

# **BLACK FOREST FIRE RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District (BFFRPD) is made up entirely of unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Colorado's most populous county.

The department is a Title 32 special district that is governed by a five-member, publicly elected board of directors who serve four-year terms. The department is managed by a career fire chief, assistant fire chief and an administrative assistant. The department currently has nine career firefighter/EMTs, 14 part-time firefighter/EMTs and 36 Volunteer Firefighter/EMTs.

The department responds to calls within a 50-square-mile area of unincorporated El Paso County. The district serves a population of approximately 10,000 residents and protects more than 5,000 structures with a market value of more than \$1.4 billion.

We respond to about 900 calls a year in Black Forest. We also provide Advanced Life Support transport of the sick and injured to area hospitals.

All alarm responses are made within an eight-minute average for the district. The department operates from two stations.

- **Station 1: 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80908**
- **Station 2: 16465 Ridge Run Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80908**

Black Forest has an insurance rating (ISO) of 5 for all properties located within five road miles of any of the stations. The department is supported by a property tax rate of 10.356 mills.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Black Forest Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1945 by a group of volunteers who saw a need in the community. The department owned and operated its assets until the formation of the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District, a special district under the statutes of the state of Colorado. Black Forest Fire Rescue was recognized as a fire district by El Paso County on October 11th, 1967.

## Station 1



Station 1 is our primary station that houses our administrative offices. The station is staffed 24/7 with full-time career members who respond to all emergencies, including the transport of sick and injured.

The station was opened in 2003.

Apparatus at Station 1 includes:

- Engine 711 (Type 1)
- Engine 741 (Type 6)
- Engine 743 (Type 6)
- Tender 761 (Water hauler)
- Ambulance 781 (Advanced Life Support)
- Command vehicles

## Station 2



Station 2 opened in 2009 is a four-bay station with living area for four personnel. This station is staffed with part-time personnel from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Equipment in this Station 2 includes:

- Engine 712
- Brush Truck 742 (Type 6)
- Tender 762 (Water hauler)