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SOUTH DAKOTA WILDLAND FIRE



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New Lead Office

The Lead Field Office recently moved into their new location. They are now co-located with the Lead Volunteer Fire Department. An open house is in the works and details will be available soon. Thanks to all those that help with the move!

We will have more information on the new Lead office in a future newsletter. We will be showcasing all offices within the Division over the next several months.



LaVerne Hermanson has Retired!

Come join us as we send LaVerne off in style. Bring your best LaVerne story to share with the group!

When: Friday February 15th 6pm Social Hour 7pm Meal & Presentations

Where: Johnny's Billiards - 3064 Covington Street Rapid City, SD

Cost: \$10.00 per meal (must pay for meal by 2/8)

Meal: BBQ Smoked Brisket; Cheesy-potatoes; Vegetable & Bread

RSVP by February 8th: Jim Strain 605-393-8114 jim.strain@state.sd.us or Sarah Adam 605-393-4233 sarah.adam@state.sd.us



Division Birthdays

- Donald Henry - 1st
- James Giago - 3rd
- Paul Craig - 16th
- Rob Lehmann - 20th
- Casey Glines - 27th
- Chris Blair - 28th

Years of Service

- Jay Esperance - 1 year
- Brandy Petersen - 3 years
- Wayne Kumer - 5 years
- Casey Glines - 6 years
- Beth Hermanson - 11 years

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Leaders Intent - Treat People Like the Individuals They Are

Eighth of an eight part series on Leadership

When individuals come together, their individuality doesn't suddenly evaporate. They still have different personalities. They still have different skills. They still have different hopes and fears. A talented leader will recognize those differences, appreciate them, and use them to the advantage of everyone.

Individually – that's how Bill Walsh, the first year coach of the San Francisco 49ers, prepared his team. "If I wasn't producing what he wanted," recalls rookie quarterback Joe Montana, a protégé of Walsh, "He would ignore me. I'd rather he'd yell at me." But Walsh was smart enough to recognize that approach was exactly what Montana needed.

"I would throw a pass", he recalls, and then turn around." "He would be looking down field at Steve DeBerg, who was the 49ers' starting quarterback. I wanted him to see how well I was throwing. I wanted him to say 'Nice pass Joe'. He would use that to get the results out of me, and that would push me to make the correction, to get that praise."

Was Walsh just a grouch? Not at all. With other players he took an entirely different track. Montana will never forget the approach Walsh used on DeBerg. "He has a much different personality than I do," Montana says. "He would go easier on Steve. If he wasn't making the needed correction, he would come onto the field and point out the defensive alignment and talk quietly to him. That's how he got personal results."

"He treated each player differently, and I think that's one important tool that helped Walsh lead the 49ers to three Super Bowl championships."

SD Wildland Fire will be hosting a **Training Academy March 21 - 24 in Ft. Pierre**. Many local co-operators will be helping to put the classes on. Classes will be at the Ft. Pierre Schools and Holiday Inn Express. Many classes will be offered and students will have the opportunity to attend more than one class. Nominations are due January 31 and registration is \$20. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express for \$89.99 if reservations are made by 3/1 - mention the Wildfire Academy. Online registration and more information is available at <http://sdda.sd.gov/wildfire-suppression/training/>

Matt Knepel and his wife Angie welcomed their second daughter; Ruby Jo on January 18th. She joins big sister Lucy Mae. Matt is an Engine Boss for the State out of the Hot Springs office. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Beth Hermanson will be leaving the State on March 1st after 11 years of service. Beth has served Jay Esperance's Administrative Assistant and Division Public Information Officer as well as Prevention for the Division. Beth is also the Public Information Officer for Team C. We wish Beth the best as she moves on to new and exciting endeavors.



Happy Valentine's Day!!

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Fire Weather Watch v. Red Flag Warning - Do you know the difference?

What is the difference between a Fire Weather Watch and a Red Flag Warning?

A **Fire Weather Watch** alerts agencies to the high potential for development of a Red Flag event within the 18-96 hours. The watch may be issued for all, or portions of a fire weather zone or region. Zones impacted by the event will be listed within the RFW.



A **Red Flag Warning** informs agencies of the imminent or actual occurrence of Red Flag conditions. A Red Flag Warning will be issued when there is high confidence that Red Flag criteria will be met within the next 24 hours, or when those criteria are already being met or exceeded. A warning may be issued for all, or portions of a fire weather zone or region. Zones impacted by the event will be listed within the RFW.

The criteria for issuing of Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings in the Rocky Mountain Area are a combination of weather and fuel conditions (as determined by fire management) for any 3 hours or more in a 12 hour period.

Both Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings will be read with the morning and afternoon fire weather by Great Plains Dispatch during fire season as they occur. All units are asked to acknowledge all Red Flag Warnings after they have been read.

More information on not only Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings but all Fire Weather related information can be found at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/unr/?n=firewx> and <http://www.ias.sdsmt.edu/clabo/index.htm>.

In July, 1979, the Fire Equipment Shop acquired a 1961 Dodge M-37 from Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota. The truck was made into a fire apparatus by the shop and loaned to Mission Township Fire Department in February of 1980. They used the truck until February of 2011. The truck was listed as excess in January of 2012. The Texas Federal Property agency picked up the truck for the National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas. In less than a year, they restored the vehicle to its original state.



2013 Year to Date State Fires

Human: 6 fires for 5.32 acres

Lightning: 0 fires for 0 acres

Trivia

- ◆ What was the length of the longest field goal kicked in a Super Bowl?
- ◆ What was the first Super Bowl to be played indoors?

January Trivia Answers

- ◆ Canada, Finland, Switzerland, Latvia, and Slovakia all claim ice hockey as an official national sport.
- ◆ The "Original Six" NHL hockey teams were the Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, Boston Bruins, Chicago Black Hawks, Detroit Cougars, and the New York Rangers.

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French Creek RX - Custer State Park

Photos by Jim Burk

The French Creek RX was burned in Custer State Park on January 9th and 10th. Firefighters from the State and the US Forest Service participated in the burn. The burn was successful with 285 acres completed.

