

The 2019 Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Report to the Community

Chief's Report – Bryan Ware

2019 has been the busiest year on record for the District having responded to a total of 260 calls for service. This was a 15% increase over previous years which included a new service being offered, Community Paramedicine. This program allows our medical responders to offer such services as blood pressure checks, wound dressing changes, and overall health evaluations. Citizens can call the District office to learn more about these services and how to utilize them.

With this increase in call volume came the need to increase the number of responders available to handle these emergencies. The District brought on 7 new members in 2019 bringing our total number of responders to 27. Another major advancement for the District this past year was the hiring of a second fulltime member (Firefighter/EMT) to help cover the call load and District projects. This position was funded through the revenues collected from EMS responses. Over the course of this past year our members have completed 2096 hours of training which included such courses as EMT, Firefighter 1, Wildland Firefighter, HazMat Operations, and many hours of continuing education. It is always incredible to me the dedication that our volunteers have to better themselves and their abilities to serve our citizens.

The District worked with Pueblo County Road and Bridge to acquire 2 additional water tenders for the District. Each of these water tenders carries 4000 gallons of water. It is the goal of the District to work with the Insurance Service Office (ISO) by June of 2020 to update the ISO for those who live outside of an area with hydrant access. More details about this will be released once the new score is updated. Another addition to the District fleet in 2019 was the purchasing of a Type 6 Brush Truck from Pueblo West Fire Department. This truck is stationed at the Waterbarrel location and allows for a timelier response to wildland fires in that portion of the District. Currently there are 4 responders assigned to that Station.

Another asset to the District has been the Beulah Fire Cadet Program. This program is designed to allow high school students to experience the roles of a first responder and to help educate them in what it means to volunteer. Currently there are 6 cadets enrolled in the program who have completed over 1800 hours of training and been able to respond on 29 of the District emergency calls. The Cadet's also completed an Emergency First Responder course over this past summer so they would have a greater understanding of emergency medicine. Lt. Amber Reiman oversees the Cadet Program and is available for contact at lt3@socolo.net if you are interested in more details or joining.

In the coming months the command staff of the Department will meet to conduct strategic planning and goal setting to make short- and long-range plans for facing the opportunities and needs that challenge the success of the agency for our community. I remain confident in the effort the members of the Department put into their profession and know that we will always do the best that we can to meet the needs of our citizens.

As always, I would like to thank all of our citizens for all of their continued support. We look forward to 2020 and wish everyone a healthy and joyful year.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Dates To Be Determined
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wildfire Community Mitigation Day

Saturday, May 2, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00pm

At the Beulah Fire Station 1

Come learn about how you can mitigate
around your home.

Visit the District's Website for more information www.beulahfireambulance.org

2019 Statistics**EMS**

Total EMS Responses: 138

Total Transported: 99

Types of Calls

Traumatic Incidents	20
Medical Incidents	118
Difficulty Breathing	15
Chest Pain	20
Cardiac Arrest	1
Deceased	2
Stroke	6
Other	69
Sepsis	5

FIRE

Total Fire Responses: 128

Types of Calls

Structure Fires	3
Wildland Fires	12
False Calls / Smoke Scares	23
Rescue Calls	42
Service Calls	28
Utility Problem	7
Other / Stand By	5
Severe Weather	8

Total Number of Responses: 260

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 2019

Treasure's Report – Joni Smith

2019 Income	\$ 640,935		2019 Expenses	\$ 640,935
Pueblo County Property Tax	\$ 304,250		Professional Expenses	\$ 110,179
Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 27,237		Department Expenses	\$ 149,803
EMS Billing	\$ 57,063		Building Loan	\$ 117,389
Fire Contracts	\$ 4,857		Administration	\$ 155,156
Cash Donations	\$ 22,177		Insurance	\$ 17,889
Investment Income	\$ 1		Office Expenses	\$ 41,457
Grant Income	\$ 102,402		Public Outreach	\$ 2,884
Reimbursement	\$ 21,584		Capital Reserve	\$ 18,613
EMS Billing Write Off	\$ 90,000		Vehicle Lease	\$ 11,364
In-Kind Donation	\$ 11,364		DOLA Reserve	\$ 16,201

Fundraising Begins to Protect Beulah's First Responders

On the night of October 22nd, the Beulah Fire Department responded to a reported auto accident in the area of Waterbarrel Rd and Turtle Butte Road. Upon arriving in the area one of our responders met up with a male party driving a pickup truck that had sustained damage in the accident and was attempting to flee the scene. When asked for the man's name, he drove away at a high rate of speed and fired a gun at our responder. The responder called the incident into the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office who later was able to apprehend the suspect and charge him accordingly. Over the past few years we have seen fire and EMS personnel across the nation becoming targets of violence and a rise in incidents where firearms are used against them. As a result of this national trend and in attempt to comply with NFPA 3000 recommendations, the Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District has begun to raise funds to purchase 6 sets of bullet proof vests and helmets. Each set of personal protective gear costs \$ 1800 for a total funding cost of \$ 10,800 to help keep our responders safe while working in his new, challenging and changing world. If you would like to help sponsor a responder and donate funds directly towards this campaign, you can make a charitable donation to Beulah Fire and place in the memo line, life safety so that these funds can be earmarked for this gear. Remember all donations to Beulah Fire are a charitable contribution deduction and a receipt will be mailed to you.

Recruitment and Free Certification Training

The District is accepting applications for volunteers who live in our community and want to serve. The District will put you through the EMT certification course and Firefighter 1 course in Beulah at no cost to you. The next EMT course starts on February 11, 2020 so please contact Beulah Fire if you are interested or want to learn more.