

Adopt a fire hydrant

Arapahoe County, CO – The recent snow storms that we have had have created many challenges for everyone. Emergency responders are not excluded from those challenges. Citizens can help alleviate one of the challenges that firefighters are faced with. The large amount of snow that has accumulated over the past few weeks has made many fire hydrants inaccessible and in many cases entirely not visible.

Fire departments ask that citizens adopt a fire hydrant in their neighborhood. Snow and ice should be cleared at least three feet around fire hydrants and make sure that a clear path to the hydrant is provided.

Fire hydrants are a vital part of fire suppression operations. Delays in fire extinguishment activities occur when hydrants are not visible and obstructed. Delays increase the threat to life by allowing a fire to increase in size while precious time is spent locating a hydrant or digging it out.