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President, Board of Directors, TRFPA
By Fred Arnold (Phone 719-371-1521)

Hello everyone,

March is here and the spring flowers are not far away. Spring is the time when we like to start our spring cleaning projects. Within the next month is a good time to clean your wood burning stove/fireplace and chimney. Anymore than ¼ inch buildup of creosote may result in a chimney fire. Spark arrestors should be attached to the top of your chimney. This helps to reduce the dangers of a roof fire and it keeps birds and bats from entering your chimney in the summer time. Check those garden hoses for leaks. The winter months can be very hard on these hoses especially if they have been left outside. Remember to keep garden hoses handy and ready to use in case of a fire. Be sure to clear all vegetation away from all propane tanks. Also, check the tanks and be familiar with the location and operation of the shutoff valves. Closing these valves is very important in case of a fire. Make sure that you know where your main electrical disconnect is located. Remove all stored items that may prevent you from quickly getting to this electrical disconnect in case of an emergency. There may be several switches/breakers to choose from. If you are in doubt as to which is the main breaker, turn off all of them. Many fires can be prevented and spring time is a good time to start your fire prevention measures.

Again, I am inviting everyone to attend our annual fire department lunch and meeting on April 19, 2008. It's a good time to enjoy great food, to enjoy good company, and to be a part of your fire department. Hope to see you there!

Fire tip of the month:

Check all of your appliance cords for worn or damaged parts. A vacuum cleaner cord is especially susceptible to damage, especially where it enters the appliance and at the plug end. Damaged cords could cause an electrical short triggering a fire. They could also cause someone to be electrocuted.

Until next time,

May God Bless

MAKE-UP PACK TEST

There will be a make-up Pack Test for those who could not attend the one on March 15. The date and time will be announced shortly. Please let Assistant Chief Gordon Roetker know if you need to attend the make-up Pack Test.

TRFPA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2008 Annual Meeting for TRFPA will be held on **Saturday, April 19, 2008**. The fun will start at noon with a BBQ lunch and continue with a business meeting afterwards. Volunteers always bring a vast array of desserts, so this is an event you do not want to miss! Donations to defray the cost of the meal are gratefully accepted and there are usually enough leftovers that you can take home a plate and get another meal or two out of it.

This year's meeting will be held at the Soaring Eagle Ranch located at 341 Sourwood Lane. To get there from Cañon City go west on US 50 to State Highway 9, go north 10.9 miles to Tallahassee Road (County Rd 2), go west about 5 miles to the intersection of CR 2 and CR 21, go straight ahead on CR 21 for 1/4 mile and turn right onto CR 26, go west about 1 mile, turn left on Sourwood Lane (it's the first road on your left), go all the way to the end of the road to Soaring Eagle Ranch.

The Logsdon's show barn is a sight to behold! This is the same location as last year and we thank Tim & Donna for hosting us again this year.

ON THE FIRELINE

I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the firefighters and the TRFPA board members for the vote to continue to be your Fire Chief for another term. This came to be at the last board meeting. I will continue with the open direction of our association, the safety of the public, and importantly our firefighters!

In the upcoming months, the fire season outlook seems to indicate a normal summer season. Meaning that we should see spring green up and continue into the summer months as usual. And as the warmer months arrive we will adjust accordingly. The winter has challenged some or all of our residents with snow. Now would be a good time to clean and maintain driveway culverts and access before spring runoff. That way in the event of a fire our larger vehicles can have access without delays. Also make sure your address is visible.

Fire fighters who wish to attend the Colorado Wildfire Academy in June, need to contact me so I can enroll you soon. Residents that need any onsite advice on fire mitigation, should also contact me or the Assistant Chief Gordon Roetker. We would be glad to do an onsite evaluation of any fire fuel treatments.

TRFPA MEETINGS

The next TRFPA meeting is a regular board meeting but anyone is welcome to attend. It will be held on **April 12, 2008**, at the Mountain View Trading Post, 45606 US Hwy 50, 719-275-0900, and will start at 6:00 pm. The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on April 19, 2008 — details are on page 2! There is also a combined board and member meeting on **May 10, 2008**. Come early and join your friends and neighbors for dinner!

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