

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department (CLVFD) Incidents for 2004

APRIL

April 23-25 -- Slash pile burn -- The appropriate permissions and the right weather conditions finally came together to allow burning of the slash pile. Fire department members monitored the burn twenty-four hours a day. Department members were disturbed to discover, in addition to construction debris and other prohibited materials, six propane tanks which were only revealed when the slash pile had burned down considerably. Thankfully, none of the tanks exploded in the heat.

April 26, evening -- Red Feather cabin fire -- CLVFD responded to a mutual aid call from Red Feather fire department. Glacier View and Poudre Valley also came to Red Feather's assistance. The cabin, unfortunately, burned to the foundation before the engines could arrive. The fire was contained by responding firefighters to the structure itself and a few surrounding trees. At that point, the discovery that downed power lines were still live forced all responding departments to break off firefighting activity for almost two hours until PVREA could arrive and cut the power. CLVFD advises homeowners to have breaker boxes installed on power poles away from the house wherever possible, so firefighting efforts will not have to be suspended until PVREA arrives to shut the power off.

April 27, all day -- Slash pile fire -- The wind came up in the morning and threatened to scatter still-hot embers from the burned slash pile into the new slash pile and the surrounding woods. CLVFD fire department members spent most of the day wetting down the remaining hot spots in the ashes of the slash pile, with the able assistance of CL Association employee Rick Crewdson on the backhoe.

MAY

May 17, evening -- False alarm in Filing 8 -- Fire department members turned out in response to the report of a fire alarm going off near Cuna and Shoshoni. The alarm was eventually tracked down to a shed. No fire was discovered.

JUNE

June 13, afternoon -- fire in Filing 3 -- CLVFD responded to a fire caused by sparks from an REA Power Pole.

June 14, afternoon -- medical call at Base Camp -- Department members provided lead-in and assistance to Red Feather EMS.

JULY

July 4, evening -- campfire in Filing 11 -- Fire department members responded to the report of an unattended campfire, which department members extinguished. No permit had been obtained for the fire.

July 5, morning -- smoke report -- Fire department members turned out in response to a report of smoke west of Panhandle Reservoir. No fire was found.

July 7, noon -- medical call in Filing 1 -- Department members provided lead-in and assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 7, afternoon -- medical call at Beaver Meadows -- Department members provided lead-in and assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 9, evening -- smoke report -- Fire department members turned out in response to a report of smoke in the 9th Filing. No fire was found.

July 10, afternoon -- smoke report -- Fire department members turned out in response to a report of smoke in the 11th Filing. The smoke was eventually traced to a campfire in which large amounts of pine needles were being burned. This fire was extinguished by CLVFD members.

July 14, evening -- smoke report -- Fire department members turned out in response to a report of smoke in the 10th Filing. The smoke was traced to an unauthorized slash burn, which was extinguished by the fire department.

July 15 -- Fire department members were called out three times to the same location in the 10th filing, where unauthorized slash burning was going on. The fire was extinguished by the department and, on the third occasion, the sheriff was called.

July 24, evening -- campfire in Filing 11 -- Fire department members responded to the report of an unattended campfire, which department members extinguished. No permit had been obtained for the fire.

July 27, evening -- transformer fire -- Fire department members were called out to a transformer hit by lightning near Erie Lake. Department members remained on-site until PVREA arrived on-scene.

July 31, evening -- smoke report -- Fire department members turned out in response to a report of smoke in the 11th Filing. No fire was found.

AUGUST

August 20, evening -- fire in Filing 3 -- Fire department members were called out due to a fire atop an electric pole. Department members remained on-site until PVREA arrived.

SEPTEMBER

September 11, 1 a.m. -- cabin fire in Filing 15 -- CLVFD, with the mutual aid assistance of Red Feather fire department, contained this cabin fire to the cabin itself and a few outlying trees. Fire department members fought the fire throughout the night, Fire Chief Don Rogers remaining the next day to watch for spot fires caused by blowing sparks. Department members were forced to return late the following day to put out one such spot fire that had begun some distance from the house.

OCTOBER

October 1, morning -- medical call in Filing 9 -- Fire department members provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

October 25, afternoon -- fire in Pearl Creek -- Fire department members responded to a slash burn in the Pearl Creek area that had gotten out of hand. With the help of a Roosevelt Hot Shot crew that happened to be in the area, firefighters extinguished the fire in approximately six hours.

NOVEMBER

November 9, morning -- cabin fire on Ottawa Ct -- CLVFD was called out to a cabin fire, apparently burning all night, the smoke of which was spotted by CLVFD Auxillary members early in the morning. The cabin had burned to the ground sometime during the night. Firefighters contained the fire to the cabin-site and stayed until late afternoon, cooling down the ashes and containing spot fires.

November 11, afternoon -- auto accident on Tami Rd -- Fire department members provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

November 16, afternoon -- medical call in Filing 9 -- Fire department members provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

November 21, afternoon -- medical call at Basecamp -- Fire department members provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.