

Incident Reports - 2011

DECEMBER

December was a quiet month, during which we had no incidents. Thank you.

NOVEMBER

November 12, afternoon -- Incident #35 -- transformer damaged in Filing 11 -- Firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a report of high winds toppling a tree on a transformer near Basecamp. The tree had begun smoking at the time the emergency call was made. Responders brought a fire truck to the scene, in case it might be needed, and observed the transformer to ensure no fire spread from it until Poudre Valley REA employees arrived to remove the tree. Always call 911 if you find downed powerlines or see smoking power poles or transformers. CLVFD will have to wait for PVREA to arrive, but until they do, we can keep the area secure, prevent anyone from being injured and contain any possible fire.

November 13, early morning -- Incident #36 -- smoke alarm in Cabin Creek -- Firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a smoke alarm going off in a house in the Cabin Creek area near Filing 15. The alarm was determined to be caused by wind pushing smoke back down the chimney and all units stood down.

November 23, evening -- Incident #37 -- emergency call in Filing 2 -- Firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a report of carbon monoxide detectors going off at a residence in the Second Filing. No carbon monoxide readings were picked up within the house and the alarm was judged to be false.

OCTOBER

October 9, evening -- Incident #34 -- medical call in Filing 14 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

October 6, evening -- Incident #33 -- unsafe fire in Filing 8 -- Firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a report of smoke in the 8th filing. This was tracked to a "burn barrel" being used by a contractor, whose employees were in the process of leaving when

department members arrived. Firefighters extinguished the fire and spoke with the contractor's employees. Crystal Lakes Associations does not allow ANY open fires except campfires in approved firepits with permits and no fire may be left unattended. Construction materials may not be burned and burn barrels are not permitted. The fire department supports these rules established for the safety of the community.

SEPTEMBER

September 28, night -- Incident #32 -- smoke report on North County Road 73C (Creedmore Lakes Rd) -- CLVFD firefighters and special duty responders responded to a report of heavy smoke along N CR 73C. This was tracked back to the kiln burn at the slash pile, which was producing smoke that weather conditions, especially lack of wind, held down against the ground, filling nearby drainages.

September 25, afternoon -- Incident #31 -- medical call in Filing 13 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.

September 19, morning -- Incident #30 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

September 4, morning -- Incident #29 -- wildland fire 2 miles west of Crystal Lakes -- CLVFD personnel turned out in response to a column of smoke reported about two miles west of Crystal Lakes. Firefighters found a small fire off the west end of the Creedmore Lakes camping area. At the request of the Forest Service, CLVFD firefighters contained the fire while attempting to preserve evidence of the origin of the blaze, which was believed to be human-caused. The fire was turned over to Forest Service personnel and investigators once they arrived.

AUGUST

August 5, noon -- Incident #24 -- medical call in Filing 2 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.

August 23, morning -- Incident #25 -- medical call in Filing 12 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

August 26, evening -- Incident #26 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.

August 27, evening -- Incident #28 (Larimer County Dispatch error - #27 was skipped and will be assigned to no incident) -- injury accident on North County Road 73C -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established traffic control around the accident scene. Roads in Crystal Lakes are not wide enough for traffic to safely pass an accident scene. For the safety of motorists, injured parties, medical responders, special duty responders and firefighters, traffic is stopped around accident scenes. Traffic will be rerouted wherever a detour is possible. **It is never okay to pass a vehicle with a working red light -- if you are being asked to stop, slow down, or change your route, there is a reason for it, and it is against the law to ignore directives from emergency personnel.** Please work with us to ensure everyone's safety.

JULY

July 2, afternoon -- Incident #17 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 3, evening -- Incident #18 -- medical call in Filing 5 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 3, evening -- Incident #19 -- medical call in Filing 12 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 4, afternoon -- Incident #20 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

July 13, noon -- Incident #21 -- smoke report near Deadman Road -- Red Feather Lakes VFD put Crystal Lakes firefighters and special duty responders on stand-by for a large plume of smoke reported in their district. It was quickly decided that this smoke was actually coming from the Crystal Lakes fire district, at the slash pile, and that it was the result of a kiln-burn taking place in that area. All units from both departments stood down.

July 15, night -- Incident #22 -- flames sighted in Filing 8 -- Crystal Lakes firefighters and special duty responders turned out to search for the source of flames sighted near Ottawa Way and Cuna Way by an observer across the lake. After some searching, the flames sighted were tracked to a campfire in an approved firepit and all units stood down.

July 24, noon -- Incident #23 -- medical call in Filing 6 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

JUNE

June 4, evening -- Incident #16 -- medical call at Creedmore Lakes -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

June 1, evening -- Incident #15 (Larimer County Dispatch error - #14 was skipped and will be assigned to no incident) -- smoke report along N CR 73C -- CLVFD personnel turned out in response to large column of smoke reported about three miles south of Crystal Lakes Basecamp along N CR 73C. This was tracked to the kiln burn taking place at the slash pile, which produces large quantities of smoke when first ignited. This will probably be an on-going issue this summer, as the smoke from the kilns sometimes lies along the terrain and fills nearby drainages. Please do not hesitate to call in a smoke report, even if you think it might be the slash pile. CLVFD will always turn out in response to smoke reports and will make every effort to ensure that we know where the smoke being reported is indeed coming from.

MAY

May 28, afternoon -- Incident #13 -- medical call in Filing 10 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS. Initially, a MedEvac helicopter was called, and Crystal Lakes personnel set up a Landing Zone, but MedEvac was ultimately called off.

May 28, noon -- Incident #12 -- medical call at Basecamp -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

May 24, night -- Incident #11 -- MVA on N CR 73C -- Crystal Lakes was called out to a motor vehicle accident on N CR 73C resulting in injury. The injured party had been given a ride home by a passing motorist, and did not come to the door in response to knocking or calling. Crystal Lakes and Red Feather Lakes emergency responders were required to stand by until Larimer County deputies could arrive to effect entry into the house. As a reminder to good samaritans in the community -- it is illegal for the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident to leave the scene, and anyone assisting that driver in leaving may be complicit in a crime.

May 24, afternoon -- Incident #10 -- false alarm in Filing 4 -- Firefighters & Special Duty Responders turned out to investigate a fire alarm remotely reported from a house in Filing 4. They found no sign of a fire and stood down.

May 15, morning -- Incident #9 -- medical call in Filing 7 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

APRIL

April 20, morning -- Incident #8 -- medical call in Filing 9 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

April 18, morning -- Incident #7 -- smoking power pole in Filing 8 -- Crystal Lakes firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a report of smoke rising from an electrical pole. Responders brought a fire truck to the scene, in case it might be needed, and observed the pole to ensure no fire spread from it until Poudre Valley REA employees arrived to fix the damaged pole.

MARCH

March 7, afternoon -- Incident #6 -- smoke report northeast of Crow Rd -- Crystal Lakes firefighters and special duty responders turned out in response to a report of smoke sighted a mile east of Crow Road. A rising fog hid any sign of smoke from the searchers. After meeting with the reporting party, it was determined that the smoke had been spotted northeast of the Crystal Lakes area, outside CLVFD's district. North County Road 73C is not plowed past the Crystal Lakes area and no fire engine could safely travel up it to continue tracking down the source of the sighting. CLVFD members reported back to Larimer County Dispatch, who stated they would inform the Forest Service about the possible fire.

FEBRUARY

February 26, evening -- Incident #5 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

February 12, morning -- Incident #4 -- motor vehicle accident in Filing 12 -- Fire department personnel responded to a report of a vehicle off Ottawa, approximately fifty feet down the bank. Responding units were able to ascertain that no one was still in the vehicle, and soon contacted the vehicle owner to determine that no one had been injured in the accident. Everyone was very lucky. Please be aware of dangerous winter driving conditions, especially on curvy roads like North Ottawa, and adjust your speed accordingly. It is also helpful if anyone who has gone off the road and emerged without injury could report the incident to the Crystal Lakes Office, so fire department personnel can find out if we're getting reports of a new accident with potential injuries or one that has already been safely escaped. Our thanks to the passing property owner who reported this accident.

JANUARY

January 21, afternoon -- Incident #3 -- medical call in Filing 11 -- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS.

January 17, afternoon -- Incident #2 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows-
- CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.

January 8, evening -- Incident #1 -- medical call at Beaver Meadows--
CLVFD First Responders went to the scene to provide patient assessment and care while special duty responders and firefighters provided lead in and backup assistance to Red Feather EMS and established a landing zone for the MedEvac helicopter.