



PECOS CANYON FIRE AND RESCUE

JULY 2014

Extrication Training Put to Use

Members of PCFR had the opportunity to put their recent extrication training to use when called to assist with a motor vehicle accident on I-25 near Rowe. Specialized extrication equipment such as "Jaws of Life," was recently purchased through grant money. Training took place in connection with other local fire departments, which contributes to more efficient use of time and manpower, and more safety for potential victims where extrication procedures are necessary.

Wildland Pack Test Passed by 100% of 19 Participants

A requirement for a firefighter to participate in a wildland incident is that he or she pass a Pack Test. This is a physical challenge that requires members to walk three miles in 45 minutes or less carrying a 45 lb. pack.



PCFR firefighters were called to a rollover accident on I-25 in June. Laurie Vigil assists Cary Youts (Glorieta Pass Fire Department) in checking the vehicle for stability.



Training in extrication procedures was provided by Joel Domschot of the New Mexico Firefighters Academy



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Chris Long, Huie Ley, and Doug Gonzales learn about the operation and accessories of the new Brush 1 from the representative of the company that manufactured it.



New Brush Truck

Acquired by Pecos Canyon Fire and Rescue

The department's response to wildland and other emergencies could be much improved by the acquisition of our new 2014 F-550. The new vehicle can carry 315 gallons of water, pumps 169 gallons of water per minute and is foam capable. It has pump and roll capacity, can carry five firefighters, has an onboard air system and an electric winch. Operationally it is a state-of-the-art vehicle.

Public Lecture Series to Begin on July 27

A series of informational lectures open to the public will begin on July 27, 2014.

The first, "Trees Are Killing Our Forests", will be July 27, at 6PM at Glorieta Camps. George Duda will share a lifetime of his professional and local forest observations, to help us understand the nature of our forests.

The second will be on August 3, 6PM at Brush Ranch, Eric Roybal, Chief, Pecos Canyon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, will host a discussion on emergency planning, and review the existing Evacuation Plan developed and used during the Tres Laguna's fire. This presentation will include the International Association of Fire Chiefs "Ready, Set, Go!" program.

The third will be on August 14 at 7:00 PM at the Pecos Benedictine Monastery, Eytan Krasilovsky will lead a discussion of community planning to mitigate wildfire threats. This will include Firewise, Fire Adapted Communities and more.

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for future dates of this continuing series.



Junior Firefighters Billy Pedroni and Orlando Romero assist PCFR members Paul Gonzales and Eric Roybal in providing fire safety to the public at Cowles Ponds as part of a children's fishing tournament.



PCFR Honored at Holy Ghost Flag Day Ceremony

Summer residents of Holy Ghost Canyon honored the department at their Flag Day Ceremony in June. The ceremony was held at the Noels' cabin in place of their annual Independence Day ceremony, as the canyon was to be closed prior to July 4 due to fire and flood danger. Residents thanked the department for its part in keeping their homes safe during the Tres Lagunas Fire.



Chief Roybal spoke to the residents about how a long history and culture of volunteer fire fighting reflects the qualities of patriotism in honoring our flag.

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