



# FREMONT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## The District

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### From the Desk of Chief Craig Haslam

#### Lessons learned?!?!?!?!?

Well the great flood of 2010 is over, and there are probably a lot of people out there that are saying “What Flood.... ??????” Here are just a few things that I learned and not necessarily because of or due to the flood.

#1 – Be ready for anything.

#2— Never, and I mean never, say never.

#3—Until put through the test you never know how someone will act under pressure or when given authority.

#4—Pray for the best, but always prepare for the worst. Don’t worry about the silly looks they give you while you are preparing. Can you imagine what Noah went through while building the Ark???

And probably the most important –

While you are out and about this summer enjoying the freedoms that have been given to us, remember why we have them, those who gave them to us, and those who sacrificed so we can enjoy them. Thanks to those who have served, are serving, and will serve for our freedoms and help to keep us free and safe. Thanks to all those men and women who are serving in the military.

And last but not least, and I know there are a lot of things I am skipping – another day – remember where you came from, the path you took, the paths you crossed and who helped you along the way!!!

Well there are a couple of points to ponder while setting around enjoying the good weather, sunshine, and whatever else you might be doing this Fourth of July weekend.

Thanks for all that you do and have a wonderful summer!

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#### Important Reminder:

- Hepatitis B shots are available to all District volunteers and personnel. If you have never had a Hepatitis B shot please contact Headquarters. We will make arrangements for you to get one at no cost to you!

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## Notes form District Trainer Oakley

Hey folks,

First of all I want to thank each and every one of you who assisted with the flood of 2010. The dedication and devotion that you show to the citizens of this county is immeasurable.

A good portion of my job is, to the best of my ability, make sure that you as firefighters are prepared to handle any emergency situation that may arise. Now, training firefighters to fight fire is one thing. It's not an easy task, but it is what we have done for years. However, training firefighters to fight a flood, that is a completely different ballgame. Now, I know that we can stop fire with water, dry chemicals, foams or a host of other fire suppression agents. But how do you stop a flood? One suggestion was "just turn the river off!" Well, contrary to popular belief (mostly

by Chief Officers) the white helmet doesn't give us godly powers.

So, what do you do? Well, you manage a flood the same way you would manage a large wildland fire. You bring in an Incident Management Team (NFA - Command and Control of Incident Operations). You operate under a unified command (NIMS 100,200 and 700). You create an incident action plan (NFA - Leadership I and III). You develop strategies and tactics (NFA - PICO and STICO). You place qualified people in positions of leadership and allow them do to their jobs.

Wyoming firefighters have a CAN – DO attitude and this recent flood is just further proof of that. Yes, we had local, state and federal assistance, but the leadership for this incident was Wyoming firefighters doing what had to be done. I have no doubt that when another large incident occurs in our

### Upcoming

### Training

- ◆ July 9-10 Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO) – WFA – 6:00 PM beginning on the 9<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ July 24 Fire Fighter Academy/ Extrication Class – WFA ??:00 AM
- ◆ August 7 Fire Officer Academy/Line of Duty Death – WFA 8:00 AM
- ◆ August 21 District Picnic – Time and place to be announced

great state, we, the fire service, will once again step up to the challenge.

So, how do you stop a flood? The answer is simple, you call a firefighter.

Be Safe,

Dan



## Fremont County Flood – 2010



Sand bag operations took place June 5 through about June 16.



An estimated 500,000 sand bags were used throughout the county



National Guard members handled much of the sand bag operations.



The Little Wind River Bridge



McManus Park



Hesco Baskets were used to build a wall in Lander.



Daily Briefings



Governor Freudenthal talks with Fremont County Commissioners



Senator Barrasso visits with Lanny Applegate.



Cynthia Lummis visits with Volunteers.



Now that is a lot of Water!



All of Fremont County says Thank you!

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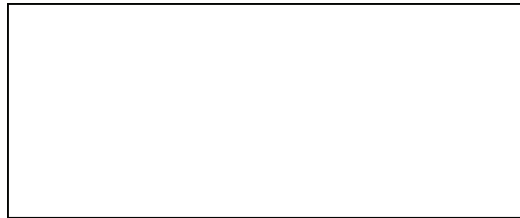
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Mission Statement

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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We're on the Web at

[FremontCountyFireDistrict.com](http://FremontCountyFireDistrict.com)

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## Wyoming Life Flight Membership



Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an enrollment form for the Wyoming Medical Center "Life Flight Members Club". The Fremont County Fire Protection District is a group with the program, so you may enroll yourself and your family in the program for one set price. You have the choice of a one year, two year or five year plan. The group rate for yourself and your family is \$50

for one year, \$105 for two years or \$240 for five years.

The information provided to the District said "In 2009, Wyoming Life Flight provided over 700 flights to critically ill or injured patients in and around Wyoming." Currently the program has over 8000 Wyoming residents enrolled.

Considering the cost of Life Flights, this is

excellent insurance so that your family will have access to this service should it be necessary. If you participate in the plan, Life Flight bills your insurance company and accepts any funds they pay as payment in full for the service. You do not have to pay any portion of the difference.