



**30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY  
1992-2022**

**DISTRICT OVERVIEW**

- Located in Park County on the Eastern Slope of the Continental Divide of the Central Rockies. The Headquarters Station is in Fairplay, approximately 85 miles southwest of Denver, 85 miles northwest of Colorado Springs, and 23 miles south of Breckenridge.
- The District covers an area of almost 1,500 square miles at an average elevation of 9,000 feet above sea level.
- 911 responses only. 2020 = 1,080 calls for service. 2021: 30% increase in responses.
- 60% of calls within 15-minute response time of Headquarters.
- There are no hospitals in Park County. A primary care clinic operated by HealthOne opened in Fairplay, Fall of 2019. There are no nursing homes / assisted care facilities. All patients are transported to Summit County (Frisco), Woodland Park, Salida, Denver, and Colorado Springs. Average time with a patient is 110 minutes for Front Range transports.
- Helicopter transport is routinely used for critical patients. Helicopters are based in Denver, Colorado Springs, and Frisco (24/7).
- Mutual Aid is available from 3 EMS systems in other areas of Park County, also Summit County, Teller County, and Chaffee County. Most mutual aid is about 1 hour away.
- Three primarily volunteer first responder fire protection districts are located within the District. SPAD ambulances and fire district units are co-dispatched for all emergencies.
- EMD dispatching provided by the Park County Communications Center.
- Outstanding community support.

**DISTRICT FUNDING**

- The District is a local government, Title 32 Special District, funded through property taxes and fees for service. The Board of Directors are elected by the public.
- The District initiated operations on January 1, 1992.
- 2021 budget is more than \$3.1 million.

## STAFFING

- Career / professional staffing with full-time employees since January 1992.
- 24 / 7 Paramedic ALS since 1999.
- 3 Paramedic crews per shift with *minimum* of 3 Paramedics per shift.
- Total of 20 full-time and 5 part-time employees.
- A Community Paramedic program planned for implementation, on a limited basis, in late 2022.
- Denver Metro Protocols.
- Medical Director: Sam Smith, MD, EMS Director, Centura Prehospital Services.

## PAY & BENEFITS

- Schedule of 48 hours on (2 days) and 96 hours off (4 days).
- Employees are paid for every hour on duty, time and ½ for all hours worked over 40 hours per week. Annual pay rate reflects five 48-hour shifts with 80 hours of overtime per month included in the shift schedule.
- Paid twice per month with direct deposit.
- Double pay for working Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Paid vacation. Years 1-4 = 2 weeks, years 5 and on = 3 weeks.
- Health Insurance, dental & vision, family included (no employee contribution required).
- Accidental death / disability / Worker's Compensation / Malpractice insurance.
- Uniforms provided, including extrication PPE and body armor.
- Reimbursement for meals consumed during transports.
- Continuing Education, including ACLS, CPR, PALS/PEPP through the office of the medical director and our in-house education officer. Employees are paid for all required trainings.

**2021 Paramedic Starting Pay: \$48,000 - \$50,000 / EMT-IV Starting Pay: \$42,000**

## EQUIPMENT

- Total of 6 type I, 4X4 ambulances. Current 1<sup>st</sup> out includes two 2019 and three 2021 ambulances. One 2008 reserve / infection response ambulance.
- All ambulances equipped for ALS service. All new LP15 cardiac monitors.



## STATIONS

- The Headquarters station was completed in February 2003. The station is approximately 9,000 square feet in size.
- A station under construction in Hartsel will open Fall of 2021. A third station near Jefferson will soon start construction with completion expected late 2022. The new stations are approximately 4,500 square feet in size.
- Individual sleeping quarters. Gender specific restroom facilities.
- Full kitchen facilities and crew day room.
- All stations to have a dedicated treatment room for “walk-in” patients.

### Headquarters / Station 1, Fairplay





**STATION 2 / HARTSEL (Expected completion November 2021)**



**STATION 3 / MICHIGAN CREEK (South of Jefferson)**  
**Will be identical to the Hartsel Station. Construction to be completed late 2022**



**Rendering of New Stations Crew Ready Room**



**Two Braun Northwest Entered Service June 2020**



**One of 3 Arrow 2021 Chassis Remounts Service 2021**





# South Park Ambulance District Park County, Colorado

