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Emergency Fire Call # - 719-275-3058

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

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. We are looking forward to the new challenges that will come our way in 2010. We are in the process of applying for grant monies that will help us provide safer and better fire protection. Your donations are the bread and butter of our department. Thank you for all of your support. We understand that the economy is not very good and that it is difficult to donate. Hopefully, we will be able to receive grant monies that will supplement your donations and enable us to purchase much needed firefighting equipment.

We live in the greatest country in the world. We have so many freedoms that many people in other countries do not have. However, our freedoms have come at a very high price. Our men and women (veterans and those who are presently serving this great country) have volunteered to help keep our nation free. Thank you to all of our American heroes who have sacrificed so much. Let us not take our freedoms for granted. Let us stand united so that the freedoms that we have cherished for over 200 years will still be here for another 200 years.

Until next time,

May God Bless

TVFP MEETINGS

The next meeting is a combined board and member meeting, and everyone in our service area is invited to attend. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, **January 9, 2010** at the Party Shack at the Skyline Razor Ridge Park (at the entrance to Skyline Drive, two miles west of Cañon City on Highway 50).

The February meeting is a regular board meeting, but anyone in our service area is welcome to attend. It will be held on Saturday, **February 13, 2010**.

For a controlled burn or to report a fire, dial

719-275-3058.

For all other emergencies dial 911.

ON THE FIRE LINE

As many of you already know, our name is once again changing to be consistent with our IRS status. In the last several months, our board and I have begun to pursue the avenues for financing capital expenses, which includes items such as buildings and mobile equipment. With a grant writer in place, we can now begin that journey. I will be working with the grant writer to give us the best possible items for our firefighters and for the public.

With that in mind I would ask that each property owner look into what is actually covered in your insurance policies. I have been receiving several calls from insurance agents as to our coverage capabilities. As it stands now, we are in good shape for most insurance questions. If we are successful in attaining any grants, I will make sure that our equipment will better comply with the requirements of insurance carriers. As with any organization, it is the people that make it happen. So your continued support for firefighters and equipment will always be appreciated. If you have any questions in regards to your coverage, please contact me and I will gladly assist you.

Respectfully,
Erik Johnson, Fire Chief

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

- When purchasing a metallic or artificial tree, get one that is labeled "Fire Resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree, get one that has needles that are hard to pull from the branches, a butt that is sticky with resin, and does not lose many needles when tapped on the ground.
- Do not put a live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry.
- For a live tree, use a tree stand with a water reservoir and keep the reservoir filled.
- Place your tree away from heat sources.
- Decorate your Christmas tree only with flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations.
- Make sure your tree stand is wide-based and sturdy. This will reduce the chances of the tree toppling over.
- Never use candles on or near the tree.
- Never burn Christmas tree parts in a fireplace.

Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection, Inc.

Profit & Loss Statement November 2009

Income

Contributions Income		
Donations2010	165.00	
Total Contributions Income		165.00
Interest Income-Canon Natl.		68.00

Total Income **233.00**

Expense

Misc. Building Expenses		45.74
Office Supplies		
Computer Equipment	133.11	
Total Office Supplies		133.11
Printing and Reproduction		265.58
Reconciliation Discrepancies		-0.11
Rent		50.00
Telephone		
Answering Service	80.93	
Pager Expense	117.73	
Telephone - Other	28.20	
Total Telephone		226.86
Truck Maintenance		
Gasoline/Oil	74.17	
Total Truck Maintenance		74.17
Utilities		
Propane	496.58	
Tank Rental	202.12	
Total Utilities		698.70

Total Expense **1,783.31**

Net Income **-1,550.31**