



# Black Canyon Fire Department Chiefs Report February 2014



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## Department Members Anniversaries

Joe Flores, five years – 2/28/09  
Matt Hunkin, five years – 2/28/09  
Steve Jahnke, five years – 2/28/09  
Jake Alanis, four years – 2/6/10

**Congratulations, and thank you for your hard work and contribution to the department and community!**

**IN MEMORY OF FIRE BOARD MEMBER PETE CHARTIER WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
FEBRUARY 19, 2013.**

Incidents for the month of January 2014 = 87

- *January 2013* = 65

Total transports by BCFD, including transport from scene to helicopter:  
January 2014 = 41

- *January 2013* = 30

Combined training hours for the month of January 2014 = 408

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Capt. Burkhart has submitted a grant proposal to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for \$26,352 to purchase the necessary radio system infrastructure that will greatly improve our communications ability in the area of Sunset Point, Badger Springs, and southward down to BCC.

Currently communication in these areas is sketchy at best, to non-existent. In fact once we are north of milepost 245 and we start down into the Badger Springs exit valley our only way of communicating is via cell phone. At incidents where vehicles go down at cliff we have to use hand signals or the mutual aid channel to communicate with other on scene personnel. Someone must stay on top of the cliff to use the vehicle mobile radio to communicate with dispatch and other responding personnel.

This grant has no matching funds requirement.

Follow-up on our FEMA SCBA grant that was awarded to us last year.