

CASTLE ROCK STAR



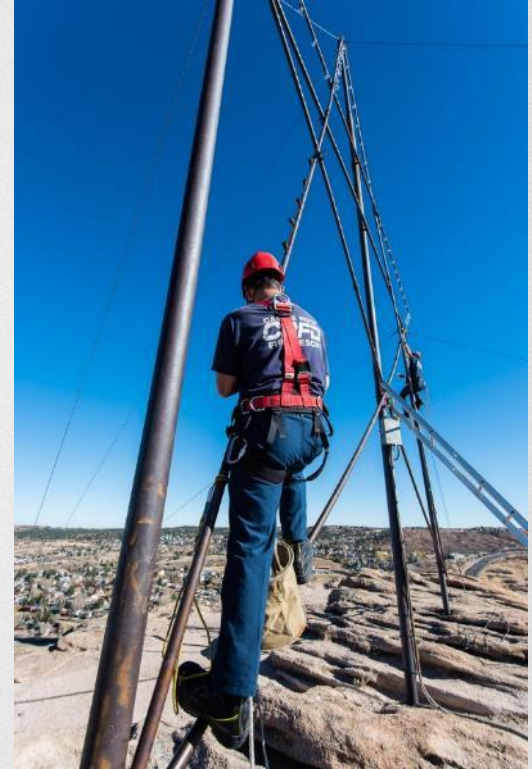
HISTORY

- Built in 1936 on land donated by George P. Stewart (actually owned the “Rock”)
- Remained dark during World War II due to electricity rationing
 - Lit as a “V” on August 14, 1945 signaling the end of the war
- Has been lit every year since December 7, 1945
- Re-built in 1949 to make it safer and sturdier
- Starlighting ceremony began in 1965
- Has been lit for the Bronco’s Super Bowl wins, September 11th, 2001, and the 100th anniversary of the Douglas County Fair



DETAILS

- 40' high by 40' wide
 - Made of iron poles welded together and embedded in the Rock
 - Stabilized by guide wires
- Low watt landscaping light cable
- One hundred incandescent 40 watt bulbs
- Approx. \$260/season for light bulbs
- \$5.32/day in electricity costs or about \$320/season
- Completely re-wired every 15-20 years



KEEPERS OF THE STAR

- Two people have been instrumental in maintaining the Star
 - Tammy Denhard, 30 year member of the fire department
 - Matt Rettmer, 20 year member of the fire department
- Have to free climb the Rock
- Use rope/climbing equipment to climb Star
- Can take from a couple of hours to half a day every time they go up
- Very weather dependent





THANK YOU

