Bonfires are also prohibited
- If you smoke, make sure you are indoors or on a non-combustible surface and do not discard cigarette butts outside. Please ensure that your visiting family & friends and contractors on your property are aware of these requirements
- For complete information, review the [PSFPD Open Flame Policy available online here](#), and posted at the mailbox and Fire Station bulletin boards.



#### TAKE YOUR TIME AND ARRIVE SAFELY

Each year our volunteer Firefighters respond to numerous motor vehicle crashes on US 36. Speed and reckless driving contribute to many potentially-avoidable accidents. Summer brings increased traffic, inexperienced mountain drivers and road construction projects, so here's a friendly reminder to take your time and arrive home safely.

#### STAY SAFE OUTDOORS

With the spring run-off slowing down, we continue to hope for afternoon thunderstorms and rain. Remember, thunder is nature's warning system - "when thunder roars, go indoors". Lightning strikes the ground in Colorado half a million times each year and Larimer County ranks in the top 3 of Colorado counties in terms of lightning-related injuries and fatalities. (source: NWS)



### 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
- Serena Jura
- 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



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### \* CELEBRATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS \*



Join your friends and neighbors on Monday, July 4th for the annual July 4th & Back Parade.

Unofficially the "world's shortest parade" will kick off at 11am near the intersection of Kiowa and Seneca. See you there!

### A DUCKY "THANK YOU"

The 2022 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race was a success for both Estes Park and Pinewood Springs! A big THANK YOU to our friends and neighbors for adopting little yellow duckies - helping us to raise over \$5,400. These funds will be used to purchase a trailer for the UTV, extending the department's ability to access wildland areas.

### COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING

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

Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District will be offering Community CPR classes in August and September. These classes combine online learning with hands-on skills training led by Fire Chief Ted Plank. Interested in signing up for a class?

[CLICK HERE](#)



**You may have noticed Pinewood Springs firefighters walking briskly back and forth along Kiowa Rd. carrying packs. In order to certify for wildland firefighting, firefighters must complete the Arduous Pack Test each year. This means they must carry a 45 lb. pack for 3 miles in 45 minutes or less. Thus far 10 of our firefighters have successfully completed the test and have earned their "red card" for the season.**

### 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



Thank you to our friends and neighbors for your participation in the PSFPD Wildfire Awareness & Preparedness Day event on May 7.

Community members were able to meet with representatives from the Colorado State Forest Service, Larimer County Emergency Services, LETA (Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority), and our own Firefighters to discuss fire mitigation, emergency preparedness, evacuation procedures, and information on how to sign up for [Defensible Space Surveys](#).