



## Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District



In 2014 the community members and the Fire Boards of the Lakeside, Show Low and the Linden Fire Districts each committed to work together to improve the quality of their local fire and emergency medical services by merging the three fire districts into one. As of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 that merger was effective and the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District (TMFMD) was formed.

The TMFMD is a full-service fire and emergency medical provider serving the communities of the White Mountains. This professional organization is an example of the efficiencies that can be gained, and the progress that can be made, when neighbors come together to work on behalf of the community. Through merger we were able to continue to provide outstanding service to our customers while saving nearly \$2 million annually for the tax payers in our community.

The TMFMD provides service to more than 200 square miles from four stations located throughout the White Mountains:

- Station 13 in Lakeside has a crew of six members to staff a fire engine and an ambulance and is also the location of the District's administrative staff.
- Station 14 located in Show Low on Fawnbrook Dr. has a crew of six members who staff a ladder truck and an ambulance.
- Station 15 in down town Show Low has a crew of four to staff an engine; this site also includes the operations staff, logistics staff and the fleet services staff.
- Station 17 in Linden has a regular staff of three members to staff an engine.

Each of our stations includes a crew of full-time professional firefighters with a captain, an engineer and a paramedic assigned to each responding apparatus.

Training for TMFMD personnel is handled by our training staff located at the Show Low Airport (Station 16). The training staff includes a Division Chief of training, a Training Captain and an administrative assistant. They are responsible for planning, developing, conducting and tracking all training related activities for our 75 firefighters and members of staff.

The history of the fire service is one of constant change and progress toward making our communities safer from the threat of fire. As time progressed firefighters took on the responsibility of emergency medical services as well as hazardous materials response, technical rescue, fire prevention and public education. The commitment to keep our communities safe will continue with the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District as we, along with the rest of the American Fire Service, adopt modern day risk reduction strategies. Our commitment to the people we serve is to be proactive in our efforts to reduce the risk to our community and to always be ready to protect our customers' lives and property.

Please visit any one of the TMFMD stations and become familiar with the firefighters who provide service to your neighborhood. There will be open houses at each of the stations in the coming months and we will host an official grand opening in the Spring of 2015.

Fire Chief Bryan Savage  
Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District