

## Runner-up trophy won by HVFD team at State Firefighter Races

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The 92nd Annual Colorado State Firefighters Association Convention was hosted by Grand County Fire Protection District #1 in Granby June 15-19. A total of eight Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department members attended the convention.

Those who attended classes at the convention were Willy Morse, Jim Eastman, Association tournament committee member Stacy Rueter, Phil Enterline, Jim Enterline and Association treasurer Bob Heldenbrand. Classes attended were Farm Rescue, Advanced Extrication, Engine Company Operations, How to Fail as an Officer and Strategies for Overcoming the "Inner War." A total of 72 training hours were earned.

Also attending the convention were Steve Young, who is on the Association's tournament committee, Gary Huss and CSFFA past president Orville Tonsing. Evening events attended during the week were an open house hosted by the Granby Fire Department, annual business meeting, memorial service, BBQ/Calcutta and the Annual Banquet/Awards Ceremony.

The annual state races were held Friday, June 19. Participants for the six-man team were Heldenbrand, Rueter, Morse, Huss, Young, Jim Eastman and Phil and Jim Enterline. Ken Wettstein, former Holyoke fireman and past president of the CSFFA, was a tournament judge representing the HVFD. Tonsing was also a tournament judge representing the HVFD.

In the six-person team events, HVFD brought home the Runner-up Overall Championship after placing third in the Wet Test with a time of 19.85 seconds, fourth in the Motor Replacement with a time of :36.14 and first in the Stationary Apparatus with a time of :13.23. HVFD did not place in the Street Wye but had a time of :21.01.

Fort Morgan took home the honor of Overall Championship. Area local departments participating in the six-man events were Holyoke, Yuma and Ft. Morgan. Wiggins, South Adams and Granby also had teams.

Area local departments that participated in three-man events were Brush, Otis, Cheyenne Wells and Burlington.

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Prior to attending convention, the HVFD Race Team competed in the Annual Northeast Colorado Fire Fighters Association District Races held in Burlington Sunday, June 7. Hosted by the Burlington Fire Department, the day was filled with high competition, camaraderie and fun.

The Holyoke Six-Man Team was very pleased with their races as they finished the day with one first, two second and one fourth place to give them the Six-Man Runner-up honors with 11 points. Area local department Cheyenne Wells finished the day with three first places and one fourth place to win the six-man overall honors with a point score of 13.

Holyoke's three-man team finished the day with eighth place in Change Over, seventh place in Inline, sixth place in Modified and fifth place in Team Event. Cheyenne Wells' three-man teams did just as well. They had two teams compete in the three-man events. Team #1 won Three-Man Overall and Team #2 won Runner-up.

Also participating in the day's events were Burlington, Merino, Brush, Fort Morgan, Yuma, Wages, Wiggins and Otis.

Both Cheyenne Wells' teams competed at the annual state races in Granby and won the Three-man Overall and Runner-up.