



Midway Ranches Property Owners Association News

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First Historic Meeting of Midway Ranches Fire Protection District

The first meeting of the Midway Fire Protection District was held on December 22, 2010. At the meeting, the Board voted for the offices of the District. Please welcome the new Board members:

Jack Arrington and John Sparkman as Members at Large.
Renee Kurkowski as Treasurer
Arlen Mathies as Vice President
Gonzalo Aldecocea as President and Secretary

We have retained membership in the Special District Association of Colorado (www.sdaco.org). Becoming a member of SDACO meets the State requirements of posting meeting notices, and informs the electors of the Midway Ranches Fire Protection District of when elections will be held for Directors, and general information of when and where scheduled monthly meetings will be held.

The new District Board is in the process of filing all necessary forms and information with the State and Local Government offices.

The District will also be sponsoring a web site which will keep the community informed. A web site has been reserved for the District. The web site, which is currently under construction, will be www.MidwayRanchesFPD.org. We will keep you posted when the site is available.

Any questions regarding the District can be addressed to Gonzalo (Al) Aldecocea at (719)382-9529.

Safety Corner – Burn Permits

Need to burn something? It is legal for residents of Midway Ranches to burn trash or other fire consumable materials. If you burn in a 55 gallon drum equipped with a screen to suppress flying embers, you don't need a burn permit.

Have a bigger pile of trash to burn? You must request a fire permit from the Pueblo County Sheriff. The free permits can be requested at the Pueblo Sheriff web site (<http://www.sheriff.co.pueblo.co.us/>) or by calling (719) 583-6125.

Requesting a permit for bigger burns saves tax dollars. Once a burn permit has been acquired, call the Sheriff and inform them. This will reduce emergency responders from coming out when a controlled fire is in progress.

Remember, any fire, either with a burn permit or not is the responsibility of the landowner. Any damage caused by a fire getting out of control will be the responsibility of the landowner.

Dialing 9-1-1

We are getting used to dialing 9-1-1 and getting the appropriate response. One aspect that we are not aware of dialing 9-1-1, is from cellular phones. 9-1-1 calls placed from cellular phones are routed to the police department based on the cell tower that handles the cellular call. For us at Midway Ranches, the closest cell tower is in El Paso County. It is very important to be aware to inform the 9-1-1 dispatch center when placing a 9-1-1 call from Midway Ranches is that we are in Pueblo County. The Dispatcher will then make the decision that they are the responding agency, or to transfer the call to Pueblo Sheriff. Please be proactive in providing this information as not doing so can delay the correct agency response.

Land line calls to 9-1-1 have been already programmed to send the call to the correct agency.