

Alpine First Response Team

CALL 911 FOR ANY MEDICAL/TRAUMA EMERGENCY

Please DO NOT call First Response Team members directly. They will be dispatched by 911 automatically after the ambulance has been dispatched. For more information about this organization, please read the following:

POSTING YOUR LOT NUMBER

It is important that landowners post their lot number and name (optional) at their driveway entrance to aid the team in locating their lot should an emergency occur.

Team Information....

What Is the Alpine First Response Team (AFRT).....

The Alpine First Response Team (AFRT) is made up of lay people who serve the Forbes Park community as Certified First Responders in emergency medical situations. They provide a link between an initial 911 call and the ambulance arrival with more advanced care provided by EMTs. The team has been serving Forbes Park since May of 2000 and has responded to over 80 calls in our community.

Team members can be year-round or summer-only Forbes Park residents. Team members are certified every three years in a First Responder course taught in Forbes Park through Trinidad State Junior College. First Responders always work in groups of two or more. The AFRT functions under the Colorado Good Samaritan Law as team members are volunteers and receive no compensation. The AFRT is not a committee and works independently from the FPLOA Board.

Who does the Alpine First Response Team (AFRT) Serve....

The AFRT serves only the remote, mountainous Forbes Park community. Forbes Park has 116 miles of roads, 280+ houses and over 3,300 lots. The nearest ambulance service is located in San Luis which is over 30 miles from the park entrance.

During the winter months, the Forbes Park population is just over 80. These full time residents are mostly retired elderly with the health concerns of that age group. During the summer months, the Forbes Park population ranges between 400 and 500 with the addition of summer residents and campers. Through out the year, Forbes Park residents host many visitors who may experience high altitude illness or other medical issues.

How does the team get involved with an emergency....

Should a medical emergency occur, a Forbes Park resident should call 911. The 911 dispatcher will first mobilize the ambulance and EMTs, then the dispatcher will contact the AFRT.

It can take an hour or more for the ambulance to arrive on scene. The ambulance must drive from San Luis, get through our gate, and navigate a road system that they are not overly familiar with. Therefore, the AFRT has set up an escort team to meet the ambulance at the gate and escort it to the scene.

The AFRT does not transport people. The goal of the AFRT is to get to the scene as quickly as possible after being contacted by 911 and have the individual stabilized prior to the arrival of the ambulance and EMTs. When the AFRT arrives on scene, they have a fully equipped First Responder's kit. If helicopter transport is needed, the team has set up landing zones, has night landing lights and has been trained to communicate with the helicopter pilot.

A need for donations....

The AFRT is an independent volunteer service and receives no compensation. Ongoing training, maintaining supplies and purchasing medical equipment is quite costly. We are totally dependent on donations for our medical equipment and training and are not associated with any other organizations. The AFRT would greatly appreciate and be thankful for any donation to help defray our training and equipment maintenance expenses.

To find out about joining our team or to donate, please contact:

Any member of the First Response Team or Pat Boyer, Team Leader,
Alpine First Response Team

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Email: lesnpat2b@gojade.org
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Message Board....

The Alpine First Response Team NEEDS Members:

This past winter (2012) the AFRT was forced to operate in a diminished capacity from January through May. We now have only 8 volunteer First Responders, down from 14. Of these 8 volunteers, three were unable to take call due to medical issues and three work full time. Unless there are more full-time or part-time residents willing to volunteer, this service to Forbes Park residents may have to be discontinued.

The AFRT needs a minimum of 14 full-time members to be fully functional. You do NOT need any prior medical training. Training is provided on-site and the tuition is paid by AFRT funds.

If you think it is a benefit to our community to have this service, and/or if you would take advantage of this service if you experienced an emergency, then please join us and help keep the First Response Team a vital part of this community.

To find out about joining our team or to donate, please contact any member of the First Response Team or Pat Boyer, Team Leader:

Phone: 719-379-4902 or email lesnpat2b@gojade.org.

IMPORTANT - Check Your 911 Information:

5/27 - Each year we read cases of 911 responders (police, ambulance, fire trucks) arriving at or being directed to an incorrect address. This system is only as good as the information put into it. Your Alpine First Response Team recommends that each resident (full or parttime) check directly with the 911 dispatcher to insure that the information on file is accurate/current. The proper method to do this is to call Alamosa Dispatch from your home phone on their non-emergency number (589-5807) to inform them you want to make a Test (non-emergency) 911 call. They will tell you to do so if they do not have an emergency in progress. When you dial 911, and the operator answers, you state that it is a non-emergency Test call to check on your listing information as it appears on their screen. Please do this check during 9am to 5pm hours.

In addition, the 911 Emergency Services requests each resident complete a detailed (four page) information sheet. This contains such resident information as known allergies, medications, location of hazardous/flammable materials at the home site, and other details useful to emergency responders. These forms will be available from Pat Boyer or Steve Muller after June 1st, and should also be at the annual FPLOA meeting on June 27th.

A third and separate recommendation is for each resident to complete the on-line Community Notification Enrollment at the following site:

[Enrollment Website](#)

Its use and usefulness will be apparent.