



# Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District



The logo is a red Maltese cross with a white border. The top arm contains the text "BLACK FOREST" in white, and the right arm contains "FIRE RESCUE" in white. In the center is a circular emblem with a green background, a white mountain range, and a yellow sun. Below the emblem is the year "1945" in yellow. At the bottom of the cross, the word "COLORADO" is written in white.

## ***Our Mission-***

*To protect the lives and property, of the citizens and visitors of the Black Forest Community, from the effects of fire, medical emergencies, hazards, environmental incidents and other emergency situations.*

*We will accomplish our mission through the use of prevention, public education and emergency response by dedicated, professional and team oriented individuals who collectively provide customer focused service, which is deemed outstanding by those we encounter.*

## ***Our Vision-***

*To build an outstanding organization that values and empowers individuals, strives for excellence and leads the way in providing collaborative and cooperative solutions and service on a regionalized level.*

# Background

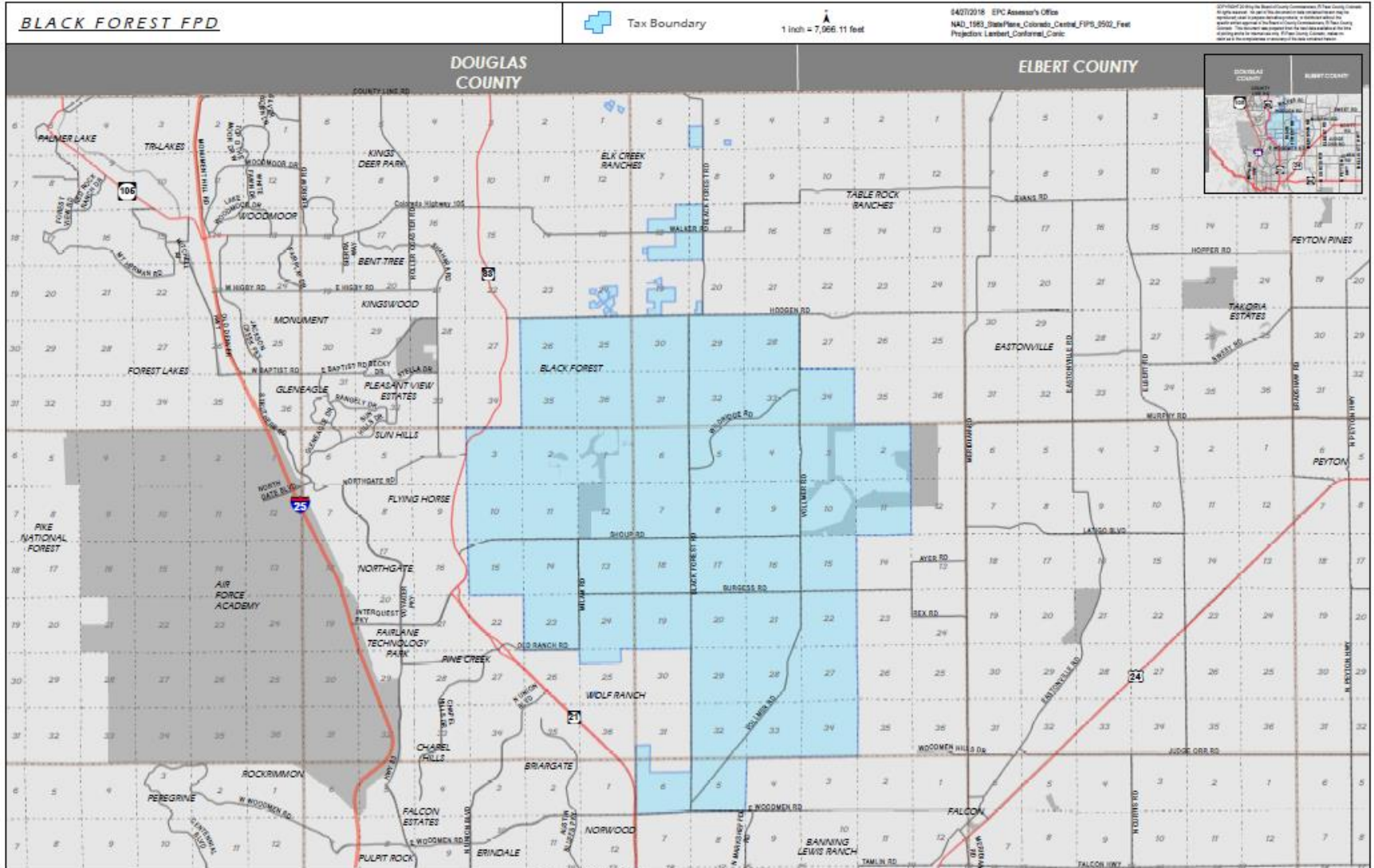
- The Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District was established in 1945 and has continued to grow and dynamically change since inception.
- BFFRPD is a combination fire department, consisting of career, part-time and volunteer members.
- Physically, the district serves approximately fifty square miles in Northern El Paso County, Colorado.
- We are an all hazards, emergency response agency that prides ourselves on providing professional, timely and fiscally responsible service to the residents and visitors of the district.
- Located within the district boundaries is a resident population of approximately 10,000 individuals and 5,000 residential/commercial structures. Furthermore, the district protects the following critical infrastructure: (3) gas/oil pipelines, (3) natural gas sub-stations, (4) cellular communication sites, and an 800mhz radio tower. Historically, the district was classified as a rural area but over the course of the past several years we have seen suburban growth within our response area. This pattern of growth and development is projected to continue into the foreseeable future. Annually, the district responds to over 1,000 calls for service. Current development projects include an additional 6,042 dwelling units which will add 14,500 new residents and push call volumes to approximately 2,500 incidents per year.
- Black Forest Fire Rescue District has become a proven leader in emergency service delivery, collaboration and cooperation with adjacent emergency service agencies and surrounding communities.

# Services Provided

The district provides many services to the community, to include:

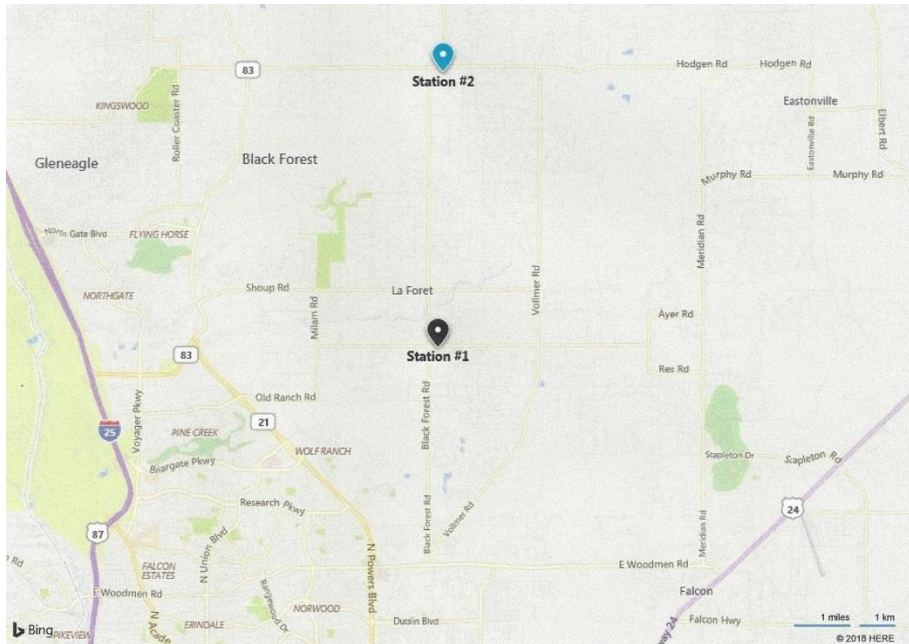
- Structural fire response and suppression
- Wildland fire pre-planning, response and suppression, national deployments
- Emergency Medical Services (ALS) first response and transport
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Rescue Operations- Vehicle Extrication and Ice Rescue
- Fire Prevention- Youth, Firewise, Ready-Set-Go
- Community outreach, education and safety programs that include:
  - » Regional Training Site for cooperating agencies
  - » Community Room for local citizen groups

# District Map



# Stations

The district operates out of two fire stations which are located to provide maximum response coverage to the district.



-Station #2, 16465 Ridge Run Rd.

-Station #1, 11445 Teachout Rd.



\* Sterling Ranch has dedicated land for a third station

# Equipment



- The District owns 15 Fire, EMS, Command and Utility Vehicles. We maintain 2 primary units by type and a reserve unit.
- (2) Fire Engines (with an additional unit arriving in March of 2019)
- (3) Water Tenders
- (3) Brush Trucks
- (3) Ambulances
- (2) Command Vehicles
- (2) Utility Vehicles

# Staffing



**Fire Chief Bryan Jack**  
**Assistant Fire Chief James Rebitski**  
**Administrative Assistant Melissa Bottorff**

A-Shift	B-Shift	C-shift	Part-Time	Fire Auxiliary
FF/EMT Lt. Jamal Davis FF/P Jessica Wyss FF/EMT Ben Rackl FF/P Bryan Kendall	FF/EMT Capt. Larry Bell FF/P Cody Andersen FF/EMT David Schlingmann FF/EMT Ryan Seng	FF/EMT Lt. Rick Robirds FF/P Eddie Baker FF/EMT Chris Sulewski FF/EMT Cody Poole	FF/EMT Miller, Daniel FF/EMT Coyle, Micah FF/EMT Smith, David FF/EMT Finley, Grant FF/EMT Cosgrove, Joe FF/EMT Mola, Kris	Anita McMorran David Bottorff Franklyn Blaha Gay Williams Robert Bender Breck Merle
Volunteer Coordinator Thomas Garmong				
Volunteer Line Personnel				
EMT Jessica Garrett EMT Michael Versace FF/EMT Chris Adamson	FF/EMT Carol Fischer EMT Joshua Klute EMT Mealinda Koory EMT Heather Heath FF/EMT Kevin Holbrook	FF/EMT Thomas Garmong FF/EMT Tad McClurg FF/EMT Ryan Mulay EMT Carlos Pittman	FF/EMT Benoit, Chris FF/EMT Bullard, Jerame FF/EMT Clymer, Aaron FF/EMT Haas, Ian FF/EMT Hawkins, David FF/EMT Martinez, Bobby FF/EMT Kuemmerle, Travis FF/EMT John Gue FF/EMT Thomas Leland FF/P Boyce, Nathan FF/P Ehardt, Kelli FF/P Karle, Brandon	
Resident Program				LOA
				Jennifer DeGroot Chrystal Duffey
3	5	4	18	6

Line Volunteers	12	FF/EMT	29
Career FT	12	FF/Paramedic	7
Career PT	18	FF	0
Career Admin	3	EMT	6
Fire Auxiliary	6	Paramedic	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Total Line Personnel</b>	<b>42</b>

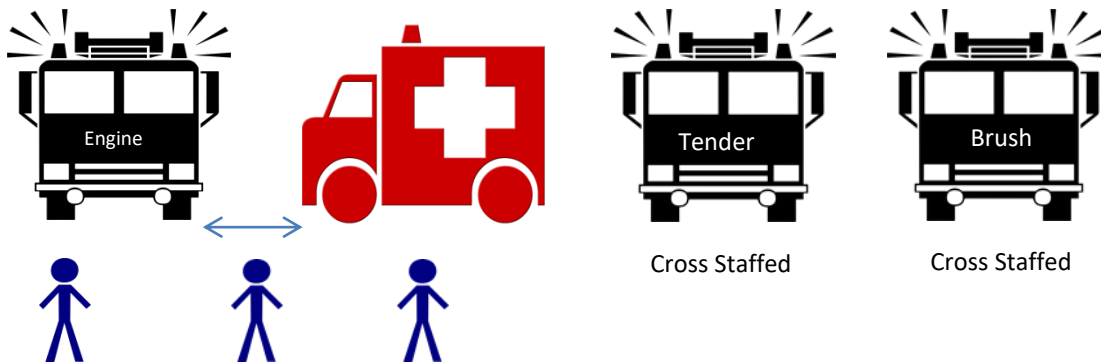


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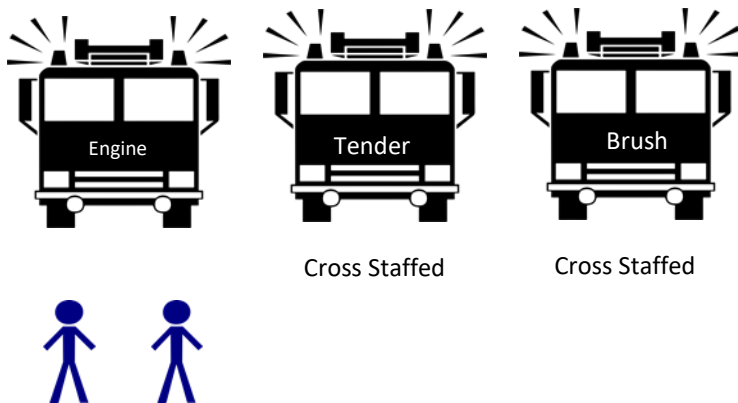
- Every Day there is an assigned Shift of 4 career staff, and a single, funded, part-time position.
- Minimum daily staffing is set at 4, and 5 if the part-time position is filled.
  - If only 4 staff are available, only station #1 is staffed.
  - If 5 staff are available station #1 is staffed with 3, and station #2 is staffed with 2.
  - Part-time employees are required to pull 48 hours of shift time/month
- Volunteers supplement staffing when they are available, and are required to pull 24 hours of shift time/month

# Staffing Continued

















- Station #1



- Station #2



# How Response Works

- Medical    
Engine
- Traffic Accident    
Engine
- Structure Fire    + Automatic/Mutual Aid
- Wildland Fire    + Automatic/Mutual Aid
- Alarm (Fire, CO)       
Engine Tender Tender or Engine Engine
- Service Call   
Engine

# Daily Routine

- Fleet and staff readiness
  - Shift hand-off, briefing, apparatus checks
  - Review fire weather forecast, Review national fire danger predictions
  - Coordinate with cooperating agencies
- Daily Training
- Scheduled Events
- Special program/assignment management
- Station & facility maintenance and cleaning
- Always available for Emergency Response

# Operational Priorities

- Improve Career Staffing to 6 per shift
  - Staff Station #1 & #2 24/7/365
  - Maintain Part-time Staff & Funding
  - Maintain Overtime/Backfill @ current level
  - Modify & continue resident program
  - Modify & continue volunteer program
- Secure appropriate funding to implement the Apparatus Replacement Plan
- Secure appropriate funding to implement the radio/communication upgrade program