

Caldwell Perspective – 2018.02

Caldwell Fire ended 2017 with responding to over 5700 total calls out of two stations. In-between calls, all of the crews have been continuously training preparing for winter conditions, including a group completed an Ice Rescue Trainer course earlier this month, which provided live scenarios in icy conditions with Dive Rescue International in Golden,CO.

B-Shift highlighted the beginning of 2018 with a wonderful station tour that was a huge hit. Firefighter Chad Vineyard gave an outstanding presentation of what to do and not to do in case of a fire. Firefighter Mike Anchustegui demonstrated what happens for the firefighters to get dressed and ready to fight a fire. The attendees loved the opportunity to see the trucks and interact with the firefighters ending with cheers and badge stickers.

Fire Safety Tip of the Month: There are more than 45,000 home electrical fires each year. Half of which involve equipment of home electrical wiring. Peak months for electrical fires are December through March. Here are some tips to avoid an electrical fire in your home. Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, space heater or microwave into a wall outlet at a time. Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install an additional wall outlet where you need them. Never use a heat-producing appliance with an extension cord.

More information regarding public educations opportunities are available on the fire department website at: <http://www.cityofcaldwell.org> under fire department/fire prevention.