

Rock Creek Volunteer Fire Department

SMOKE SIGNALS

Firefighters get Extrication Tools

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Thank You Vail Fire!

Vail Fire Department answered the call in a big way when helping out Rock Creek Fire. They found unused tools around the station and were able to donate them to our department. All are rescue tools for extricating patients in motor vehicles on accidents.

The tools included a hydraulic Amkus Tool "jaws of life", air chisels, a stokes basket and hand tools.



Captain Craig Davis is training Rock Creek on the use of the hydraulic tools. We truly thank Annie Ewing for the donation of (Nate Hewes) Old Chevy Love Pick-Up.

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CO Alarms in your Home

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a lethal poison that is produced when fuels such as gasoline are burned. It can rapidly

accumulate even in areas that might appear well ventilated. Because CO is colorless, tasteless, odorless and non-irritating, it can overcome an exposed person without warning.

It frequently produces weakness and confusion, depriving the person of the ability to seek safety.



CO Alarms Continued:

From where does carbon monoxide gases originate?

- Vehicles and any other combustion engines running in an attached garage – even when an outside door is open (Remember: Never leave a car running in the garage)
- Any fuel-burning appliance that is malfunctioning, such as furnaces, gas range/stove, gas clothes dryer and water heaters (Remember: Always properly install gas range)
- Fireplaces, charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves (Remember: Never grill indoors)
- Blocked chimney or flues (Remember: have them checked at least once a year)

Potential Problems:

- A furnace that runs constantly or is unable to heat the house
- Soot, especially on appliances
- Loose, damaged or discolored chimney
- Unfamiliar or burning odor
- Yellow or orange flame in a gas appliance. However, contrary to popular belief, Carbon Monoxide can, and often is, produced from a blue-burning flame.
- Loose or missing furnace panel and vent

SYMPTOMS & EFFECTS OF CO

Recognizing early warning signs of CO poisoning is sometimes difficult because early symptoms of CO exposure (headache, dizziness, nausea) are nonspecific and may be mistaken for symptoms of other illnesses such as colds, flu or food poisoning.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Carbon Monoxide poisoning causes severe and permanent health problems and death. It is preventable. Take action to reduce the needless cost, pain, suffering and death CO causes.

- Install a CO alarm that's UL (Underwriters Laboratories) listed and approved.

- Install appliances according to manufacturer's instructions and follow them for safe operation of all fuel-burning appliances.
- Purchase only appliances that have been approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Every year have your heating system, vents, chimney and flue inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician.
- Whenever possible, choose fuel-burning appliances that can be vented to the outdoors.
- Examine vents and chimneys for improper connections, visible rust or stains.

Pre-Plan your Residence

A pre-plan is a report about a building or structure that contains all the information that our firefighters need to know about your location.

- Building(s) and size
- Number of floors
- Materials used to construct
- Year of construction
- How many occupants

Also, the pre-plan includes a drawing of the boundaries of the property. To help us to locate:

- Water sources
- Livestock
- Pets
- Utilities
- Gas/propane tanks

Once completed, the volunteer firefighters will have the vital information needed to respond to your home emergency.

Please fill out the form included and return it to the fire department.

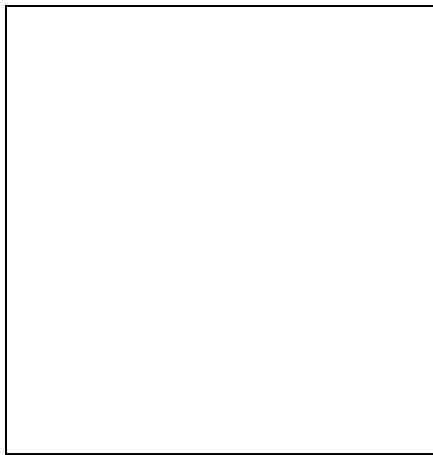
A residential pre-plan will help us protect you.

We can help you fill it out.

Smoke Alarms in your Home

SMOKE ALARMS SAVES LIVES

65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms at all or no smoke alarms that work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.



Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, either types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Donations to date!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Listed are all the departments, organizations and individuals that have contributed to the Fire Department:

ECAD (Eagle County Ambi District): Supplies, Radios, EMS Equipment, 2001 Expedition, and Training

WECAD (Western Eagle County Ambi District): Supplies, Training, First Responder bags

ECSO (Eagle County Sheriffs Office): Background Checks, Support

Vail Dispatch: Support, Radios

Vail Police Department: Radios

Eagle County Emergency Management: Radios

Eagle County GIS: Maps

Eagle County Community Development: Support

Greater Eagle Fire Protection District: Supplies, Mutual Aid and Training

Gypsum Fire Protection District: Supplies, bunker gear, radio support, training books and earplugs

Vail Fire: Training, Extrication Equipment Hydraulic, Air Chisel

Active Communications: Web Site

Colorado Fire Chiefs Association: Membership

Wilan Hopkins (Ernie & Myra Cock Family): 18 x 22 Building

Richard "Old Dog" Galloway: Meeting/Training space, supplies, truck parts

Bob Ford, John and Josh Ford: Lumber, labor, and equipment

Rick Karrow: Wood Sign

Sarah Glass: Future artwork for fire house sign

Sign Design: Truck signs

CDOT: New Vests, Tall Traffic Cones and Boxes of Flares

Carl Horn: Fuel pump and labor on Rescue 25

Union Pacific Railroad: 20X40 building

Centry Tel: Static IP address for reports

Steve Smyres: Web page domain name

Dugan Comer: Legal Services

Annie Ewing: Old Chevy Truck to take apart.

We have a budget of \$20,000 to operate this year. Please help us and contribute today!

Add your name to the list!

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