



CRYSTAL LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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-- Chief's Monthly Report--

Mar 20, 2025

Purpose:

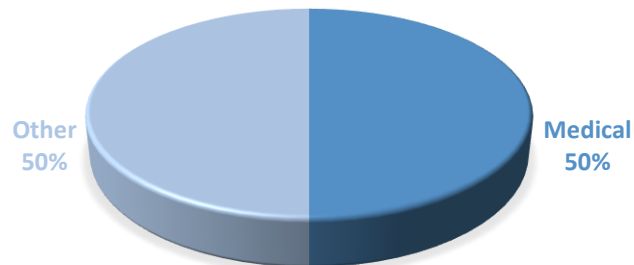
The purpose of this monthly report is to provide the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board with a comprehensive overview of the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's activities, progress, and challenges over the past month. This report aims to ensure transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making by presenting information on operational metrics, incident responses, training activities, community outreach efforts, and budgetary considerations. By highlighting key accomplishments, identifying areas for improvement, and forecasting upcoming needs, this report serves as a vital tool for maintaining the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and service within our community.

Meetings

- Officer Meeting: Feb 27 2025
- Wildfire Defense Advisory CWDG: Feb 27 2025
- UCHealth EMS training: Feb 27 2025
- Wildfire Resiliency Code: Feb 28 2025
- Mountain Chiefs Meeting: Mar 5 2025
- All Agency Medical Directors Q1: Mar 11 2025
- Business meeting: Mar 13 2025
- ARES Exercise Planning: Mar 20 2025
- CLFPD Board Meeting: Mar 20 2025

Emergency Response

- Total: 6 alarms (3 Med, 3 Other)

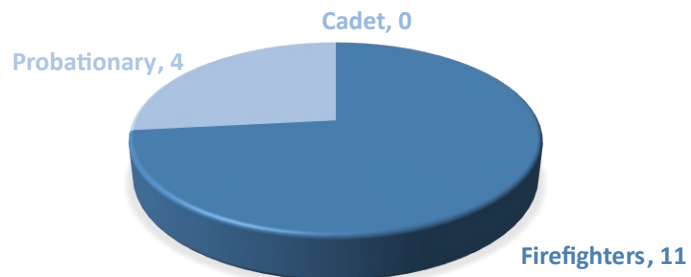


Alarm Details:

Run Number	Date	Type	Location
012	20-Feb	MVA	Marmot Dr
013	21- Feb	Medical	Ottawa Wy
014	21-Feb	Assist	73C & Lone Pine Lake Dr
015	21-Feb	Medical	74E
016	1-Mar	Medical	Crow Rd.
017	3-Mar	Smoke	Mutual Aid (RF)

Personnel

- Current Membership: 15
- Retirement: 0
- New: 0



Training & Safety

Internal Training:

- Apparatus Skills
- **CLVFD Only (3/06/25):** On Thursday, CLVFD conducted an in-station Ice Rescue Training to prepare for the upcoming hands-on session with RFLVFD. This training focused on department-specific procedures, rescue scenarios, and familiarization with our ice rescue equipment. Firefighters reviewed response protocols, practiced equipment deployment, and discussed risk assessment strategies to ensure a strong foundation before applying these skills in a live environment. This session was critical in building confidence and readiness for Saturday's joint training on Shagwa Lake.
- **CLVFD Only (3/08/25):** On Saturday, CLVFD and RFLVFD conducted a joint hands-on Ice Rescue Training on Shagwa Lake, providing firefighters with real-world experience in frozen water rescues. Crews practiced self-rescue techniques, victim extrication, and the use of specialized ice rescue equipment in live conditions. The training emphasized teamwork, communication, and scene safety while reinforcing the challenges of working in icy environments. Firefighters gained valuable experience assessing ice stability, coordinating rescue efforts, and executing safe and effective rescues. This joint training strengthened interdepartmental collaboration and enhanced both departments' preparedness for icerelated emergencies.

External Training:

- EMS: Hemorrhage Control - Feb 27th
- 2 hours (CE eligible) with a UHealth trainer, including lecture and discussion with real world examples.

2025 Training schedule in place with RFLVFD (subject to change):

Month	Topic	Dates of CLVFD training
JANUARY	Scene Size Up, ICS,	Jan 10, 2025
FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo (separate)	Feb 6, 2025
MARCH	Ice Rescue	Mar 6, 2025
APRIL	Pumps & Water Delivery	Apr 3, 2025
MAY	Wildland Refresher (full weekend)	May 1, 2025
JUNE	Stillwater Rescue	Jun 5, 2025
JULY	Structure Fire Ops	Jul 3, 2025
AUGUST	Low-Angle Rescue	Aug 7, 2025
SEPTEMBER	Skills Review & Major Incident	Sept 4, 2025
OCTOBER	Extrication	Oct 2, 2025
NOVEMBER	SCBA	Nov 6, 2025
DECEMBER	EMS Topics	Dec 4, 2025

** All dates are subject to change based on the needs of the department.*

Community Outreach / Education

- Planning in progress – schedule deadline end of March

Upcoming classes:

- Planning in progress – schedule deadline end of March

2025 Department Summer Workshop schedule:

Workshop Title	Date
Planning in progress	

2025 CLVFD& CL Fires Community Event Schedule:

Event	Date
Planning in progress	

Personnel & Department Operations Update:

- Apparatus
 - Yearly maintenance being scheduled for April with Beck

- Purchase of UTV-1 complete
- Waiting on delivery/installation of add-ons at dealership before moving to get outfitted with emergency lighting and district graphics.
- In service date TBD

- Station

- New sensor light installed at west entrance
- Continued installation of auto eject systems for apparatus

- Operations

- Special Duty Responder (SDR) Policy Change:
As part of our ongoing efforts to optimize emergency response safety, efficiency, and accountability, I have implemented a policy change discontinuing SDR emergency dispatch. This adjustment ensures that all personnel operating at emergency scenes are fully integrated into the incident command system and aligns with national response standards and best practices.

Moving forward, traffic control and landing zone operations will be handled by trained firefighters already on scene. This change enhances resource management, simplifies incident coordination, and strengthens overall responder flexibility.

Recognizing the dedication and contributions of SDRs, I am working to develop a Fire Auxiliary Program that will provide opportunities for continued involvement in logistical support, training assistance, and community outreach. More details on this initiative will be developed in the coming weeks.

- **Grants**

- Colorado State Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant
- Submitted for 4 sets Tech Rescue PPE
- Extrication gloves
- Totaling \$3500
- Notification scheduled to be mid-March

Respectfully submitted,

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Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department