



North-West FPD 2009 year in review & a look ahead

2009 was another busy, exciting, and most importantly safe year for North-West Fire. The following is a review of the year:

- We ran 401 calls in 2009, slightly down from 2008. We had 5 significant structure fires, 6 wildfires, & 2 vehicle fires within or district. We also ran 96 Hazardous Materials/Other Hazards and 27 Fire Alarm calls as well as assisted with over 175 EMS calls. We provided 8 mutual aid responses to neighboring districts.
- The busiest time of day for emergency calls was between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and the busiest days were Saturdays and Mondays.
- Our average response time was under 8 minutes. This is for a 278 square mile response area.
- We received grant money to obtain wildfire equipment, hazardous material response equipment, new radios, and wildfire education and mapping software.
- We taught nearly 30 hours of the Risk Watch education program in the elementary school, teaching a variety of topics on public safety.
- Provided another safe & successful 4th of July fireworks show.
- Offered several free public CPR/1st Aid/CERT classes.
- All equipment and apparatus were tested per NFPA standards.
- Over 100 people participated in our Fire Prevention Week open house.
- A successful Pancake Breakfast fundraiser raising over \$600 for the volunteer fund.
- A total of 2760.25 training hours were completed by district firefighters.
- The entire department is CPR/AED certified.
- Volunteers provided 3,335 hours of shift coverage in addition to the responses to calls during their off duty hours.
- We hired 3 part-time firefighters to help keep overtime costs down.
- No worker's comp claims, earning the district a rebate of over \$5,000.
- NWF worked with the Park County building dept. to help get NFPA 1144 (wildfire mitigation) implemented throughout the county.
- ISO evaluation begun.
- Partnered with Park County Search & Rescue to assist them with a location for a new substation.

As we move into 2010 and beyond we look forward to providing even better services to our community.

- Continuing expansion of our public education program.
- Remodel of Station 1 in Alma to provide a workout area and dayroom; we are still in the running for federal grant monies for this.
- A Hazardous Materials Response 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 an expanded training program and build a training facility on Station 2 property.
- Annual commercial building fire inspection program to be implemented.
- Development of a physical fitness program to include annual physicals as well as fitness and nutrition education for all NWF personnel.
- Expansion of our wildfire mitigation program to include more education.
- A NWFPD Community Wildfire Protection Plan in place.
- A Carbon Monoxide education program to coincide with the Smoke Detector program already in place.
- Convert Tender 43 from manual to automatic.
- Explore all possible grant opportunities.
- Energy and utilities audit to help lower costs at the stations.
- Completion of ISO evaluation.
- Conversion to the 800 mhz radio system.
- Increase volunteer shift hours to minimum of 5520.
- Increase total training hours to a minimum of 4400.

We look forward to another great year and continuing to provide the best emergency services in the most cost effective manner possible for our citizens and guests. For more information you can reach us at 719-836-3150 or check out our website at www.nwfpd.net.

North-West Fire is accepting applications for volunteers and auxiliary. Come by the Fairplay Station to pick up an application.