

GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 843, GOLDEN, COLORADO 80402-0843

303-279-3538

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January, 2008

**The Golden Gate Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors**

<b>G. C. Hans, President</b>	303-271-9999	2006 – 2010
<b>Barbara Crawford, Vice President</b>		2006 – 2008
<b>Sheila Carlon, Secretary</b>		2004 – 2008
<b>Mike Czyzewski, Treasurer</b>		2006 – 2010
<b>Pat Madison, Member</b>		2004 – 2008

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
**Election Coming In May, 2008**  
**The Board of Directors**  
**Golden Gate Fire Prot. Dist.**

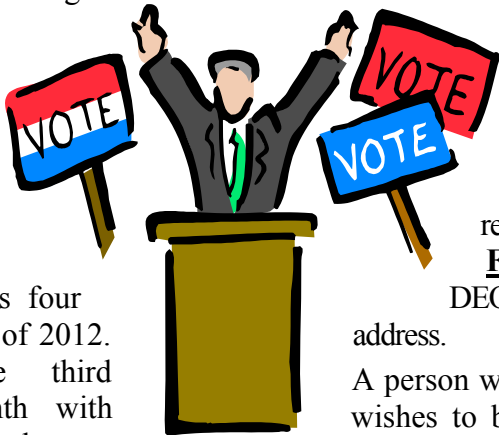
Three seats on the Board of Directors for the Fire District currently held by Barbara Crawford, Sheila Carlon and Pat Madison are up for election in May of 2008. All three board members are eligible for reelection.

To be eligible to run for a Board position, you must, live in or own property in the district and be registered to vote in any county in Colorado.

The term of the position is four years, May of 2008 to May of 2012. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month with additional meetings as required.

Responsibilities of the Board members are to be the financial stewards for the district, manage the firefighter’s pension plan and oversee the functions of the department.

The district also has the responsibility to provide fire mitigation education and keep district members informed of district business. With few exceptions, all meetings are open to the public and minutes of meetings are available to the public.



Summaries of the minutes and other information is published on the district website.

As is required by law, the Board has appointed a **Designated Election Official (DEO):**

**Kammy Tinney** of R.S. Wells, L.L.C., 8390 E. Crescent Pkwy, Suite 500, Greenwood Village, CO, 80111 Ph: **303-482-6668** has been retained to conduct the election. Self nomination forms can be obtained from her office, or from the district website or by calling Station 1 at 303-279-3538. Kammy’s e-mail is: [Kammy.Tinney@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:Kammy.Tinney@cliftoncpa.com).

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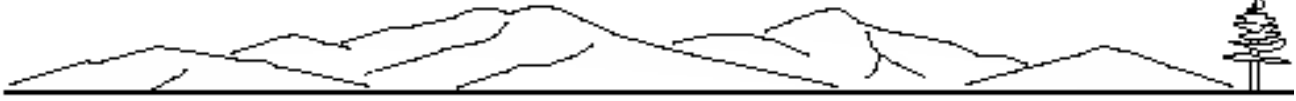
If you are interested in running for a Board position, please request the self nomination form from one of the sources previously mentioned and return it by **3:00 p.m. February 29, 2008** to the

DEO’s office at the above address.

A person who misses this deadline but wishes to be a write-in candidate for office must file an affidavit of intent with the Designated Election Official no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2008.

For additional questions regarding Board responsibilities, issues facing the District or assistance in becoming a candidate, please contact any Board member.





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### **GENEROUS RESIDENTS HELP GGFD OUT OF THE MUD!**

Many thanks to several residents of Spirit Ranch, Window Rock and North Ranch subdivisions who donated much needed recycled asphalt to finish the parking and driveway surfaces at Station 2 on Crawford Gulch Rd. And, thanks to Blue Collar Ent. (Garett Vershuur) for providing the equipment and time to spread the material.

### **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET HELD DECEMBER 7TH.**

Firefighters and their guests were all recognized at our Annual Awards Banquet held in their honor at the Victorian House Events Center at Heritage Square. They were treated to a Christmas Show at the Heritage Square opera House on December 7. Tom Hawn was named "Firefighter of the Year" for his extra efforts and contributions over the last year to the Department.



**"FIREFIGHTER  
OF THE YEAR"  
TOM HAWN**

### **SUMMARY OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES**

A summary of all business and actions taken at Board meetings is posted on our web site at [www.goldengatefire.org](http://www.goldengatefire.org). These summaries are posted within 30 days after each board meeting. The complete minutes are always available from the office by request.

### **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ELDERLY OR WHO LIVES ALONE?**

A member of the Board of Directors is starting a new program to locate and identify any residents in our district that live alone, are homebound or elderly. They will have someone visit these residents 2 or 3 times a week to insure they are safe and have someone to talk to occasionally. Please contact Jerry Hans at 303-271-9999 if you or someone you know would benefit from a visit now and then.

### **EMERGENCY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS**

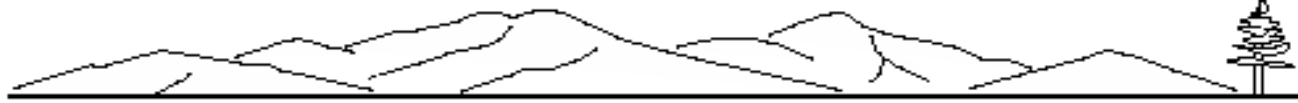
The possible needs of any member of the community in the event of a critical fire incident in the canyon are of major concern to our Firefighters. If you or anyone in your family may need special assistance in an emergency, please contact any Board member or call Station 1 at 303-279-3538.

A member of the Department will contact you for specific information which will be kept confidential on our new computerized data base in the office. We have had a few individuals send in their information and we want to be sure we have heard from everyone who may need assistance.

### **Safety Reminder**

When was the last time your chimney was cleaned? Many house fires are caused by soot build up. You should have your chimney cleaned at least every 3 years and it is strongly recommended every year. Also have your furnace checked for safety and use a carbon monoxide alarm. They are only about \$30 and you can get one that simply plugs into an outlet. No wiring or batteries needed.





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**BUDGET MESSAGE**  
**JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**THE DISTRICT**

The District is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision established pursuant to Article 1 of Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

The District, located in Jefferson County, Colorado, provides the following services:

Fire suppression, fire prevention, fire safety inspections, emergency first aid, fire safety education, and mutual aid to neighboring fire departments among other miscellaneous services.

**THE SYSTEM**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation of and policies of the District in accordance with statute and the Service Plan.

**IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE BUDGET**

The budget reflects revenue from property taxes, specific ownership taxes, interest income, and expected grants. Expenses are generally limited to administration, equipment, training and other firefighter costs.

Notes on changes to the budget from 2007:

1. The District intends to apply for grants in the amount of \$107,000 in 2008. The District may or may not qualify or be awarded all of these funds. If not awarded the funds will not be available.
2. Installation of Community Cisterns: Continuing with our effort to progress with a community cistern plan, two cisterns were donated last year. One was installed at Station No. 1 and the second will be installed on S. Douglas Mtn Dr. The costs to purchase and install one additional cistern at a priority location has been included in this budget. The location to be determined through the research of the cistern committee with the guidance of the extreme danger locations identified in the Anchor Point Plan. – \$10,000
3. Station 1 Upgrades: A third vehicle bay is needed for this facility. The District intends to start setting aside funds for this purpose. – \$5,000
4. Vehicle Replacement and Upgrades: \$75,000 has been allocated to be set aside for vehicle replacements.

**BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The budget for 2008 was prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues and expenditures are recorded on a modified accrual basis.

The District's financial statement for 2007 was audited in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and a copy of the audit has been filed with the State Regulatory Agency.

**GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
2008 BUDGET**

	2007 Budget	2008 Budget		2007 Budget	2008 Budget
<b>1000 OPERATING REVENUES &amp; CASH</b>			<b>7000 COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 64,159	\$ 50,000	Phone Service	1,800	800
* Donations	500	1,500	Communications Board	0	1,000
** Pig Roast Revenues (Firefighters Fund)	0	13,980	Radio/PMI Maintenance	250	150
Other Revenues	0	0	Paggers	0	1,400
State Pension	0	6,135	Miscellaneous Communications Exp	100	0
Permit Fees	600	600	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>3,350</b>
*** Grants	10,000	6,000	<b>8000 VEHICLE EXPENSES</b>		
Interest Income	100	500	Fuel	4,000	1,800
Property Tax Revenue	120,560	133,000	Maintenance	2,000	1,150
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES &amp; CASH</b>	<b>195,919</b>	<b>211,715</b>	Repairs	2,000	1,000
<b>2000 CAPITAL PURCHASES</b>			<b>TOTAL VEHICLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>3,950</b>
Radio Upgrade Fund	5,000	0	<b>9000 TRAINING</b>		
Vehicle Replacement/Upgrades-Reserve	0	0	Firefighter	3,000	1,500
Cisterns & Dry Hydrants	13,000	10,000	EMS	2,000	1,000
Facilities Repairs/Upgrades(Sta. 1)	15,000	5,000	Rescue	1,000	0
Other Capital Purchases(air compressor)	0	0	Wildland	1,500	0
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	Travel, Meals & Motel	0	0
<b>3000 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			Dues & Subscriptions	0	300
Printing & Reproduction	250	400	<b>TOTAL TRAINING</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>2,800</b>
Accounting/Auditing	3,500	3,500	<b>9100 EMS (Emergency Medical Services)</b>		
Administration Salaries	9,360	6,000	Medical Equipment (50/50 Grant)	500	12,000
Fire Chief's Salary	15,000	15,000	Medical Supplies	500	600
Payroll Taxes	0	2,460	<b>TOTAL EMS</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>12,600</b>
Postage and Delivery	300	800	<b>9200 FIRE PREVENTION</b>		
Office Supplies	600	800	Supplies	700	1,000
Insurance	10,250	11,500	<b>TOTAL FIRE PREVENTION</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Computer	300	300	<b>9300 EQUIPMENT</b>		
Contingency Reserve	5,000	5,000	Equipment Replacement	0	4,500
County Treasurer Fees	1,760	2,200	Repairs	1,000	2,000
Maintain Website	0	400	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>6,500</b>
Miscellaneous Admin	200	1,300	<b>9400 CLOTHING</b>		
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>46,520</b>	<b>49,660</b>	Uniforms/Clothing	50	150
<b>4000 VOLUNTEERS</b>			PPE Repairs	400	300
Pension	13,635	13,635	Bunker Gear	400	500
Physicals	500	1,500	Wildland Gear	400	400
Background Screening	300	150	Boots	0	300
Meals & Travel	300	500	Helmets	150	200
Grant Presentation Exp	0	0	Badges	150	150
Workman's Comp & Disability	3,200	1,230	<b>TOTAL CLOTHING</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEER EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,935</b>	<b>17,015</b>	<b>9600 WILDLAND / FIRE MITIGATION</b>		
<b>5000 BOARD EXPENSES</b>			Wildland Fire Mitigation Planning	0	0
Elections	0	5,000	Wildland Equipment	0	0
SDA Dues & Professional Publications	370	500	Fire Mitigation Fair	0	1,000
Seminars & Travel	1,000	1,000	Wildland Training	0	1,700
Annual Banquet	3,500	3,500	<b>TOTAL WILDLAND / FIRE MITIGATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,700</b>
Newsletter Printing & Postage	2,400	1,700	<b>9700 FIRE FIGHTERS FUND</b>		
Legal Fees	5,000	2,500	Fitness Club Memberships		3,880
<b>TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>14,200</b>	Jackets, Hats, Clothing & Uniforms		3,500
<b>6000 FACILITIES</b>			Tools		2,350
Rents	0	0	Pig Roast Expenses		1,250
Station 2	20,000	20,000	Food & Drinks For Stations		500
Gas & Electric Station 1	2,400	2,400	Miscellaneous		2,500
Gas & Electric Station 2	3,000	1,800	<b>TOTAL FIRE FIGHTERS FUND</b>		<b>13,980</b>
Snow & Trash Station 1	400	1,150	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 159,025	\$ 171,255
Snow & Trash Station 2	400	1,150	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CASH</b>	\$ 195,919	\$ 211,715
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	1,200	0	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$ 36,894	\$ 40,460
<b>TOTAL FACILITIES</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>26,500</b>			

NOTES: \* Anticipated  
 \*\* Funds Raised at Pig Roast previously not included in Budget. Includes \$7,180 carried forward from 2007.  
 \*\*\* The District may not be awarded all grants.

<b>9900 POSSIBLE SOURCES AND USES OF OTHER FUNDS IF RECEIVED</b>			
Sources:	Donations	n/a	23,500
	Grants	n/a	101,000
			<b>124,500</b>
Uses:	Vehicle Replacement Fund	n/a	-75,000
	Medical Equipment	n/a	-28,000
	Wildland Fire Mitigation Planning		-3,000
	New Air Compressor		-18,500
			<b>-124,500</b>



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## FROM FIRE CHIEF BRIAN LESHER

The Volunteer Firefighters of Golden Gate Fire Protection District put in many hours of training each year. We offer over 115 hours per year of in-house firefighting and medical training. Most Firefighters attend over 80 hours of in-house training each year. In addition to the in-house training they attend specialized training with some of these courses requiring in excess of 100 hours. We are blessed with 5 Certified Firefighters, 1 Paramedic, 6 Emergency Medical Technicians and 1 more attending EMT school.

We have purchased 20 new portable radios. This was made possible by a very generous donation of \$5,000 and a VFA grant. Thanks to all the generous people of Golden Gate Fire Protection District for your donations and support. I hope you are as proud of us as we are of you.

## IN AN EMERGENCY – IS YOUR DRIVEWAY PASSABLE?

An unplowed driveway can prevent a fire truck or emergency medical vehicle from reaching your house. Be sure to have your driveway plowed adequately so that emergency vehicles can reach you in time of need. You wouldn't want rescue, fire or ambulance personnel delayed during such an emergency.



## EMT Emergency Medical Technician

In case of a medical emergency, they can save your life! Sure, doctors are waiting for you at the emergency room and paramedics are on the way but how long before they get there and how long will it be before you are



transported to the hospital? The first responder who almost always is there first to administer first aid and life saving treatment is the EMT.



What does it take to become one? One heck

of a lot of dedication, time and tenacity. We would like to congratulate Grant Ruesch on completing the training and becoming our 6th EMT. Stan Crawford, who will graduate in February is about to become our 7th.

## FIREFIGHTER HUMOR

Oxymorons:  
Live Recording,  
Microsoft Works,  
Melted Ice,  
Minor Disaster,  
Stationary Orbit,  
Alone Together,  
Government Organization,  
Boneless Ribs,  
Tax Return.



## **FIREMAN'S HAMBURGER CASSEROLE**

3-4 lbs Ground Beef  
2 Cans of Leisure Peas (english or early peas)  
2 Cans of Mexican Corn  
2 Cans of Cream of Chicken  
2 Cans of Cream of Mushroom  
16 oz Sour Cream  
Onion (chopped)  
4-6 Cups Shredded Cheese

Season Ground Beef with Lowreys Season Salt and a little Garlic Salt. Brown in skillet till done. Combine all other ingredients and mix well. Grease (2) 13x9 Pyrex dishes (or close size). Pour mixture in both. Layer mixture with sliced cheese on top. Butter some sliced bread and cut into triangles. Layer the cheese with the sliced bread. Bake uncovered @ 375 until bread is golden brown.

Send us your favorite recipe and we'll try it out!

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The GGFPD Board of Directors holds regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. On odd months of the year meetings are held at Fire Station #1 – 32360 Robinson Hill Rd. On even months of the year meetings are held at Station #2 – 7181 Crawford Gulch Rd. All meetings are open to the public.

**E-MAIL NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS:** Anyone may request to receive advance notice of Board meetings via e-mail notification by sending us your e-mail address along with the request to either [gchans@wildblue.net](mailto:gchans@wildblue.net) or [bcrawford@hughes.net](mailto:bcrawford@hughes.net).

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