

HIGH COUNTRY FIRE-RESCUE NEWS

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Who We Are

HCFR is the new fire and rescue responder for residents in the area of Hwy 64 between milepost 188 and 210. We serve the areas off of Barbara Rd, Spring Valley Rd, Espee and Hoctor Rd, Mountain View Rd, all the way up to Howard Mesa as well. HCFR is an all volunteer department made up of residents living in the area. This department was borne out of a need for fire-rescue services where none were provided.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life; retired public safety personnel, contractors, factory workers, housewives, etc. all joining together to provide for their community. We always have room for more. If you can donate your time, we can use you. We need support personnel as well as EMS and Fire responders.

All HCFR Officers are experienced and certified to provide the services required by our customers. The members are in various stages of training and certification.

Command Officers

Fire Chief-Robert Small; Industrial and Refinery Firefighter (certified)

Fire Captain- Jay Linse; Arizona Firefighter II (certified)

EMS Captain- Robert Trotter; Arizona EMT-B (certified) Wildland Firefighter (certified)

Training Captain-Richard Nix; Arizona Firefighter II (certified)

Operations Personnel

Firefighter Joe Moore; Wildland Firefighter (certified)

Heidi Moore; (FF/EMT in training)

Joan Seaborn; RN, (EMT in training)

Firefighter Lonnie Kesterson; retired fire officer

Firefighter Jeff Stiver; retired EMT

Support Personnel

Judy Small; Dispatch/Support

Kat Stiver; Dispatch/Support

Mary Kasel; Member-at-large/Support

Dee Trotter; Secretary/Support

Janet Kesterson; Support

Lynn Moore; Treasurer/Support



What We Do

HCFR was created to fill the need for fire and rescue services in our community. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt entity (Arizona) that has filed for 501(c) 3 status. As such, we were able to provide services faster than the creation of a fire district would have. Our non-profit status allows us to accept contributions and issue receipts that are tax deductible for the donor.

Donations alone will not provide enough revenue to support a busy fire-rescue agency, our chief source of funding is through subscriptions sold to our neighbors. In the event of an emergency, HCFR responds to subscriber's homes at no charge. Non-subscribers pay for each HCFR response as they occur. HCFR will always respond to any call for assistance without regard to subscriber status.

In fact, HCFR volunteers have no way of knowing subscriber status at the time of the call. HCFR has a strong moral obligation to provide life saving services to anybody regardless of status or ability to pay. That's the way the founding members wanted their fire-rescue department to work. People come first.

Subscription is very simple; Leave a message at 635-9988 to set up an appointment.

Subscription benefit's the community. Your subscription allows the department to plan ahead and work within a budget. This allows for future growth for stations, training and community involvement. We would like to see as many subscriptions as possible instead of billing non-subscribers.

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Message from the Chief



Welcome. We are High Country Fire-Rescue, a non-profit corporation manned by volunteers who care about their community and the people who live here. Our volunteers have years of experience and training in the firefighting field. HCFR has many certified emergency personnel and we understand the importance of having qualified people on the scene of an emergency.

There is not a fire department in the area (between mile marker 188 and mile marker 210) willing to provide needed services. We have formed this fire department to do so. Not only are we volunteers, we are your neighbors. We are men and women who believe in giving back to our community in time of need.

Unfortunately, like all things in life, it takes money. This makes subscriptions necessary. We are not tax based and don't want to be. The funds raised from subscriptions allow for planning, future growth, training, equipment purchases and saves the cost of billing. We will go on any call we receive, the difference for subscribers is they won't receive a bill.

We have as our mantra; ARK. This stands for "Acts of Random Kindness".

I'm Fire Chief Robert Small of High Country Fire-Rescue; a company that goes where they are needed.

Benefits of subscription:

- 1 Fire and Rescue response within HCFR service area.
- 2 All services listed on subscriber and non-subscriber fee schedule. Ie; structure fire, wildland fire, EMS medical and car accident, helicopter LZ preparation.
- 3 Fire Safety Inspections of homes and businesses.
- 4 Emergency Utility Shutoff.
- 5 Assistance with animal rescue (does not include veterinary care, response depends on availability of trained personnel).
- 6 Removal of Poisonous Desert Reptiles (does not include bee removal).
- 7 Lock Out service for home and vehicle (waiver must be signed)
- 8 Membership can lower homeowners insurance cost.
- 9 HCFR is committed to public safety. Our goal is to provide CPR classes for our community as well as other safety programs.

Got Jaws ? We do !

High Country takes delivery of important rescue equipment.



Pictured from Left to right; FF Jeff Stiver, Chief Robert Small, Captain Jay Linse and Fred and Dana Large from Extrication Concepts.

The "Jaws of Life" is a term used to describe powerful hydraulic extrication tools used to free trapped passengers in the worst of car accidents. Recently HCFR took delivery of a "Holmatro" brand set of extrication equipment. The equipment includes a portable hydraulic power plant, hydraulic spreaders, cutters and dual-action ram. These tools are critical for rapidly removing injured people from wrecked cars. We cover 17 miles of highway 64 and other agencies with extrication tools had to be called in the past. HCFR would like to publicly thank Fred and Dana Large from Extrication Concepts for their consideration and assistance in purchasing these tools.