

Volunteer firefighters have protected the Estes Valley since 1907. This [#EstesValleyFirefighter](#) series will introduce you to the unique individuals who keep that tradition alive, celebrating their contributions to our fire department and the role they play in our Estes community.

The EVFPD is proud to recognize this member during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week for her contribution to our community.

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Megan Hodde serves our community as both a volunteer firefighter, and as an emergency dispatcher with the Estes Park Police Department. Before she had either position, her license plate foretold her future - it randomly included the numerals "911". She grew up around her father's career fire station in North Carolina, and today her own children yell at her to 'Go!' when the fire radio signals a call - she smiles when she says 'History does repeat itself'.

Before joining Estes Valley Fire in 2017, Megan had already proved herself to the firefighters by keeping a level head during crisis, having dispatched calls for our department since she arrived in Estes Park after the 2013 flood. Family is a high priority for Megan, balancing work, her family (husband + 2 kids), personal fitness and fire department service. Megan is quick to point out the challenge of keeping priorities in order - but setting a good example for her children through service to others is achieved with her fire department participation. Megan admits her interest in emergency medical calls is probably tied to her background as an athletic trainer, having worked with many competitors from NASCAR to the Carolina Cobras arena football team.

Her exciting work history exposed her to many professional sports teams and challenged her personally to stay in good shape. Megan's sports stats are impressive: 4-year collegiate basketball and 1st place (US team) International CrossFit champion demonstrate her commitment to fitness. She shares that enthusiasm teaching CrossFit classes & coaching with EVRPD. Megan is a fun, humble role model for youth and her peers in the quest to serve others and take care of herself - a vital aspect of success for anyone involved in emergency services.

