

**PLACITAS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE BRIGADE INC.  
2010 FUND DRIVE**



Dear Neighbor,

The Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade, District 4 Of the Sandoval County Fire Dept., is an all-volunteer organization made up of your neighbors and friends. Last year we responded to more than 270 medical and more than 140 fire emergencies in the greater Placitas area. We have 14 licensed EMTs (emergency medical techs) and first responders, 2 paramedics and 13 state-certified firefighters.

We are partially funded through state fire and EMS funds which provide only the basics of vehicle maintenance, fuel, and supplies. WE NEED YOUR HELP with monetary donations to purchase additional equipment and to provide training so we are as well-trained and equipped as possible to respond to any fire or medical emergency that you may have.

Past donation drives have allowed us to enhance our department considerably. Within the last couple of years, we have been able to acquire two new additional AEDs (automated external defibrillators), state of the art carbon monoxide detectors, and a thermal imaging camera, which helps us find trapped victims in a fire and in finding hot spots after a fire is extinguished.

We are steadily increasing our responding apparatus to meet the increased needs of our community. We recently built a two-bay addition to our main station on highway 165 and are in the process of building a third station on the west end of Placitas. The addition of the bays greatly enhances our ability to respond quickly and with the right equipment. These additions have been funded by the county, but now we need your donations to help with the supplies and equipment for the running of our expanding district.

The money received through donations is used for purchases approved by our board. We are asking for your support by donating any amount you can. Remember, your donations are tax deductible!

**We need your donations for the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade Inc.**

A donation of \$50 buys medications to help you in the event of a heart attack; \$100 purchases resuscitation equipment to help you breathe; \$250 purchases a helmet and fire boots. With your donation of \$500 we can put that money towards the cost of a radio so that we can respond to your emergency, and a donation of \$1,000 purchases a set of bunker gear to protect the volunteers while fighting a fire in your home.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**For any emergency, dial 9-1-1, and follow the instructions provided by the dispatcher.**

**NM Poison Control Center – 272-2222**

**NM State Police – 841-9256**

POST THESE NUMBERS BY EACH PHONE IN YOUR HOME IN THE EVENT AN EMERGENCY OCCURS.

**Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade** – main station for community inquiries.  
THIS IS A NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER – 867-5080.

So that you are better prepared for an emergency:

- Take a CPR & first aid course.

- Check & replace the batteries in smoke detectors twice a year.
- Have an evacuation plan for your home and your family.
- Prepare a family disaster kit and one for your pet, too!
- If you have a fire in your home, call 9-1-1, and then get to safety immediately.

**A big "thank you" to The Merc (located at 221 Hwy 165) for their generous help in the mailing costs of these brochures! Please be sure to support your local store.**

**Information About PVFB**

**The Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade** was formed in 1973. For the past 37 years, PVFB has provided emergency fire and rescue services to a 45 square mile area of Placitas, as well as mutual aid for emergencies to the communities of Bernalillo, Algodones, and regional pueblos.

There are currently more than 40 trained members serving over 2600 households in our growing community of over 6,500 people. The brigade has both female and male members who volunteer their time to respond to emergencies on a 24 hour a day basis, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We also provide health and safety checks and community outreach, helping seniors and performing safety education in the schools and pre-schools.

**How can you reach Placitas Fire and Rescue in the event of an emergency?**

For any emergency, dial **9-1-1** and follow the instructions provided by the dispatcher. Please **do not** call our non-emergency number since our station is not staffed at all times.

PVFB volunteers are paged and we respond from our homes to the fire station to pick up the needed vehicles and equipment to help you with your emergency.

Stay calm and make sure your red reflective street address numbers are clearly posted in front of your home so that we can find you. If you need new numbers, call our non-emergency phone number and make arrangements to pick up the numbers needed.

**We need your donations for the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade Inc. Any donation is greatly appreciated and will help us better serve you.**

*Sincerely,  
Sal Gullo, Chief*

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**Cut on the dotted line, and mail with your check to:**  
**PVFB Inc.**  
**PO Box 567**  
**Placitas NM 87043**

**YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP! ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_, PAYABLE TO PVFB, Inc.**

**Please send my letter of acknowledgement to:**  
**Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_**

**Street Address or PO Box # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send me information on how I can become a member of the brigade \_\_\_\_\_.**