

The 2025 Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Report to the Community

Chief's Report – Bryan Ware

The District saw a slight uptick for service in 2025 with the agency responding to 299 calls. Of those, the District responded to mutual-aid requests within Pueblo County 42 times and received mutual-aid assistance from outside agencies on two occurrences. The District added two new members this year and hosted 1231 hours of training for our members and mutual aid partners. **The District is always looking for new volunteers.** If you are interested, please check out our website for more information. All initial certification training can be obtained at Beulah Fire for free.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) got underway in late 2024 with work focusing on North Creek Rd and Pine Drive throughout 2025. Over this past year 81 properties had fire mitigation work completed in these areas, removing 4,891 trees/brush from these properties. With over 34 acres of mitigation completed in our community, these areas have drastically increased the safety of their homes surviving wildfire. While that number of trees is jaw dropping, the reality is that each of these locations still has plenty of trees on their property and goes to show us all how grossly overgrown our forest is that we live in. Over this year we received many community questions about the grant and the project work. I would share these with you as I am sure many of you have the same questions.

1. What is the spacing requirement for this project?
 - a. While the State of Colorado Forest Service has a general mitigation book that gives guidance, this book refers to the vast fuel (trees and brush) differences across the entire State. The State of Colorado Forest Service has conducted a needs assessment on our community and, based on the fuel types here, they require that we create 20' space between trees from each tree's farthest out branch.
2. What does the color flagging on the tree mean?
 - a. Each property is walked through with the property owner to determine which trees are going to be removed. The yellow flagging are trees that will be removed by the Home Ignition contractor. The red flagging are trees that will be removed by the Hazard Tree contractor. The blue flagging are trees that are not to be removed. The Green and Purple flagging along the roadways is marking the start and stopping points of each property.
3. Are trees removed without the property owner's approval?
 - a. Simply put, NO. Each property that has work completed on it has been reviewed by the property owner and signed off by them as well as approving the work. For the Shaded Fuel Break project along Highway 78, if the property owner has decided to not have mitigation work completed on their property, the State of Colorado CDOT still wants the areas along Highway 78, that is the State right-of-way, to be mitigated so work is still completed in those areas only.

This grant is scheduled to continue over the next 3 years, wrapping up in August of 2029. The focus areas for 2026 will be completing work along Pine Drive and adjacent roads, as well as the Cascade Ave area, and the Beulah Highlands subdivision. The work over the winter months will all be dependent on snow and access. We encourage all property owners to continue doing the outstanding mitigation work they have started to keep not only your property safer, but also the community.

Wildfire Community Mitigation

Day

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00pm

At the Beulah Fire Station 1

Come learn about how you can mitigate around your home and prepare for evacuations.

BEULAH FIRE AUXILIARY BARN DANCE

Saturday, September 19th 6p-10p

Goodpasture Barn

BEULAH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Friday, June 19th & Saturday, June 20th

2025 Statistics

EMS

Total EMS Responses: 163
Total Transported: 108

Types of Calls

Traumatic Incidents	26
Medical Incidents	137
Difficulty Breathing	8
Chest Pain	16
Cardiac Arrest	0
Deceased	1
Stroke	3
Other	109

FIRE

Total Fire Responses: 151

Types of Calls

Structure Fires	7
Wildland Fires	20
False Calls / Smoke Scares	6
Rescue Calls	50
Service Calls	13
Hazardous Response	3
Other / Stand By	50
Severe Weather	2

Received Mutual Aid: 2 Provided Mutual Aid: 42

Total Number of Responses: 299

Some EMS responses require a fire response as well, generating a response count, but this does not increase the overall total number of responses counted for 2025.

Treasure's Report

2025 Income	\$ 2,914,485	ADDRESS MARKERS Is your address properly marked at the end of your driveway? When seconds count, being able to locate your home is crucial. Reflective address markers can be obtained at Beulah Fire for FREE !	2025 Expenses	\$ 2,914,485
Pueblo County Property Tax	\$ 315,627		Professional Expenses	\$ 83,526
Building Bond	\$ 117,476		Department Expenses	\$ 155,540
EMS Billing/Fire Deploy	\$ 202,424		Building Loan	\$ 117,389
Fire Contracts	\$ 3,662		Administration	\$ 289,122
Cash Donations	\$ 7,417		Insurance	\$ 42,100
CWDG Income	\$ 2,139,112		Office Expenses	\$ 49,417
Grant Income	\$ 41,624		Grant Equipment	\$ 2,052,844
Reimbursement	\$ 18,432		Capital Projects/Reserve	\$ 81,097
Sales of Assets	\$ 29,977		Training	\$ 27,602
Other	\$ 38,734	DOLA Reserve	\$ 15,848	

Grants and New Equipment

The District was fortunate to receive additional grants this past year to include a Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Grant in the amount of \$18,499 to upgrade the District's vehicle extrication and stabilization capabilities. A Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) grant in the amount of \$85,000 that will allow for the expansion of the mitigation work in the Pueblo Mountain Park to continue into 2026. Finally, the District was awarded another Human Bear Conflict Reduction grant in the amount of \$88,200. This grant will allow for additional bear resistance trash cans and public education to be brought to our community. If you need a bear resistant trash can, and are currently not on the waiting list, please call Beulah Fire 485-2367 to reserve a unit. We are expecting those trash cans to be completed and delivered during the Spring of 2026.

Over 2025, new apparatus were added to the District's fleet to include a Mass Casualty Care and Rehab unit that was donated to the District by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. This apparatus will be utilized throughout Pueblo County when such specialized equipment is necessary. The District also was able to purchase a new pick up and dump trailer that are being utilized for the slash management aspect of the CWDG grant. And the newest brush truck arrived in December of 2025 which is a Type 5 Engine that carries 400 gallons of water and can access many remote areas that the other brush trucks cannot routinely access. This truck was also purchased by the savings the District can secure through the CWDG grant.

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