



Fire Department Monthly Status Report

January 14, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2020 was a busy year for Elk Creek. From a new fire chief to the COVID-19 Pandemic to a record setting year in CO for wildland fire and staffing changes, the last 12 months have had the department hustling

We are finalizing call numbers for 2020 and it will be around 1350 for the year. For the first 3 months of the Pandemic, we were down 50% on calls. Once the stay-at-home orders eased, call volume picked up and has stayed steady.

Elk Creek members have started to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through Centura Health.

Elk Creek had two employees leave for another agency. We will be starting the hiring process next week and the goal is to have the two positions filled by May.

The consolidation discussions are moving forward and the chiefs are hoping to have a recommendation for the boards next meeting on a consultant to use. Inter Canyon and Elk Creek have started to operate together for most of the wildland operations and the joint training is starting in January. Things are going very well between the agencies and there will be more merged operations in 2021.

It is an exciting time at Elk Creek with all the future holds.

Jacob N. Ware
Fire Chief

OPERATIONS (December)

- Volunteer firefighters had 356 hours of staffing at Station 1.
- Elk Creek Averaged 3.7 members per call.
- 20% of the calls overlapped (23 Calls)
- Average Response Time 9:52

December - Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
1. Fire	0	1	1
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Rescue	58	60	77
3. Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	6	4
3. Service Call	10	5	6
4. Good Intent Call	24	18	17
5. False Alarm and False Call	6	10	10
6. Special Incident	0	0	0
Total	98	101	115

December - Additional Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
Automatic/Mutual Aid Emergency Responses provided to the Elk Creek by other Agencies	1	5	6

December Ambulance Transports	2018	2019	2020
	37	31	41

TRAINING

- Firefighters logged 234 hours of training for the month.
- This is the first full month of the new Training Chief and it is working very well. That is evident by the training hours from last month.
- The 2021 fire academy has been pushed back to March due to COVID. After evaluating the pros and cons, we felt there was no reason to expose people to the risk when we could reschedule.

PREVENTION

- Fire Marshal Parker completed 15 inspections for the month of December.
- There are several large projects in the district that are receiving a lot of attention from residents. The Full Send Bike Park is a lift served, downhill mountain bike park in the Shadow Mountain area and the other is The Conifer Commons/ Foothills Housing development behind Safeway is also continuing with the rezoning process.
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is moving forward with Captain Yellin as the lead on the project. It will incorporate Inter Canyon FPD. There will also be community members that will be helping as part of the project.

FLEET, EQUIPMENT, & FACILITIES

Fleet:

- There are continued problems with one of the ambulances (unit 3611). It will be the first to be sold when the new one arrives.
- We have a committee formed to start working on the design of the new type 6 engine. The goal is to have it in service by May.
- The new command truck has arrived and is being equipped. It should be in service by the end of the month

Station 1

- We have added air purifiers and humidifiers to the living quarters of station 1.
- We will be seeking bids for some exterior painting for Station 1.

Station 3

- For 2021 we are planning on updating the exterior lighting and painting the station.

Station 4

- There will be a new pump installed for the engine fill system at station 4.