



## 2011 Annual Report

Greetings:

On behalf of the Silver City Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD) Board of Directors, I want to thank you for another great year of support! This letter highlights the recent changes and productive things our department accomplished in 2011 and welcomes your feedback, questions, or comments:

1. We had another quiet fire season this year, however, the Silver City area is seeing an aggressive mountain pine beetle infestation throughout our fire protection district. We are working with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to develop a thinning plan to create fire breaks on USFS property that borders the communities within our district. Secondly, the SCVFD will be developing a beetle mitigation plan for private properties by coordinating preventative measures like spraying in April-May for the next five (5) years, along with infected tree removal efforts. The project objective is to create fire breaks (100'-300' of 40'+ tree spacing) around populated areas within the district to meet our fire prevention goals. Additionally, the USFS plans to begin logging efforts in 2012 within our district, and this will also assist in the beetle infestation mitigation process. We'll keep you posted on our progress and encourage you to call if you have any questions.
2. Membership dues and garbage fees will be due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. NOTE: 1.) The SCVFD dues will remain \$20; 2.) The garbage service for Silver City residents is only available for SCVFD dues paying members; 3.) starting this year, the garbage service (Silver City only) will not be invoiced as "part-time" or "full-time" as in the past, instead we'll go on the "honor system" for garbage fees – i.e. if your property is used over 100 days annually, that's considered full-time, and under is part-time.
3. Our annual Ice Cream Social event has been renamed "The Silver City Social" as it now features the Plein-Air Paint-Out event, the Volksmarch, and the Ice Cream Social components. Based on this year's success, we'll do it again in 2012 and look forward to seeing you again next summer!
4. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Booya Feed" and recruiting event was this past Labor Day weekend. Booya is a meat and vegetable soup that was absolutely delicious! I'm happy to announce that our recruiting efforts resulted in gaining a new fire fighter, Dalton Morgan, who is from Iowa and is a student at SDM&T. Welcome!
5. The Silver City Community Church completed summer number six (6) of having services on the second and fourth Sunday's at 4:00 pm. The services were conducted by local ministers in the Black Hills area. If you would like more information about the services or want to **schedule the use of the church**, contact **Jodi Sugrue – jsugrue@wildblue.net** .
6. The Silver City VFD website – **www.silvercitysd.com** – updates fire department specific information regularly – i.e. fire fighting information, calendar of events, meeting minutes, etc... Please log on and check it out; we welcome your feedback and comments.
7. If you want to be contacted via Email for SCVFD updates, please provide your Email address to SCVFD Board Secretary at **scvfd1964@gmail.com**. NOTE: *Your Email address will only be used for official SCVFD purposes.*

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. And finally, **if you want to use the Community Hall** please contact **Tonya Gomez – 605-574-4429**.

Thanks again for all your support in 2011; Happy Holidays and God Bless, we look forward to seeing you in 2012!

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