

SILVER CITY

Volunteer Fire Department

2007 Annual Report

Greetings:

On behalf of the Silver City Volunteer Fire Department board of directors, I want to thank you for another great year of supported events! This letter highlights the fun and productive things our community accomplished in 2007 and want to introduce some new projects for 2008 where your feedback is encouraged and welcomed:

1. The Silver City Community Church completed summer number two of having services on the second and fourth Sunday's at 4:00 pm. However, this year was extra special because the church renovations were completed and are absolutely beautiful! The construction was performed by Tim Lane, who has long-time ties to Silver City, and his design and craftsmanship is truly outstanding! We encourage everyone to stop and see the changes next time you're in town. The project costs were covered through both financial and donated labor contributions. The services were conducted by six different ministers from the Black Hills area. We invite any ministers interested in conducting a service during the summer to contact the Church Committee – Jodi Sugrue (605-574-2275) or Nancy Donovan (605-574-3978) to coordinate schedules.
2. We have completed the new Silver City VFD website – www.silvercitysd.com – where you can find fire department specific information only – i.e. fire fighting information, calendar of events, meeting minutes, etc... John Gomez is our web-manager and has done a fantastic job of building and maintaining the sight. Please log on and check it out; we welcome your feedback and comments. *NOTE: Per our community discussions and vote, this website will remain non-commercial and the content will be SCVFD based only.*
3. The fire hall expansion project is progressing; over half of the \$26,000 has been raised – per our community vote, the department will fund the difference after the donations end – to extend bay-three to the north (Nugget Gulch Rd. side) to house two of our three trucks. Bay two would house our third truck, and bay one would be used exclusively for equipment warehousing. The primary purpose for the expansion is to accommodate the additional equipment required by volunteer fire departments today. This equipment has already been acquired through grants in recent years, and we need space to store it. In addition to our own contributions from the fundraiser, an additional \$1,000 was raised from MidContinent Communications through a grant program they have for community projects. We're planning to break ground in the Spring of 2008 and have the project completed later that Fall. Thank you all for your support!
4. The traditional events held included (*see attached Calendar for 2008 event dates!*):
 - Cemetery & road clean-up
 - Memorial Day weekend service
 - Ice Cream Social & Volks March
 - Potlucks & business meetings
 - *Thank you all for your participation!*

There are some other items to mention; a reminder that the Silver City garbage dumpsters are for household waste only – please do not use them for major projects. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Secondly, please only place aluminum cans – i.e. pop and beer – in the recycle containers near the dumpsters. Next, aerial photographs of Silver City are available for purchase. And finally, if you want to use the Community Hall or the Community Church please contact either Todd Tobin (605-574-9002) or Rita Chapman (605-574-2177) for scheduling and availability.

Thanks again for all your support in 2007; Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you in 2008!



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