

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Thanksgiving Message

Each year on Thanksgiving, we gather with family and friends, neighbors and colleagues, to give thanks for all that we have and all that has been given to us.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the events of the past year, remembering those who are no longer with us and celebrating the new lives and additions with which we are blessed. It is a time to look forward to new challenges and opportunities.

This Thanksgiving our nation is dealing with a serious financial crisis. Over the past several weeks, we have witnessed fast-moving events involving complicated financial issues that affect us all, individually and collectively. Yet, during these extraordinary times, we find particular assurance from our Thanksgiving tradition which reminds us that we always have reason to hope and trust and give thanks for all that we do have.

While Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with family and friends, it is also an opportunity to give thanks to those whose service to our communities, state and nation prevents them from spending this time with their families.

We express our gratitude to our dedicated firefighters, EMS and law enforcement personnel, and others who will be spending this Thanksgiving away from their families – helping to keep the citizens of their communities safe. We also give thanks to the members of our Armed Forces who are serving around the world to secure our country and advance the cause of freedom, and their families for their sacrifice.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association and my family, I wish you and yours a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



CSFCA President Dave Parmley  
Fire Chief, Lake Dillon Fire Rescue

I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on those fortunes you possess in your life: family, friends, health, and love. In a constantly changing world and economy it is these things that never lose value.

This Thanksgiving, may we reflect upon the past year with gratefulness and look toward the future with hope. Even in the midst of the daunting challenges we face as a people and a nation, we indeed have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Parmley".

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