

We appreciate you viewing the Casper Fire-EMS web site. We hope it provides you a thorough view of your fire department. We also hope you recognize our efforts to provide cost and operationally effective community risk reduction and emergency response to the incidents threatening our community.

The Fire Department originated in 1918. To appropriate funds to purchase apparatus, dances were held during the year. One hose cart with 150 feet of hose and a nozzle and trumpet for the Chief was the company's total equipment. What was done with the hose is a mystery, since there were no water works in Casper and all fires were fought by "bucket brigade".

Today we operate five fire stations that serve 58,000 people living in 28 square miles. From those fire stations, the Fire Department provides full service, municipal and wildland fire protection, pre-hospital emergency medical response by paramedics and EMT's, technical rescue services and response to hazardous materials discharges. About 70% of the incidents we respond to each day are medical emergencies and about 8% are fires. Casper Fire-EMS responded to 6600 incidents last year. The Fire Department maintains a highly-trained hazardous materials response. Responding to all counties in central Wyoming for hazardous materials discharge including explosives, poisons, environmentally destructive elements, and weapons of destruction emergencies.

Firefighters face serious hazards, often risking their lives. Whether human-initiated or as the result of some negligent or accidental activity; firefighters seldom know what they will face arriving at an emergency.

Firefighters must provide leadership at every incident; must be highly competent to manage diverse emergencies during the worst of compressed time frames; must be honest and never breach their oath of integrity; must be safe and make it home to their families; and must Be Nice, which is the simplest definition of Customer Service. If any of our fire companies serve you either on an emergent or routine basis, I expect they will treat you well and earn your trust and respect. Trust, us to be there. Pride, for serving the public. Effective, toward reducing loss.

During these perplexing economic times the Fire Department faces many challenges. Revenues are just closely matching needed expenditures, while the call for service keeps increasing. Public expectations rightfully remain high for prompt and effective response to emergencies. Our elected and appointed officials support maintaining high levels of public safety response capability. We are committed to keeping fire stations open and retaining our fire company staffing levels to best serve the public.

Please visit your neighborhood fire station. Get to know your firefighters and realize their commitment to protect you and your property. Every day our firefighters amaze me with their operational competence and commitment to customer service.

Again, thank you for viewing our web site.

Be Safe,

Kenneth King
Fire Chief