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From the Desk of Chief Craig Haslam

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When I was a young child I used to enjoy taking things apart to see what made them tick; a hobby that was the demise of many items, but none the less allowed me to explore the inner workings of many animate and inanimate things. Of course in the beginning there were many things that ended up in the garbage can from my inability to reassemble them properly, and the chewing out that I received for destroying yet another item.

As I grew older the thrill of taking things apart to see what made them work never went away. I would take a stab at repairing items around the house that quit working, although sometimes it was out of necessity--the joy of being a young married couple with little money. Since my humble beginnings of taking apart alarm clocks and radios, progressing to more difficult things, to my study of how things work today, I still enjoy the opportunity to take something apart, see what is going on inside, sometimes get a little advice or direction, and put it back together in hopes of it working better than when I started.

As Fire Chief I have the opportunity to see many volunteers and I get to see what makes them tick. For the most part there is really no, one single underlying factor that makes up volunteers. There is one single factor that drives most of us, the desire to help our fellow man, although at times that desire is lost and we lose focus on why we do what we do. I get the opportunity to work with each of the volunteers from time to time, some for good and some for not so good things. As I look at the list of firefighters I see four basic categories to place them in. They are: those who are self serving about 5%, those who are serving selflessly 6%, those who are doing it for the love of their fellow man (lots of different reasoning but it boils down to a Love for their fellow man, a topic for another day) 87%, and those who constantly do things such that I just can't quite figure them out 2%.

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Important

Reminders:

- Remember to get your flu shot!
- Don't forget to vote for Fremont County Commissioners Tuesday January 18, 2011



Notes form District Trainer Oakley

Hey folks,

Welcome to 2011! I would like to take a moment and thank all of the Battalion Officers and Firefighters for a job well done and commend you for your commitment to making Fremont County Fire the best of the best.

In 2010 we had 29 certifications awarded within the district. 13 Firefighter I, 13 Firefighter II, 2 Fire Instructor I and 1 Fire Officer I. Currently, there are 14 other individuals who have passed the written test for their respective certification and are working on completing their task books. These are numbers that would not be obtainable without the commitment and dedication that you all have shown. THANK YOU.

Back to 2011, and as always training starts off with a bang, Mid Winter kicks off the year and we have a large number of folks signed up and ready to go. The Wyoming Fire Academy and State Forestry division are also listing classes and accepting students for courses starting in January and going into June. In April there is the Wildland Fire School in

Buffalo, in May there is the Cody Fire School and WYO-FIRE in Camp Guernsey. The District will be offering and hosting courses and your individual battalions will also be doing monthly trainings. Training opportunities abound, if you cannot find what you want ask your Battalion Training Officer or give me a call. If you find a course that is offered by an outside agency that you would like to attend, please contact headquarters to get signed up.

Quick reminder, we are offering the S-130/S-190 course in February. This course will start at 6pm on Friday, February 25th and end on Sunday the 27th. This is the last time that this class will be offered by the District before the March 31, 2011 deadline, set forth by Policy 09-01 requiring this training for all District Firefighters. If you have any questions please give me a call, I will be happy to assist you anyway that I can.

BE SAFE,
Dan

Upcoming Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · January 2011 – Mid-Winter Fire School Jan 7,8 & 9 – (for those who have already signed up.) · February 25-27 – S130/190 Red Card Class – WFA Contact HQ and sign-up today.

Fire Trivia
<p>The “Great Chicago Fire” burned from 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, 1871 until early Tuesday morning October 10th. The fire claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed four square miles of the city.</p> <p>The origin of the fire was never Mrs. O’Leary’s cow kicking over a lantern. A Chicago news reporter admitted in 1893 that he made up the cow story to dress up the report.</p>



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Now granted this is not a scientific study and is based purely on my own opinion, I feel it is pretty accurate. Dang sure isn't a representation of our nation in its current state of affairs. But 87% of the volunteers out there are doing it merely out of a love and desire to help their fellow man and provide a service that is invaluable. But the amazing thing to me is that there are 6% of you who are doing it selflessly, you serve your fellow man at a level that is very seldom seen in today's world. Selfless is described as: having or showing great concern for other people and little or no concern for one's self. We all want to help our friends and neighbors, but few of us do so without concern for ourselves, nor should we.

Safety for ourselves and others is vitally important for us to continue to provide the services that we do for our families, friends, neighbors, and communities. We must continue to work in a culture of

safety, a culture that allows us to provide the services that we do without compounding or inhibiting ourselves or others to do them by our own actions. Operating safely is a must for us. In an Incident Action Plan the cookie cutter objective in all plans is **"Provide for public and firefighter safety."** Safety is the one thing that we are all charged with, not only our own but our fellow firefighters and those whom we serve.

So take safety apart and see what makes it tick and you will find many different facets. But the one thing that is common is the desire to survive and for "Everyone to Go Home".

Well I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a great Holiday Season. Remember that we all have many different reasons for doing what we do, but we must remember at all times to be safe, keep those around us safe, and our communities' safe.

Take a minute to stop and contemplate all that we have. Remember those who are no longer with us, and those who are in need of our help and best wishes.

Thanks to each and every one of you for what you do, and thanks to those who support you, so that you may continue to provide this service to our fellow man. Don't forget to tell your loved ones "Thank You" for all that they do for you and the District.



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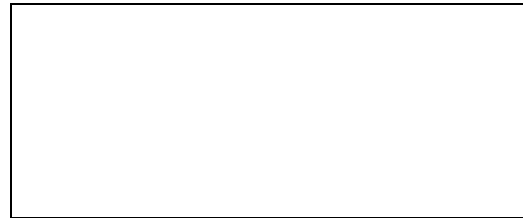
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Mission Statement

The Fremont County Fire District is dedicated to providing the highest quality of fire, emergency and other community related services to the residents and visitors of the district.

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Dalmatians were first used as Coach Dogs. They are a very muscular breed and could run alongside of a coach for 20 or 30 miles a day. As stable dogs the Dalmatians had a calming effect on the horses. The dogs were also effective in serving as guard dogs when the carriage had to be left unattended for awhile.

How the Dalmatian Became “The Firehouse Dog”

Dalmatian dogs were first used in Fire Service back in the days of horse drawn Fire Wagons and Steam Engines. Again, the dogs had a calming effect on the horses at the fire scene, they were able to clear a path and keep other dogs away from the Fire Wagon on its way to the Fire. At the fire scene and back at the station, the dogs were effective at watching over the animals and the

equipment that was stored on the Fire Wagon.

The Dalmatian is still thought of today as the “Fire Service” breed of dog. Many Fire Companies around the country have a Dalmatian dog at their Fire Hall today. These beloved animals serve as a companion to the Firefighters and as a watchdog over the equipment.