



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2007 UPDATE

1. Training continued in October with very valuable training conducted with mutual aid from other departments. Many residents saw the joint training we conducted with Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs Fire Departments where we responded to a simulated vehicle accident on the Park's main road. This was the first time any such training had been conducted and we were fortunate to have significant resources made available to us for the exercise. We learned valuable lessons and determined what equipment we will need to be ready to, as a minimum, safe the scene before heavy equipment and resources arrive. CPVFD members participated in high angle rescue activity, vehicle extraction exercises, Incident Command System execution, traffic control and overall deployment of our resources in concert with other department resources.



CPVFD Firefighter Adam Sand prepares to "up haul" a patient in a simulated vehicle accident on Crystal Park Road on October 13, 2007.

2. The CPVFD supported the recent "Incline Fire" on 28 September 2007 by having firefighters on the fire line, covering the MSFD station via mutual aid, and we maintained awareness of the potential threat to Crystal Park. Again, we learned valuable lessons regarding communications, information flow, response processes and many other areas which we discussed in an After Action Review (AAR) at the October CPVFD Business Meeting. Many residents saw our resources deployed to the main switchback locations where we monitored the fire.



3. Supported MSFD Open House as CPVFD volunteers to MSFD; plans in the works for a CPVFD Open House for 2008.

4. Continued CPVFD monthly business meetings second Monday of each month; last meeting was 8 October at the station.

5. Additional GSA wildfire PPE arrived and is being provided to the FF volunteers.

6. Additional set of bunker gear (PPE) was ordered and we reached agreement with Manitou Springs to allow our staff to utilize MSFD PPE gear initially above the allocated authorization of 2 sets unless needed by MSFD FFs.

7. Made progress in getting computer lines installed at the CPVFD Station; we should have the computer, monitor and printer (all donated) up and running by November.

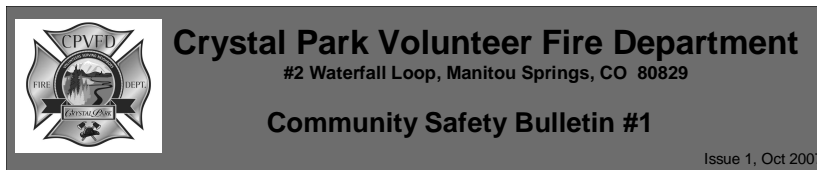
8. Continue to support MSFD emergency response calls..

9. Filed paperwork with IRS to correct the CPVFD tax exempt requirement; since the CPVFD is aligned against the Metro District, there is no need to file the paperwork.

10. Workman's Comp almost complete; estimate received and should be in place in the next week..

11. Brush 940 is no longer in service; the F450 has been reconfigured as a sand/plow truck. *CAUTION: Crystal Park no longer has initial attack wildfire apparatus capability; FFs will await arrival of other resources from MSFD.*

12. Initiated community fire safety bulletins which are available in the mail room.



13. Upcoming Events:

a. November 3: "CPVFD Town Hall" to include Penrose Flight for Life Breakfast for residents; Fire Extinguisher Demonstration and Town Hall discussion with CPVFD staff.

b. CPVFD "**I SUPPORT**" Fundraiser will continue through next few months; T-shirts on sale in the CP Office...please buy a t-shirt for yourself and the kids to support the CPVFD