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Craig's message

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Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and are now enjoying the beautiful fall weather and preparing for winter. I know that my wife has a rather long list of things for me to do in order to be ready for the cold weather that is coming. (Unless you are a proponent of global warming.) Are we/you ready for the hard water season, as my kids always tell me "Just Asking?"

The District just made a rather sizable donation to the International Fire Relief Mission that will go to helping the fire service in countries around the world that are struggling to provide any type of equipment for their firefighters. Take a look at their web site at www.IFRM2007.com. This was a great opportunity to give our outdated gear and equipment that we can no longer use due to regulations in the U.S. and send this still usable gear to places that literally have nothing.

I was struggling with sending some of the older, less appealing items so I asked Ron Gruening what kind of items they would or would not want. His statement to me was "What would you want if you had nothing?" Kind of opens the doors to about anything. So if there is some old equipment or gear hanging out at your fire hall; bring it in and we will start another donation. I know it will be greatly appreciated.

Bringing these two points together leads me to another discussion. While on the road trip to deliver this equipment to the IFRM folks, I was driving down a road that they were resurfacing. As I drove onto the new asphalt the semi decided that it no longer wanted to go straight and the rear of the tractor began to catch up with the front, fortunately I was able to decelerate get realigned with the road, pull to the side of the road and collect my thoughts (or something like that).

That experience made me think of all of the construction that we have going on in the county and the opportunity that we will have to drive on freshly paved surfaces. The new roads are very nice and a much needed improvement for all of us, but it also lends itself for all of us to be a little more cautious on these new surfaces. They tend to be a little slicker when they get a little water on them as some of the new oil works its way to the surface. And the new pavement on 789 is not getting the typical chip seal to help alleviate this concern. With the winter weather coming it is just time to think a little bit more about the weather and road conditions as we are responding to incidents.

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Quick Reminders

- **November 6th Fall Back. Remember to change clocks back one hour to Mountain Standard Time Also remember those smoke alarm batteries!**
- **Friday November 11th is Veteran's Day.**
- **Have a wonderful Holiday Season this year.**



Notes form District Trainer Dan Oakley

Hey folks,

Well there just isn't a lot to report. Things have been slow and really don't look like they are going to get any busier, at least not in the fire world. As firefighters and emergency response personnel have you ever noticed that when we are not running calls on a regular basis, we have a tendency to start nit picking every little thing and experience more interdepartmental strife? Have you ever wondered why?

Here is your answer: Boredom breeds bad behavior.

Now I do not mean "Bad" as in illegal. I refer to "bad" as mischievous or misguided. As emergency responders we do not do well sitting on our thumbs, we need to be busy, we need excitement. If we do not have excitement we create it in the form of confrontation. (Nothing like a good argument to get your blood pressure up)

With business as slow as it has been there are only a couple of things we can do. We can do nothing, letting boredom tear us apart and destroy the relation-

ships that we have built. Or, we can recommit ourselves to our Battalion, our District and the Citizens that we serve.

Time is a very precious commodity and time wasted is gone forever. Training, no matter how redundant is never time wasted. When we train, we not only build relationships, we fortify our ability to provide the best possible service to our customers as well as the trust among our peers that we can and will do the job proficiently and professionally.

Within the next month I will be providing a template training schedule to the Battalion Chiefs and training officers of each battalion to use, adjust, tweak or throw away; if so desired. I will also be providing those trainings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting in January.

If you have any training that you would like to see or need help setting up and providing, please give me a call.

In closing I would like to say "Good Job" to the Fort Washakie Firefighters for their quick knock down on the fully involved structure in Ethete.

Upcoming Training

- ◆ Remember Mid Winter Fire School is coming up. January 6, 7, & 8, 2012 Contact Fire District Headquarters to sign up.
- ◆ Contact Deputy Chief Oakley with any special training requests you have.

Remember, you are our greatest asset and your safety is our #1 priority!

Be Safe
Dan



The District Declares Surplus Property

With the recent purchase of new equipment and completion of new units being fabricated the District has undergone a significant amount of equipment placement changes. These changes have freed up several pieces of old equipment that the Fire District will no longer be using. At the Fremont County Fire District Board of Commissioner’s meeting on October 11, 2011 several pieces of old equipment were declared surplus property.

The Commissioners directed that these surplus items be offered for sale to members of the District for thirty days; November 1 through 30th. This will be an open bidding process. You may submit your bid verbally or in writing to Headquarters Office. Then you may check back any time throughout the month and increase your bid if you choose. Bidding will end at 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2011, and equipment will be sold to the person who has submitted the highest bid.

Pieces of equipment that are not bid on will be disposed of in another manner.

Following is a list of the pieces of equipment available for bid:

	1994 Ford Bronco	
	1984 GMC Blazer	Old Unit #106
	1989 E-350 Ford Van	Old Unit #109
	1978 Chevy K 2500	Old Unit # 742
	1974 Chevy Wrecker	
	1978 GMC E-One 4X4	Old Unit # 921
	1975 Howe/Ford C7	Old Unit #821
(will be coming out of service)	1985 GMC 7000	Old Unit #462
	1970 Howe Defender	Old Unit # 1121

If you would like to see any of these pieces of equipment or if you wish to place a bid, please contact Cindy or Mary at Headquarters’ Office.

Thank-you !

Thank-you to all of the Battalions who participated in Fire Prevention activities at our schools. It seems like such a small thing when you show up at the Schools with a packet of information and other trinkets for the children; but you really do have an impact on these young minds, and it is no small thing to them.

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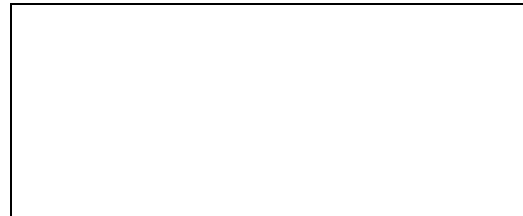
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Mission Statement

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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FremontCountyFireDistrict.com

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Thanks to all of you who helped out with Fire Prevention Week this year and all of the effort that you put into it. I know the kids that you visit are appreciative of it. If not for the message you deliver then for the goodies that you give them. No matter which reason it makes a positive impact on them and they remember the things that you teach them.

Along those lines we still have free smoke detectors for those who need them. Spread the word that for those who need them in their homes, we won't install them but we can give advice and free smoke detectors and batteries to those in need. As we all know they do save lives.

Well I am going to keep it short this month; I am doing this right before my vacation (hunting) and I want to get out there. If I haven't told you "Thanks" personally lately then let me Thank all of you now for all that you do, I appreciate it.

Thank-you!

Craig