



## ***Colorado Centre Metropolitan District***

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### **FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INFORMATION SHEET**

To All Property Owners within Colorado Centre:

As you know, the District recently re-opened the fire station at 4770 Horizonview Drive with two full time, paid fire-fighters, available on a 24/7 rotation. This is funded by a monthly assessment fee placed on all residential homes and commercial businesses.

The Agreement that CCMD has with Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) is still the principal source of fire and emergency services protection within CCMD . CCMD pays for this service by loaning a fire engine bought by CCMD to the CSFD in exchange for service from CSFD. The agreement with CSFD is effective through 2019. The CSFD pays to staff and maintain that engine and it uses about four firefighting personnel in the vehicle for each response. The engine is at station 11, which is about 12 to 13 minutes away.

CCMD recently contacted the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to determine what else was needed for our area to attain a better ISO rating. To our surprise, ISO indicated that, even though we have the fire station within a very short distance of the served areas, the equipment is top notch, and the water system exceeds all requirements of water supply for firefighting purposes, since CCMD only runs two firemen at any given time, it does not qualify for a better rating. It did not matter to ISO that CCMD has a Mutual Aid Agreement with the CSFD that indicates CSFD will respond to fire and emergency calls within Colorado Centre.

Even though plans call for increasing the staff at the fire station when there are more residences being served, CCMD believes it is not fiscally responsible to add staff at this point just to satisfy the ISO. CCMD believes that its residents have fire protection service as good as the best served areas within any of the neighboring corporate jurisdictions. CCMD encourages you to shop your insurance services so that you can obtain the best possible rates based on the fire protection service that is actually available to our community. CCMD operates within the laws of the State of Colorado for fire protection. The ISO is a private rating organization that serves the insurance industry. Although what ISO does is commendable, CCMD does not agree with ISO's decision, especially since it is harmful to the financial well being of CCMD residents and commercial properties. Thank You.

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CCMD Water System: 3MG tank, 350 gpm water production and booster, 1200 gpm booster, Static pressure within CCMD 70 psi to 90 psi, smallest diameter line 8", fire hydrants are located one within 250' and two within 400' maximum of each property.

Fire Engine Capabilities: 1250 GPM, 4 air protective devices, full complement of ladders, hoses and nozzles. Structure fire response to CCMD: 1 engine (2 firefighters from CCMDFD), 2-1500 GPM engines and 1 ladder truck (12 firefighters from CSFD). **Maximum Response Time: Less Than 4 Minutes!**