

NWFPD

2008 Year In Review

2008 continued a trend of success and growth for North-West Fire. The following is a review of the year's events.

- We ran 467 Calls in 2008; this is up from 440 in 2007. We faced 7 significant structure fires and 6 wildfires within or district and assisted with over 200 EMS calls.
- Our average response time for Engine 42 (1st response) was 7.27minutes.
- We received \$159,721 in grants – this was used for haz-mat equipment, apparatus, radios, wildfire equipment, and PPE.
- We put a new 4WD structure engine and a 6WD tactical tender in service. We also reconfigured a rescue into a new brush unit and put a ladder truck into operation.
- Continued the Risk Watch education program in the elementary school, teaching over 15 hours of public safety to the kids.
- Ran another successful 4th of July fireworks celebration.
- Provided 6-8 free public CPR classes.
- All ladders were tested per NFPA standards.
- All hose was tested per NFPA standards.
- All apparatus was inspected and pumps tested per NFPA standards.
- Another hugely successful Fire Prevention Week and Open House.
- And another very successful Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- A total of 535.5 training hours were made available to all district firefighters.
- Over \$18,000 in training was spent to provide the most up to date and safest training standards available.
- Volunteers provided 5,397 hours of shift coverage in addition to the responses to calls during their off duty hours.
- Saved 4% off our workers comp insurance by participating in the cost containment program through Colorado Div. of Labor.
- Implemented many other cost saving initiatives through internal practices.

As we move into 2009 and beyond we look forward to providing even better services to our community.

- Expansion of our public CPR program.
- Remodel of Station 1 in Alma to provide a workout area and dayroom.
- ISO evaluation in an effort to reduce homeowner's insurance rates.
- A Hazardous Materials Team to be equipped and available for regional response.
- Provide a wildland engine for national emergency response.
- Continue to upgrade equipment as technology demands and needs evolve.
- Career development for staff and volunteers through expanded training program.
- Annual commercial building fire inspection program to be implemented.
- Development and implementation of a physical fitness program to include annual physicals as well as fitness and nutrition education
- Expansion of our wildfire mitigation program to include more education, including hazards mapping and a NWFPD Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- A Carbon Monoxide education program to coincide with the Smoke Detector program already in place.
- Further saving on our workers comp insurance through the CESA program.
- Hiring of 3 part time firefighters to drastically reduce overtime expenses.