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To The Guffey Community,

We just wanted to take a moment to let all of you know about the progress we have made at the Southern Park County Fire Protection District. Prior to 2014 our agency had 5 different Fire Chiefs within the span of a couple of years. The first order of business was to establish a consistency at the Fire Chief position. The next item we needed to address was to determine how best to serve our community. The following are things we have done and plan to do to provide the best service possible to our community.

We are reorganizing how the department is staffed; the current program provides 24-hour coverage for our community with our main station staffed from 9-3 every day. In 2016 we will be providing a Lieutenant / EMT-B, an EMT-B, and a Firefighter on every shift. This is in addition to the Chief and other volunteers that respond to our calls. We also have done a major and ongoing spring-cleaning of our stations. With a goal of providing a professional environment for our volunteers to work in; we reorganized, de-cluttered, and sold surplus. To maintain our volunteers' morale, we are in the process of building a day room.

On the equipment front we have inventoried and streamlined by selling 4 old and underutilized units. Our agency upgraded our ambulance fleet by selling our old MED 9-1 and purchasing a newer 4WD unit. We also acquired a newer 2WD ambulance bringing our fleet up to 3 Basic Life Support ambulances. In addition our agency purchased a 1993 4WD structure engine from Denver Fire Department at a great price.

Our Department has been involved in rigorous wildland fire training to the national standards with our nationally qualified instructor. Annually our agency puts on an in-house, introductory wildland firefighting course. We have also assisted in training two other local agencies in the basics of wildland firefighting. This has not only improved our county-wide wildland protection but built bonds between our local agencies. To prevent

wildland fires our agency has started a fuels program initially funded by the late Werner Lengacher and is supported by community members ongoing donations.

During the last 2 years our agency has trained 5 new EMT-B's and recruited another EMT-B as well as an Emergency Medical Responder. We have worked diligently with our neighboring EMS agencies to improve our patient outcomes. To support this ongoing program, our Board of Directors has approved a new medical billing policy. This is vital to our community so we can continue to provide this level of care for years to come.

Some future plans for our fire district are to continue to build our relationships and our current programs to better benefit our community. Our board is in the process of looking into funding for a newer structural firefighting engine. We continue to evaluate and sell excess, underutilized units, and to continue to upgrade our equipment, in order to comply with national standards. On this note we will be hosting a Structural Firefighting Academy for our staff and neighboring agencies.

Our agency is always looking for new recruits to join us in helping our community when our residents need it the most. We will provide all of the training and equipment you need to serve the public. If you are interested in joining, please come by the station and visit with us. Our trainings are every Wednesday at 1900 and are open to everyone. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve this community.

From all of us at the Southern Park County Fire Protection District we wish a safe and Happy New Year.