

Three fireman injured when wind shifts, fire covers stuck truck in Yuma County

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Holyoke VFD summoned to assist Haxtun Dept. in Phillips Co. fire during high winds Sunday

Jennifer Struckmeyer of the Wages Volunteer Fire Department suffered second- and third-degree burns on 25 percent of her body in the Heartstrong Fire in Yuma County Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Struckmeyer is in the North Colorado Medical Center Burn Unit in Greeley, where she expects to stay for four to six weeks.

Jennifer Struckmeyer
NCMC Burn Unit
1801 16th St., Room 304
Greeley, CO 80631

Donations are being collected at Ardie's Boutique at 235 S. Campbell in Holyoke to go directly to Jennifer and Del Struckmeyer to assist in their expenses. Ardie Besse indicated checks may be made out to Jennifer or Del and will be taken to them on a regular basis in the upcoming weeks.

High winds gusting up to 50-70 mph wreaked havoc on Northeast Colorado firefighting Sunday.

Nine volunteer fire departments, including Wages, were called to the Heartstrong Fire in Yuma County. Meanwhile, Holyoke VFD was among around seven departments providing mutual aid to the Haxtun department at a grass fire southeast of Haxtun.

While the exact cause of the Yuma County fire is still under investigation, Sheriff Chad Day said it is believed to be a result of an electrical spark of some kind. It started around 1:15 p.m. Sunday 15 miles southeast of Yuma.

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