



Copper Canyon Ranches Property Owners Association, Inc.

## Announcement

The CCRPOA **does not** have dedicated fire protection from any of the fire departments. Meaning fire crews will respond **IF** they don't have another fire in town. The Board has been trying for several years to research different avenues to get dedicated protection, but the cost to property owners has not been feasible.

The fire season this year was very bad, and we had big forest fires very close to the north and to the west of the community. We even had 3 brush fires within the community. Thanks to Tri City F.D., Forest Service Hot Shots, and volunteers from within the community those fires were controlled with no loss of structure.

The Board pushed fire protection into a priority topic through an executive meeting. Discussions with Tri City F.D. were held and information on how their equipment could utilize a water source in the community. The Board searched the ranch for suitable locations for water storage that reduce the need for F.D to go to town to refill with water. The Board spoke with property owners to gain access and permission to place fire water storage tanks. A plan was put into action.

The Board voted and purchased 4 water tanks 5,050 gallons each, (Tri City donated a 3,500 gallon tanker trailer, which we sold and used the funds to buy a new larger tank), 3-3,000 gallon water bladders were donated by private individuals that will be placed at a later date. 4 universal locations were decided on (with owner permission), tanks were set and filled with water. These tanks are to be used for emergency fire protection only. Project cost fell within the approved budget including the sale of donated tanker.

How it works:

The F.D. 4,000-gallon water tender trucks can "draft" which means they can connect to a water tank or pond and draft water into their tanks. With over 20,000 gallons of water storage now strategically placed throughout the ranch it will considerably reduce the refilling time for the water tender trucks.

Nick Rennon -Fire Chief Tri City F.D. has been very excited and thankful that the CCRPOA has tried to be proactive in helping them, help us, in fire protection. He commented that he wished more communities would be as proactive as we are. They will come out and GPS the tank locations to their water source data base, so crews know where to access water when needed.

Sincerely,

Your Board, trying to do our part in making our community better and safer.