



CRYSTAL LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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-- Chief's Monthly Report--

Apr 24, 2025

Purpose:

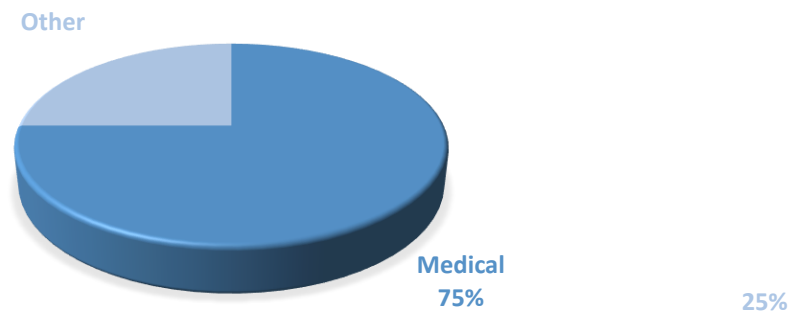
The purpose of this monthly report is to provide the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board with a comprehensive overview of the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's activities, progress, and challenges over the past month. This report aims to ensure transparency, accountability, and informed 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: Mar 27 2025
- Department Business Meeting: Apr 10 2025
- Mountain Chiefs: Apr 2 2025
- CLFPD Board: Apr 24 2025
- Wildfire Defense Advisory CWDG: Mar 24 2025
- UCHealth EMS: Mar 27 2025
- ARES Exercise Planning: Apr 3 2025
- LC Emergency Responders Round Table: Apr 9 2025
- Mountain Comms Planning: Apr 11 2025
- CWDG RFL Area Advisory: Apr 22 2025

Emergency Response

- Total: 4 alarms (3 Med, 1 Smoke)

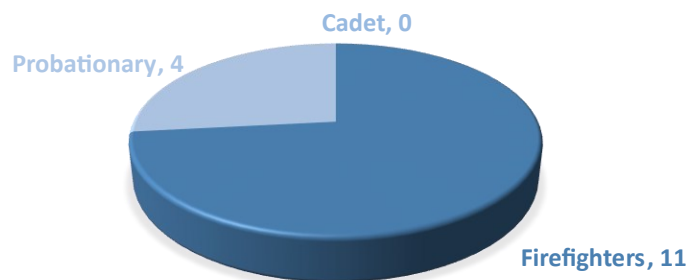


Alarm Details:

Run Number	Date	Type	Location
018	19-Mar	Medical	73C & Tami
019	29-Mar	Medical	Ottawa Way
020	13-Apr	Smoke	RF – Letita Dr
021	18-Apr	Medical	Munsee Ct

Personnel

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



Training & Safety

Internal Training:

- Apparatus Skills

- **CLVFD Only (4/03/25):** This month, CLVFD conducted Thursday evening training focused on pumps and water delivery. Firefighters reviewed and familiarized themselves with the pump operations on each apparatus, discussing key components and procedures. The training included hands-on practice, where members operated the pumps and sprayed water to reinforce techniques and improve confidence in real-world application. This session helped ensure all members are comfortable with our equipment and prepared for effective water delivery during emergency responses.
- **CLVFD Only (4/12/25):** On Saturday, CLVFD conducted a joint training exercise with our partner department, RFLVFD, building on the pump and water delivery skills introduced during Thursday's session. The training featured a structure fire simulation that extended into a wildland scenario, giving firefighters the opportunity to apply tactics in a realistic, evolving incident. This exercise reinforced key elements from recent monthly trainings, including apparatus operations, SCBA use, and coordinated team response. The focus was on interagency collaboration, effective communication, and putting our developing skills into practice under live conditions.

External Training:

- EMS: Altered Mental Status (AMS) - Mar 27th
- 2 hours (CE eligible) with a UCHealth trainer, including lecture and discussion with real world examples.

2025 Training schedule (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

2025 Department Summer Workshop schedule:

Workshop Title	Date / Time
From Ember to Escape: Wildfire Mitigation & Evacuation	Jun-07 / 9:00am
Saw Smart: Chainsaw Safety Essentials	Jun-21 / 3:00pm
Equip, Plan, Prevent: Home Fire Safety	Jun-28 / 9:00am
Fight Fire with Coverage: Understanding Wildfire Insurance	Jul-26 / 3:00pm
Stayin' Alive and Stoppin' the Bleed	Aug-9 / 3:00pm

2025 CLVFD & CLFires Community Event Schedule:

Event	Date
Planning in progress	TBD

Personnel & Department Operations Update:

- Apparatus
 - Yearly maintenance with Beck's in progress
 - Engine-1 and Tender-1 complete
 - Purchase of UTV-1 complete
 - Graphics complete
 - Emergency Lighting in progress

- Skid purchased (85-gallon water tank with pump) - shipping
- In service date TBD
- Station
 - Auto Ejects project complete for Brush-1, Engine-1, and Tender-1 - Safety railing on conference room level complete
- Operations
 - 3 Firefighters being sent to Fire on the Plains (Apr24 – Apr27)
- Grants
 - Colorado State Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant - **AWARDED**
 - 4 sets Tech Rescue PPE
 - 5 pairs or Rescue Gloves
 - Total \$3549.95

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Clark
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Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department