

## Wescott Safety Day, June 1



The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District hosted its annual Safety, Health, Wellness and Preparation Day on June 1 at Station 1 at 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Wescott Fire Marshal Margo Humes presented exhibits on firewise mitigation and fire/drought resistant landscaping, how to “harden” homes against fire, long-term food storage, staying safe around electricity, volunteering for the American Red Cross, blood donations for pets, and the e911 Smoke Trailer. The district also collected donations for Partners in Housing.

Photos clockwise from upper left:



Keith Worley of Forestree Development, right, and Wescott Assistant Chief Scott Ridings, center, explained to residents how to “harden” homes against flying embers by using fire-resistant building materials and blocking access to crevices where firebrands can be blown in and smolder.

Eugenia Ahrens, right, Pikes Peak Chapter American Red Cross, encouraged citizens like Ray Singmaster, a master electrician with Mountain View Electric Association, to enroll as volunteers online at [www.redcross.org/co/denver/volunteer/apply-to-volunteer](http://www.redcross.org/co/denver/volunteer/apply-to-volunteer) so that they can be



trained to help before the next emergency.

Gleneagle residents Charles and Mary Beth Grundmann learned how home precipitation reporting stations help scientists monitor precipitation patterns at the neighborhood level. Bill Kappel, center, is vice president and senior meteorologist at Applied Weather Associates. See [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org) to learn how to participate in this free project.

Jim Adams, left, of Greenbranch Garden Services discussed firewise landscaping with Wescott Chief Vinny Burns, right.

Mason Weninger learned to use a fire



extinguisher with Lt. Bryan Ackerman (and Wescott driver Wayne Krzemien, not shown). Photos by Lisa Hatfield

## Monument Fishing Derby



**Above:** The morning of the Kids’ Fishing Derby June 1 was quite cold and windy, but kids, parents, and grandparents cheerfully went to the task. Fishing rods with reels and lessons for children were provided by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Service, which had stocked the lake with thousands of trout to start off the season the previous week. Most kids had their own tackle, though, and every child was accompanied by an adult. Many said it was their first attempt at angling. Education clinics included fishing rules and etiquette, fish identification, Colorado lake and stream biology, and tying knots for hooks. There were prizes for biggest, ugliest, and longest fish, plus door prizes offered by sponsor Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce and its members. Photo by Janet Sellers.

## Gem Show draws 1,900



**Above:** June 7-9, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) co-hosted the annual Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show with the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. Over 1,900 visitors attended the show. The show featured an extensive display of meteorites discovered in Colorado and other parts of the world, including pieces of the recent Chelyabinsk, Russia, meteorite. Visitors also browsed numerous vendor booths that offered gemstones, minerals, and jewelry, panned for gold at the Gold Prospectors of Colorado booth, and saw the operation of museum equipment including the Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill. Next year’s show is scheduled for June 6-8. Information on upcoming events at the WMMI is at [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). **Pictured:** Visitors try their hand at panning for gold. Photo by David Futey.

## Black Forest Fire, June 11



**Above:** 2:38 p.m. Viewed from Highway 83 north of Old North Gate Road just an hour after the fire started.



**Above:** 6:09 p.m. Viewed from North Gate Road Flying Horse entrance at Highway 83. Photos by Herb Wetzel.