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Emergency Fire Call # - 719-275-3058

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

Hello everyone,

Spring is almost here and I am looking forward to the warmer and longer days. As the snow melts and the ground thaws we begin to venture outside and begin our annual ritual of yard work. We clean out the old, dead vegetation making way for the new growth. What do we do with the old stuff? Compost piles are great, but it takes time to get one started. Bagging the material and taking it to a land fill can be time consuming and expensive. So most of us simply set it on fire and in a short time the old vegetation is burned up and we are ready for summer. Agricultural burning is permitted as long as it is done in a safe and responsible manner. Please follow the following list when you are planning to burn.

1. Check weather report the day before. **DO NOT BURN IF WINDS ARE IN THE FORECAST.**
2. Try to burn early in the morning; the temperature is lower and the humidity is higher which will reduce the spread of a fire.
3. Call our dispatch at 719-275-3058 and give them your name, address, subdivision name, and reason you are calling.
4. **ALWAYS HAVE A WATER SUPPLY AT THE FIRE SITE.** Conditions can change rapidly and the best way to control the fire is with an adequate source of water.
5. Stay with the fire until it is completely out. (NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.)
6. Do not be alarmed if a fire truck shows up. (We would rather make sure that everything is under control than to deal with a large wild land fire.)

Thank you for your cooperation and please be safe in your outdoor activities this season.

Until next time,

May God Bless

TVFP MEETINGS

The next meeting is a regular board meeting, but everyone in our service area is invited to attend. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, **April 10, 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 Annual Meeting will be held one week later, on April 17.

The May meeting is a combined board and member meeting. It will be held on Saturday, **May 8, 2010.**

ON THE FIRE LINE

This past winter and so far into spring, we have had some good moisture. As the warming of springtime comes upon us our fine fuels will be emerging. We didn't have an eventful fire season last year, and as the new growth cures and dries out, it can combine with fuels from last year and create a larger fuel load. This means that fires may have more fuels available which can result in a larger fire. This year, it is especially important that all open burning be done with care and with proper control measures.

Another items that I'd like to address is heat tape on pipes. For those of you that use this make sure to check it and de-energize it when warm temperatures arrive. This lessens the risk of an ignition source in a space that is frequently hidden.

Also inspect your fire extinguishers. Make sure the gauges read 'OK' and they are in a visible location. If in doubt, have them serviced and placed properly in you home.

As always we appreciate you support!

Respectfully,
Erik Johnson, Fire Chief

TVFP ANNUAL MEETING

It's almost here! TVFP's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010. The event will start at noon with a delicious catered BBQ lunch, followed by a short business meeting. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the meal, and attendees are encouraged to bring desserts.

This year's meeting will be held at the same place as last year's meeting — 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 Road 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 onto Sourwood Lane (it's the first road on your left), go all the way to the end of the road to Soaring Eagle Ranch.

If you have never been to one of TVFP's Annual Meetings, 2010 is the year to change that! Make plans now to join the fun.

Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection, Inc. Profit & Loss Statement February 2010

Income

Advertising Income		330.00
Contributions Income		
Donations 2010	340.00	
Total Contributions Income		340.00
Interest Income-Canon Natl.		58.08

Total Income 728.08

Expense

Equipment Rental		400.00
Insurance		
Liability Insurance	-188.00	
Worker's Compensation	1,584.00	
Insurance Total		1,396.00
Office Supplies		
Ink / Paper / Labels	30.96	
Office Supplies Total		30.96
Reconciliation Discrepancies		-1.52
Rent		50.00
Snow Removal		160.00
Telephone		
Answering Service	97.79	
Pager Expense	118.11	
Telephone - Other	29.12	
Total Telephone		245.02
Truck Maintenance		
Rat Poison	19.47	
Truck Maintenance—Other	197.12	
Total Truck Maintenance		216.59
Utilities		
Propane	2,551.95	
Total Utilities		2,551.95

Total Expense 5,049.00

Net Income **-4,320.92**

For address updates,

- * send an e-mail to mailinglist@tallahasseevfd.com,
- * call Robin Nelson at 719-269-8942, or
- * send a note to TVFP, Attn: Secretary, 662 Wapiti Trail, Cañon City, CO 81212.

For a controlled burn or to report a fire, dial 719-275-3058.

For all other emergencies dial 911.

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Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection (TVFP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving and protecting lives and property. All of the contributions go toward firefighting efforts. Your officers, board directors and firefighters work hard to help keep your property fire safe. Costs for fighting fires are constantly increasing. Fuel, maintenance, vehicle upgrades, training, and protective equipment are some of the costly items which are needed in order to protect your property.

Our fire department has 20 firefighters who are willing to leave their jobs and families to respond to an emergency within our very large area. Our area covers the Parkdale area; State Highway 9 from Highway 50 to the Park County Line; all of the Tallahassee area to the Stirrup Ranch; and all of the area off of Fremont County Road 11 to the Teller County Line. We have 5 fire stations located throughout our area as well as several privately owned stations that house fire apparatus.

The majority of our funding comes from our members. We are committed to providing you with the best possible fire protection. Since fire protection is everyone's responsibility, we are asking you for your support. Please contribute so we may continue to provide the best possible service for you and your families.

The following is our suggested yearly contribution:

<u>Level 1</u> (vacant land – no structures or improvements)	\$ 50.00
<u>Level 2</u> (land with any type of structure or other improvements)	\$100.00

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS (payable to TVFP) to:

**Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection, Inc.
662 Wapiti Trail
Canon City, CO 81212**

If you have already made a donation for 2010, please disregard this letter.

Thank You For Your Support!