



# SILVER CITY FIRE & RESCUE

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## Time for Giving Thanks

It's been a good year. We are grateful for everyone's help and contributions.

A common goal has kept us focused through difficult times. This year, the Board put a freeze on all but the most essential expenditures. Donations, along with the support that townspeople, tourists, and recreationists showed for the Gift Shop, helped rebuild the organization's funds. Your support makes it possible for SCF&R volunteers to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

- EMS volunteers started service in May and are continuing to provide service until snow closes the road in November.
- SCF&R maintains three fire trucks and one EMS vehicle ready to provide service.
- Trained volunteers answered nine EMS calls and one Wildland fire call.
- SCF&R began construction on a Landing Zone.
- SCF&R received grants from Walmart, State EMS Bureau, Idaho Fire Chief's Association, Idaho Community Foundation, and the BLM.

At the completion of our fourth year of service, we are grateful for your support, and for dedicated volunteers. We have built something exceptional together.

BLM Boise District Fire has been burning slash piles created for fuels reduction around Silver City. The burnt piles leave a circle of ash that will wash away in winter snow and rains. The BLM has done a great deal to help protect the irreplaceable treasure of Silver City from the destruction of wildfire. We owe them our thanks.



## Dan Burke Memorial Landing Zone

Dan Burke of Terre Haute, Indiana, spent several years in Silver in the mid 1980s actively developing the Morningstar Mine. Dan loved mining. He was a friend of Silver City, and gave support to the town in many ways, including financially. Dan always maintained his active interest in Silver City, and made many friends here. We are saddened to report that Dan passed away last year.



Dan is survived by his brothers, Kevin and Kim Burke, managing owners of 4B Company. As good neighbors and in honor of their late brother, 4B Company signed an agreement allowing SCF&R to establish a helicopter landing zone for emergency use on the southwest corner of their patented, Morningstar/Burro Mine property. The new LZ is located at the north edge of town. SCF&R volunteers have cut juniper, cleared brush, and prepared a level landing pad. The site is optimal for landing helicopters in the area's prevailing northwest and southeast winds. The Landing Zone is for emergency use only, with road access for emergency vehicles only. This landing zone will always be available and unobstructed. It will provide a great service to the town and better outcomes for patients. We thank the Burke family for their generosity and service to Silver City. SCF&R will place a plaque at the LZ in honor of Dan's memory. Kevin and Kim commented that establishing the LZ is what Dan would want to do.



Dan Burke Memorial Landing Zone under construction with War Eagle Mountain in the distance

Life Flight lands near Thomas Lake



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## EMS Calls in 2009

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In 2009, our Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) provided care to nine patients. Here's a quick recap:

- An adult female sought care for injuries from an ATV rollover.
- We cleaned and bandaged an abrasion suffered by an adult male.
- Parents asked for advice when their toddler showed symptoms of an allergic reaction to a medication.
- We controlled bleeding and bandaged a laceration for an adult female.
- We assessed and advised an adult female to seek medical help for symptoms.
- We prepared an adult female who had suffered injuries in an ATV rollover for transport by air ambulance.
- We administered oxygen and monitored vital signs for an adult female suffering faintness and weakness.
- We assessed, and provided "sag wagon" service for an adult male suffering a head injury and abrasions from a mountain bike accident.
- We provided care to an adult male with an eye infection.

Only one of the nine EMS calls resulted in the patient being sent to advanced medical care by air ambulance. Four calls were accident related; five calls were medical responses. The number of calls was down slightly from 2008.

We are working toward providing limited winter time emergency medical service when our personnel are in Silver City. We hope that this extended service will become a reality this year.

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### Representing Volunteer EMS Providers

In August, Jan Hyslop was appointed to serve on the Personnel Licensure Rules Task Force as a representative for volunteer EMS providers. Eighteen committee members are working with the Bureau to write Administrative Rule concerning the licensing of EMS providers in response to a new EMS law passed by the 2009 Legislature. Participation on the Task Force has provided an opportunity to learn a great deal more about EMS in Idaho, and get a preview of upcoming changes.

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[www.silvercityfireandrescue.org](http://www.silvercityfireandrescue.org)

The SCF&R website is up and ready for your visit.



Sara Miller thanks Walmart's Community Involvement Coordinator Dawn Vezzoso



The Nampa 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Wal-Mart has again in 2009 donated \$1000.00 to SCF&R. These funds are a big help to pay for operating and training expenses. Thank you, Wal-Mart and Community Involvement Coordinator Dawn Vezzoso.

**Thank you for the GRANTS!**

SCF&R purchased a high quality basket stretcher with funds from the **State EMS Bureau Dedicated Funds Equipment Grant**. The basket stretcher will be carried in the EMS vehicle. Its construction allows personnel to slide a patient along on the ground or snow if need be. State EMS Bureau grant funds accrue from a small fee on your driver's license. In the past three years, the vehicle and equipment purchased from State EMS Bureau grants have made essential improvements to SCF&R's ability to provide service.

**BLM Rural Fire Assistance Grant** is in process, and will be awarded soon.

A grant from the Idaho Fire Chief's License Plate Fund provided SCF&R with a laptop computer to use in conjunction with our DLP projector for firefighter training. When you purchase firefighter plates for your vehicles, you will help fire departments statewide.



We have just received great news:

**The Southwestern Region Greatest Need Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation** has awarded Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc. \$3000.00 for 2010 operating expenses!

**Del Etychison** passed away this week. Del served as Silver City Watchman for 10 years, and with his family generously provided safe haven for stranded winter visitors. Del loved Silver City and worked tirelessly on the installation of our water delivery system. We send our condolences to the Del Etychison family.

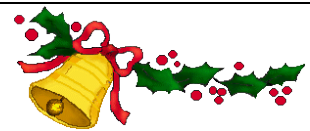
## Thank You Volunteers

**These dedicated volunteers provide SCF&R services: Dave Wilper, Geralynn and Steve Fiske, Pete and Cheryl Burril, Wade Kimball, Jesse Hyslop, Vern Tunnell, Jim and Jan Hyslop, Mike Leonard, Bobbi Stoddart, and Rick Thompson. Posse Member Paul Nettleton works closely with SCF&R as liaison with the Owyhee County Sheriff.**

This year, we anticipate receiving funding for **Wildland Fire Fighter** training from the BLM Rural Fire Assistance Grant. You are welcome to join a class to be scheduled in early 2010. Wildland Firefighter training is eye-opening—you will never look at the fuels surrounding Silver City the same way again. The course will teach you how to safely combat wildfire, and understand what BLM Fire Crews are doing and why. You will be prepared to step forward and make a difference in the event that a wildfire threatens Silver City. The training will take 32 hours of classroom time plus another eight hours in the field. Please step forward and take advantage of this free training.

Each January, Snake River Valley Training Officer's Association, in conjunction with Treasure Valley Community College, provides beginning **Structure Fire Fighter training**. This excellent training is held over one weekend in January for 16 hours of intense, exciting learning. Please contact us if you would like to participate—for free!

**BLM Clean Up Day:** On June 27, BLM fire crews worked again this year to reduce fire danger in town. SCF&R worked beside BLM crews to clean up and haul away three truck loads of fuels from an area by the bridge loaded with combustibles. We thank the BLM for doing their part to remove dangerous fuels from Silver City. Paul Nettleton has provided a real service to his community for years now by allowing the creation of a burn site on his property south of town. Tons of burnable debris and discarded building materials have been hauled out of Silver City to effectively reduce the fire danger in town. A number of homeowners have removed fuels from along Jordan Creek, creating a more appealing space and reducing fire danger. These fuel breaks would help stop a fire from spreading right through the heart of town, and would reduce the chance of igniting a number of houses along the Creek corridor.



Might we suggest that you purchase SCF&R Christmas cards featuring our favorite mountain town? One card depicts the church in Christmas garlands, and one shows a child bringing home a newly cut Christmas tree. **Call Sara at 249-0195 or visit us at the Christmas Bazaar on December 5 and 6 in Murphy.**



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- SCF&R provides fire protection and emergency medical services in the Silver City and War Eagle Mountain area of Owyhee County.
- SCF&R is licensed with the State of Idaho as a Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Responder, non-transport Emergency Medical Services agency. SCF&R's volunteers staff three fire trucks and one EMS vehicle equipped to meet the needs of the community.
- SCF&R volunteers are committed to continuing training in all aspects of emergency medical services and fire suppression.
- Please support SCF&R with your donations. SCF&R volunteers actively pursue grant opportunities, but donations from generous supporters fund the organization's basic needs. All personnel are true volunteers and receive no remuneration or financial benefit from their service. SCF&R receives no tax revenues.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

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