

# The 2021 Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District Report to the Community

## Chief's Report – Bryan Ware

The District saw its busiest year on record in 2021 with the agency responding on 318 calls for service. Of those the District responded on mutual aid requests within Pueblo County 27 times and received mutual aid assistance from outside agencies on 3 occurrences. Just like the rest of the nation, the District continued to be faced with the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the need to host vaccination clinics and community outreach to ensure that our citizens received the best possible care. As a result of COVID the Rye Fire Protection District had most of their employees off for a 14-day period which resulted in Beulah Fire along with other agencies throughout the County assisting to cover their response area in November. All agencies within Pueblo County have a mutual aid contract with each other allowing for coverages such as these when the need occurs.

The District is happy to announce the promotions of 3 members. Lieutenant Kyle Levar has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Kyle Levar joined the agency in 2013 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2015. Captain Levar has overseen the agencies rescue operations over the past 4 years and with his promotion will now oversee the hiring process of new members. Firefighter Jennah Laraque has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Laraque has been with the agency since 2016. Lieutenant Laraque will be assigned to oversee public education for the agency. Firefighter Benjamin Lehrer has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Lehrer has been with the agency since 2017. Lieutenant Lehrer will now oversee Rescue and Search operations to include the integration of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Service SAR team into wide area search operations. The members of the District continue to dedicate time and energy into ensuring that when a citizen calls 9-1-1 that the appropriate help arrives. Our members completed 183 hours of agency training this past year which included a specialized propane emergencies class that was hosted here in the late Spring of 2021.

As many of you are already aware, those residents who live within 5 road miles of either Beulah Fire Station saw a drop in your ISO rating down to a 4 effective January 1, 2022, regardless of hydrant locations. This should have lowered those residents' homeowners' insurance costs. With the new drop in ISO ratings the District is working with the landowners along 3R Road to investigate the probability of placing a third fire station around 3R and Oldham Road. If the third station is feasible this would allow the residents along 3R and Oldham road to lower their current ISO of a 10 down to 4 saving thousands in homeowners insurance.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau hired a wildland firefighter crew during the summer of 2021. This crew was not only tasked with responding to fires within Pueblo County but also assisting communities with wildland mitigation. This allowed the District to start a slash collection site on the west side of Station 1 which was a huge success. We had over 300 drop offs which the wildland crew would then chip. With those wood chips we were able to place a walking path around the perimeter of the Station that the community can utilize. More details on this path will come out in 2022 as we add some exercise stations along the path. The need of a local slash pile has become evident and as such, we will continue the slash drop off year-round. As a reminder please do not drop off piles of pine needles or other materials that are not natural debris. Limbs must be smaller than 10" in diameter.

In 2021 we asked our citizens to help with donations to purchase the final sets of ballistic vests and helmets for when responders are called to situations that require such protection. As always, our community stepped up and due to these donations, we were able to purchase the remaining gear needed to help protect those who protect you. THANK YOU! And a special thank you to Pine Drive Telephone for mailing out this newsletter at no cost to the District.

As always, I would like to thank all our citizens for all their continued support. We look forward to 2022 and wish everyone a healthy and joyful year.

**COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU ADULT FLU SHOT CLINIC  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 9a-12 Fire Station 1 (Central Ave)**

**2021 Statistics****EMS**

Total EMS Responses: 163

Total Transported: 100

**Types of Calls**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Traumatic Incidents  | 38  |
| Medical Incidents    | 125 |
| Difficulty Breathing | 14  |
| Chest Pain           | 8   |
| Cardiac Arrest       | 3   |
| Deceased             | 4   |
| Stroke               | 3   |
| Other                | 81  |
| COVID                | 12  |

**FIRE**

Total Fire Responses: 163

**Types of Calls**

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Structure Fires            | 4  |
| Wildland Fires             | 16 |
| False Calls / Smoke Scares | 15 |
| Rescue Calls               | 37 |
| Service Calls              | 38 |
| Utility Problem            | 15 |
| Other / Stand By           | 24 |
| Severe Weather             | 14 |

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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 2021.

**Treasure's Report**

| 2021 Income                |            | \$ 544,803 | 2021 Expenses            |  | \$ 544,803 |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Pueblo County Property Tax | \$ 327,329 |            | Professional Expenses    |  | \$ 14,717  |
| Specific Ownership Tax     | \$ 28,436  |            | Department Expenses      |  | \$ 85,480  |
| EMS Billing/Fire Deploy    | \$ 91,209  |            | Building Loan            |  | \$ 117,389 |
| Fire Contracts             | \$ 3,654   |            | Administration           |  | \$ 205,627 |
| Cash Donations             | \$ 19,319  |            | Insurance                |  | \$ 22,535  |
| Investment Income          | \$ 7       |            | Office Expenses          |  | \$ 31,298  |
| Grant Income               | \$ 8,449   |            | Public Outreach          |  | \$ 2,135   |
| Reimbursement              | \$ 20,367  |            | Capital Projects/Reserve |  | \$ 30,304  |
| Sale of Assets             | \$ 24,000  |            | Vehicle Lease            |  | \$ 22,032  |
| In-Kind Donation           | \$ 22,033  |            | DOLA Reserve             |  | \$ 13,286  |

**New Ambulance**

Beulah Fire has been awarded a State EMS Grant for the purchase of a new ambulance. The awarded amount of \$ 143,068 is 75% of the total cost of a new ambulance. The District pursued this grant after deciding to replace a 2006 MedTec unit that had begun to show its age with some mechanical issues. The District houses two advanced life support ambulances which allows them to have a backup unit for when multiple calls come in at the same time.

The total cost of the new unit is \$ 192,325 leaving the District with covering \$ 49,257 of the total cost. A portion of these funds will be raised by the sale of the outgoing 2006 unit for an estimated sale cost of \$ 25,000 leaving the District with a balance of \$ 24, 257 left to raise. Over the next 3 months the District will be hosting different fund-raising events to help secure these funds. We encourage our citizens to participate in any way they can to ensure we can complete this project and are able to continue serving our community to the best of our abilities. The expected delivery of the new unit is in June of 2022.

**Wildfire Community Mitigation Day****Saturday, May 14, 2022****9:00 am – 12:00pm****At the Beulah Fire Station 1**

Come learn about how you can mitigate around your home.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

May 7, 2022

July 9, 2022

September 24, 2022

Call 485-2367 to schedule your donation.

Visit the District's Website for more information [www.beulahfireambulance.org](http://www.beulahfireambulance.org) or follow us on facebook