

## **Fire Protection Report**

Pair-A-Dise Subdivision Filing No. 1

515 Struthers Loop is located in the Donald Wescott Fire Rescue Protection District (DWFRPD) service area. The District currently serves the subdivision in which the site resides and has committed to serve the proposed subdivision. The District also participates in mutual aid response with surrounding fire districts and fire departments.

DWFRPD has three full service/full time manned fire stations. The closest station to 515 Struthers Loop is Station 1, located at 15415 Gleneagle Drive, which is 1.1 miles from the site via established public roads. Response times are difficult to predict due to traffic conditions, weather conditions and other factors. However, in favorable conditions, response time to the site is estimated to be 4 minutes. The department has one ladder, three fire engines, one water tender truck, one brush truck, one ambulance and various command and utility vehicles.

BFFRPD carries Class 2 ISO rating for all properties located within the fire district. Therefore, the ISO rating for this property is 2.

The site of 515 Struthers Loop contains few trees and does not exhibit dense forest. The nearest heavily treed area is approximately 1 mile northeast of the site's northern boundary. No particular wildfire fire mitigation is possible or required for the site.



## DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 22, 2021

To whom it May Concern,

This is a letter of commitment to provide fire protection services for the property located at 515 Struthers Loop Colorado Springs, CO 80921, with the understanding of the proposed sub division into separate lots. This parcel of land lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the fire protection district.

The Wescott Fire Protection District provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services from the two fire stations. Station 1, located at 15415 Gleneagle Drive, is the closest fire station to this address, and the apparatus located in this station would be considered the first due to any alarms in this area. Station 2 is located at 15505 North Hwy 83, would be the second due station. Both stations are staffed 24/7, 365 days.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me,

Thank you,

Warren Jones

Fire Chief

## FROM THE CHIEF



### Chief Jones

It is my pleasure to serve as Interim Fire Chief for the Donald Wescott Fire District. **Our mission is to provide Quality Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Treatment through quick, efficient and professional response.** In my time here, I have found all our members to be dedicated and caring professionals protecting the approximately 11,000 residents of our district.

We staff two fire stations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We have a minimum of seven career fire personnel on duty every day. Our volunteer firefighters assist with on-duty staffing and during larger incidents and emergencies. We cooperate regularly with the Tri Lakes Monument Fire District, the Black Forest Fire District, the Air Force Academy Fire Department and the City of Colorado Springs Fire Department. Our ambulance service is provided by American Medical Response. With the addition of a 3,500-gallon water tender in 2020 all properties in our district are eligible for an **ISO Class 2** rating.

My major focus for the rest of the year will be to help the District consider unification with the Tri Lakes Monument Fire District. The Board of Directors of both districts have given direction to Chief Kovacs of Tri Lakes Monument and I to begin preliminary planning for this unification. If we are successful, our new fire agency will be the second largest in El Paso County. The services we can provide to the north-central part of the county will be more effective and more efficient than we can provide separately. It will also provide opportunities for our personnel that we cannot provide today.

The biggest winners will be the residents and businesses of both districts. I expect a formal decision to be made on unification in the fall of 2021.

I'll close with observations on two important topics. First, the COVID pandemic is still affecting all our lives. The vaccines are giving us a path forward towards a return to normal. I urge you to get vaccinated if you haven't already. Internally for our staff, the dropping infection rate is allowing us to reduce the restrictions that we've had in place for well over a year. However, you will still see us using special precautions on emergency responses, especially medical emergencies. Second, we are just entering the summer wildfire season. A large portion of our district is within the Wildland Urban Interface area (WUI). El Paso County has been severely impacted by major fires in recent years, Waldo Canyon in 2012 and Black Forest in 2013. Last year was the worst wildland fire year on record in Colorado. If you live in the WUI in the eastern portions of our district you can reduce your own risk by thinning and removing hazardous vegetation, using open flames carefully, including observing open burning restrictions when they are imposed, and being prepared to evacuate if a serious fire happens. Please check this website frequently for updated information on all District activities and new information on the unification effort. You can contact me at any time at [wjones@wescottfire.org](mailto:wjones@wescottfire.org).

Warren Jones



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## WHO WE ARE



Originally El Paso County Fire, our name was changed to honor Donald Wescott when the district was formed in 1981. Donald was killed in the line of duty while fighting an apartment fire at the Yorkshire Apartments in May 1976. The fire also claimed the lives of three family members: a mother, her 5-year old daughter and her father-in-law. FF Wescott fell through the burning roof when the joints collapsed. There were several other firefighters who were injured in the blaze. The fire was caused by gasoline being stored in open containers and placed too close to the water heater pilot light.

### What are the Boundaries of the District?

- 12 square miles
- Population: 10,000
- Northgate Blvd to Baptist Road
- East of Interstate 25 to east of Highway 83
- Along Highway 83 to Hodgen Road

### Who is Covered by the District?

- Residences
- Local Businesses
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- School District #20

Abert Estates  
Chaparrel Hills  
Gleneagle  
Northgate Highlands  
  
Oak Mountain Estates  
Outlook Estates  
Overlook Estates  
Pleasant View Estates  
  
Stone Crossing  
Struthers Ranch  
Sun Hills

## Fire Stations

### Station 1

15415 Gleneagle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921 Phone: (719) 488-8680  
Fax: (719) 488-3414

[Map & Directions](#)

### Station 2

15055 Highway 83  
Colorado Springs, CO 80908 Phone: (719) 488-8680  
Fax: (719) 488-3414

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### Station 3 - Unstaffed

15000 Sun Hills Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921 Phone: (719) 488-8680

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## **Wescott Apparatus**

- 1 Ladder
- 3 Engines
- 1 Ambulance
- 1 Tender
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Utility Truck
- 2 Command Vehicles
- Hummer
- ATV
- Air Trailer
- Chipper

## **Automatic Aid Agreements**

As part of our commitment to the citizens we serve, Wescott Fire Department is proud to participate in the “North Group.” The North Group is a collection of fire departments within and around El Paso County, dedicated to assisting each other and providing resources during large incidents such as wildland fires, structure fires, hazardous material incidents etc. Through this agreement, Wescott Fire Department both receives and provides responses to:

- Palmer Lake Fire Department
- Black Forest Fire/Rescue Department
- Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Department
- Falcon Fire Department
- Cimarron Hills Fire Department
- Larkspur Fire Department
- United States Air Force Academy Fire

Agreements like these enable agencies to provide resources through automatic aid agreements, meaning that there is no need to gain approval prior to requesting help, and in many cases, assistance from neighboring departments will be dispatched automatically.

## **Staffing**

- Fire Chief
- Training Chief

- Three Battalion Chiefs
- 6 Lieutenants
- 12 Firefighters/EMTs
- 21 Volunteers
- One Administrative Assistant

## Contact Us

## Donald Wescott District Map

