



# CRYSTAL LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## -- Chief's Monthly Report-- *May, 15 2025*

### **Purpose:**

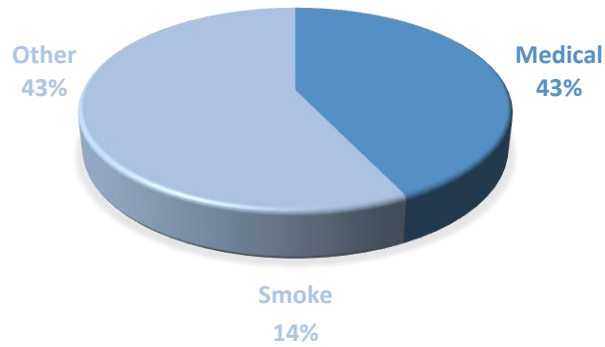
The purpose of this monthly report is to provide the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board with a comprehensive overview of the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's activities, progress, and challenges over the past month. This report aims to ensure transparency, accountability, and informed 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**

- UCH EMS Training: Apr 24 2025
- Officer Meeting: Apr 25 0225
- CLFires Board Meeting: May 4 2025
- NC Mountain Chief's Meeting: May 7 2025
- Department Business Meeting: May 8 2025
- LC All Hazards Summit: May 9 2025
- LC Comms & Dispatch Meeting: May 9 2025
- NOAA 2025 Fire Forecast Review: May 12 2025
- USFS 2025 Strat Planning: May 12 2025
- CLFPD Board: May 15 2025

## Emergency Response

- Total: 7 alarms (3 Med, 1 Smoke, 3 Other)

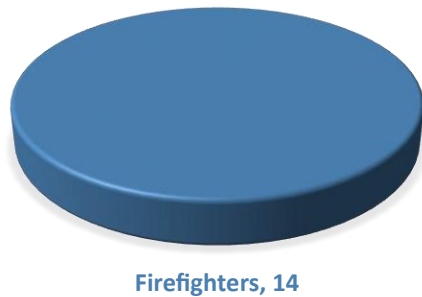


## Alarm Details:

Run Number	Date	Type	Location
022	Apr-23	Medical	Ottawa Way
023	Apr-24	Smoke	RF (Auto Aid)
024	Apr-30	Other	Ottawa Way
025	May-1	Medical	RF (Auto Aid)
026	May-3	MVA	Snoopy Pond
027	May-10	Medical	Hiawatha Lake (Water Rescue)
028	May-10	MVA	67J

## Personnel

- Current Membership: 14
- New: 0



## Training & Safety

### Internal Training:

- Wildland Refresher
- **CLVFD Only (5/01/25):** This month, Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Wildland Refresher, focusing on reinforcing critical skills and safety protocols ahead of the summer wildfire season. On Thursday, CLVFD members concentrated on the foundational LCES system— **Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones**—through discussion and scenario-based review. This essential framework remains the backbone of wildland firefighter safety and was emphasized as part of both initial and ongoing readiness. Members reviewed how to establish effective LCES at an incident, discussed recent real-world examples, and shared best practices to ensure situational awareness in the WUI environment we operate in. The refresher also served as a reminder of red  
flag weather patterns, evolving fuel loads in our district, and the importance of working cohesively on mutual aid responses.
- **CLVFD Only (5/10/25):** Saturday’s training was held in partnership with Red Feather Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and led by personnel from the U.S. Forest Service. Crews analyzed a real-world case study involving an LCES breakdown, discussing how failure in one or more components contributed to operational risk. Following the classroom portion, members deployed to a live scenario on USFS land where they applied their learning in the field—establishing LCES, communicating objectives, and navigating a simulated wildland incident. This two-part refresher strengthened both individual and team capabilities while reinforcing our commitment to safe and effective wildland response.

### External Training:

- EMS: Psychiatric and Behavioral – Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 2025
- 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, <a href="#">2025</a>
FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo (separate)	Feb 6, <a href="#">2025</a>
MARCH	Ice Rescue	Mar 6, <a href="#">2025</a>
APRIL	Pumps & Water Delivery	Apr 3, <a href="#">2025</a>
MAY	Wildland Refresher (full weekend)	May 1, <a href="#">2025</a>
JUNE	Stillwater Rescue	Jun 5, <a href="#">2025</a>
JULY	Structure Fire Ops	Jul 3, <a href="#">2025</a>
AUGUST	Low-Angle Rescue	Aug 7, <a href="#">2025</a>
SEPTEMBER	Skills Review & Major Incident	Sept 4, <a href="#">2025</a>
OCTOBER	Extrication	Oct 2, <a href="#">2025</a>
NOVEMBER	SCBA	Nov 6, <a href="#">2025</a>
DECEMBER	EMS Topics	Dec 4, <a href="#">2025</a>

*\* 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

## Department Administration & Operations Update:

- Administration
  - LC planning a Cameron Peak Commemoration Event (5 years) - Crystal Lakes to participate
  - Recruitment Campaign will begin on Memorial Day weekend.
- Operations
  - All apparatus yearly service complete

- UTV-1 IN SERVICE
- Skid purchased (85-gallon water tank with pump) – shipping 7/4/25
- Rescue-1 (next project)
- Researching state bid process

Respectfully submitted,

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Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department