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Protecting Life and Property

Newsletters Merge into Single Format

Previously, South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) published a pair of newsletters. “Fire Line” was mailed to all residents quarterly while “Behind the Scene” was emailed to elected officials, current personnel and retirees bimonthly.

Starting this month, “Fire Line” is the single newsletter. It will be distributed via email and posted on SMFR’s social media platforms and website. ■

Strategic Objective #1

South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) has adopted strategic objectives to guide our efforts.

The focus of this newsletter is Strategic Objective #1: Foster and Maintain High-Value Community & Regional Partnerships.

SMFR is a competitive service provider successful at building strong relationships and strategic partnerships that benefit our communities and support our mission.

As the articles reveal, we rely on partners to reduce risk and answer calls for help. ■

Maxson Earns National Award

South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) Firefighter/Paramedic Glen Maxson recently received national recognition for his role in saving a law enforcement officer’s life.

On September 2, 2016, Detective Dan Brite was shot while trying to stop an active gunman in Parker. Maxson, who is trained as a SWAT Medic, entered the hot zone and rescued his colleague.

The Board of Directors for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) recognized Maxson as well as Detective Brite, Corporal Brian Rademacher and Detective Joseph Pollack (Douglas County Sheriff’s Office), Detective Mark Galvan (Castle Rock Police)



and Officer Ronnie Dorrell (Parker Police) as NLEOMF Officers of the Month for April 2017.

Maxson and the other officers will be honored at a special ceremony during the 2018 National Police Week in Washington, D.C. on May 13 and May 14, 2018. ■

Register Now for 2164 Foundation Golf, Gala

The 2164 Foundation, the non-profit arm of our Firefighters’ Chapter of the IAFF, has opened registration for its 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Gala.

The Gala includes dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

Both events raise money for times when a local responder

is killed or seriously injured on the job, has a medical emergency, or needs financial aid to assist with a family medical need.

Tickets for the Gala at the Inverness Hotel are \$75. Buy them or register for the golf tourney at 2164.dojiggy.com.

We’ll see you there. ■



FOUNDATION NEWS

Safety Training for Teens, Adults

Foundation Receives State Farm Grant

The South Metro Safety Foundation recently received a \$20,000 grant from the State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant Program. Those funds assist in providing driver safety programs for adult and teen drivers living in our community.

State Farm has supported the Foundation since 2005 with close to \$100,000 in support of teen driver safety education.

Youth Safety Skills: **NEW!**

A class on personal and home safety designed for teens aged 11 to 14 years old. Includes CPR/AED/First Aid certification. Cost: \$70

Class Dates: June 8, June 24, July 15, July 29

Teen Crash Avoidance Driving Skills

Teen drivers receive hands-on crash avoidance instruction in a controlled environment. Skills taught in this one-day class include skid control and recovery, emergency steering, crash avoidance techniques and threshold braking. Cost: \$175

Class Dates: June 17, June 24, July 8, July 22

Super Sitter Babysitting Class

A one-day class for teens aged 11 to 14 years old. Includes babysitting information and certification in pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid. Cost: \$70

Class Dates: June 17, June 23, July 2, July 8, July 25

CPR/AED and First Aid Certification

A one-day class perfect for coaches, parents and other concerned citizens. Meets most work requirements. Certification is valid for two years. Cost: \$70

Class Dates: June 3, June 17, July 8

Adult/Senior Driving Skills

A four-hour behind the wheel class designed to refresh and enhance driving skills for adults and seniors. Skills taught include skid control and



recovery, emergency steering, crash avoidance techniques and threshold braking. Cost: \$60

Class Date: July 1

Driver Awareness Program

An affordable, state-approved, one-day class for teens seeking their permit between 15 ½ -16 years of age. Parents are asked to attend for the first 90 minutes. Cost: \$70

Class Dates: May 21, June 4, June 25, July 9

Weekly Car Seat Inspections

Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 1 to 19. After you install a proper child passenger safety seat in your vehicle(s), you should have it checked by a Child Passenger Safety Technician. South Metro Fire Rescue and the South Metro Safety Foundation offer courtesy inspections of child safety seats to families that work and live in our fire district. Inspections are offered weekly.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays:

Fire Station #45 - 16801 Northgate Drive, Parker

2nd and 4th Wednesdays:

Fire Station #34 - 8871 Maximus Drive, Lone Tree

Registration

To register for these training opportunities or to make an appointment for a car seat inspection, visit www.SouthMetroFoundation.org or call 303-805-0228.



SMFR, Hospitals Partner for Fall Prevention Program ‘Stepping On’

Although falls are more common as we age, they don't have to occur. SMFR transports hundreds of residents to area hospitals annually because of injuries from falls.

One of the ways we're reducing this risk is a partnership with Parker Adventist and Sky Ridge Hospitals for their Stepping On programs. Sky Ridge's program occurs at Station 34 in Lone Tree, while our personnel teach a module in the Parker class.

Stepping On is an evidenced-based program that empowers older adults to develop healthy behaviors to reduce the risks of falls.

Participants meet weekly for seven weeks. In a small-group setting, older adults learn balance and strength exercises, and develop specific knowledge



Learning safer ways to ascend and descend stairs is only one lesson for Stepping On participants.

and skills to prevent falls. The course incorporates professional advice from a physical therapist, vision expert, pharmacist, and community safety specialist such as SMFR's risk reduction specialists. ■

Mrs. Colorado, Firefighters Bring Teddy Bears to Colorado's Kempe Center



Mrs. Colorado America Erica Shields and her entourage visited Station 34 in April to donate 900 teddy bears for children in crisis. Firefighters and Shields delivered them to the Kempe Center Children's Hospital Colorado.

SMFR Hosting Police & Fire Games

South Metro Fire Rescue is hosting the 2017 Police & Fire Games July 17-23.

The Colorado Police and Fire Athletic Association organizes the annual event to encourage physical fitness among police officers and firefighters. The friendly competition also creates a safe social environment for the responders.

This year's events will include Basketball, Bowling, Golf, CrossFit, Flag Football, Mountain Biking,



Poker, Horseshoes, a Homerun Derby, Long Range Rifle, Softball and Volleyball.

Events will occur at a pair of high schools, recreation centers, parks, the host hotel (Hilton Denver Inverness) and the Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Training Center.



Fire Academy, New Careers Begin for 20 Newest SMFR Recruits

Twenty men and women began their pursuit of a career at South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) in earnest last month when they embarked on their probationary fire academy.

They now spend their weekdays learning the science and art of firefighting from physical and mental fitness to CPR and roof ventilation. In the images below, they are learning how to control attack hose lines.

Upon finishing the 16-week academy, these probationary firefighters will graduate and start serving trimester rotations with engine-, truck- and medic-companies to hone their skills in the field.

When they finish the trio of rotations to the standards of SMFR, they will be promoted to the rank of firefighter. ■



Connect with SMFR on Social Media

South Metro Fire Rescue has a robust presence on social media. Please join us on any of the following free platforms:



www.facebook.com/SouthMetroFireRescue



When you register, sign up for alerts from South Metro Fire Rescue



[@southmetropio](https://twitter.com/southmetropio)



www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/23085



Sign up based on your neighborhood



www.flickr.com/photos/141371824@N02/albums

Congratulations

March

25 Years of Service

Engineer Mike Scarpella

Permit Coordinator Vikki Seela

20 Years of Service

Bureau Chief Jon Adams

Lieutenant John Jorgens

Engineer Brian Veatch

Firefighter/Medic Darrin Kadel

15 Years of Service

Captain Maury Segura

Engineer Jeff Pepper

Firefighter Greg Allen

10 Years of Service

Firefighter/Medic Thomas Rogers

HR Generalist Autumn Regan

Retirement

Fire Inspector Ron Gamet

April

15 Years of Service

MetCom Proj. Mgr. Cathy DaVisio

CFO Designation

Battalion Chief Scott Sarver

Retirements

Captain Bob Smith

Firefighter Dave Reid

Remembering George Burton





Citizens go Behind-the-Scenes at South Metro

Twenty-two citizens are learning about South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) from a unique behind-the-scenes perspective this spring. They are participating in the annual Citizens Academy.

Over the course of eight weeks, they experience many of the skills that firefighters use to serve our community such as searching burning buildings, CPR, vehicle extrication, rappelling and hose operations. They also learn about the different apparatus utilized at SMFR, community risk reduction, investigations and dispatching.

The next citizens academy is scheduled for Spring 2018. ■



Innovative ‘Ready, Set, Goat!’ Program Earns Award

The Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) recognized South Metro Fire Rescue as one of its 2017 Award for Excellence recipients. These awards recognize the exceptional efforts and achievements of RSG member organizations and individuals associated with implementing the fire-adapted concept and maintaining a successful RSG! Program in their communities.

SMFR was recognized at a recent conference in

Reno, Nevada, for its innovative program “Ready, Set, Goat!” in which goats are used to conduct mitigation around neighborhoods. The PineRidge neighborhood of Castle Pines started the program in 2015 and partnered with SMFR to brand it, expand the outreach opportunities and and increase its overall impact.

Risk Reduction Specialist



Einar Jensen and Fire Chief Bob Baker attended the ceremony and accepted the award on behalf of SMFR its the community partners. ■



Wildfires, Challenging Rescues Among Recent Incidents for SMFR

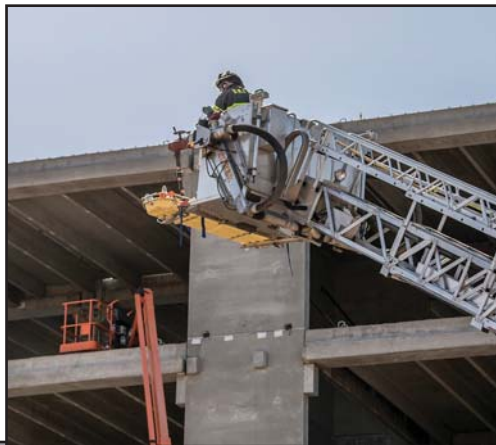
2017 Household Chemical Roundup May 20 in Parker



Above, firefighters in hazardous materials suits enter a mechanical room to investigate a possible ammonia leak on May 2. Below, agency representatives plan how to extinguish the Cherry Creek Trail fire safely.



Above, a firefighter douses a wildfire along the Cherry Creek Trail the evening of April 12.



Above, Tower 34 extended its ladder to rescue a worker who fell on the 4th floor of this building on April 12. The seriously injured worker was lowered in a Stokes Basket that was attached to the platform.



Above, on April 7 a truck rolled into Cherry Creek Reservoir. Our Dive Rescue Team attached a tow cable to the truck so it could be pulled out. At right, flames churn along the Cherry Creek Trail in Parker on April 13. The wildfire was the second in two days along the popular trail.



The first of three Douglas County Household Chemical Roundups is scheduled for May 20 at the Joint Service Facility at 17801 East Plaza Drive in Parker.

Last year, over 600 vehicles delivered roughly 40 tons of household chemicals to the event, which is sponsored by TriCounty Health and Clean Harbors and, for the Parker event, hosted by SMFR.

Participants are asked to donate \$25 per vehicle and bring proof of county residency. The list of acceptable chemicals is posted at www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste, but includes oil, batteries, tires and paint.

The other roundups are August 12 in Highlands Ranch and September 30 in Castle Rock. Each event lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ■



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