



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2008 MONTHLY UPDATE

- 1. Grant Update:** The CPVFD was notified that it was awarded a FEMA (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for more than \$70,000. This was the first time we had submitted a grant and this award will be a major funding source providing primarily for firefighter safety. Personal Protective Equipment funded by this grant include Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) and Turnout Gear. Special thanks go out to the CPVFD Auxiliary Grant-writers Joan Powers and Caprice Temple Doughty. We have 3 more grants we are waiting to hear about.
- 2. Incidents:** There were zero incidents in the Park this last month. CPVFD firefighters and 1<sup>st</sup> responders continued to support MSFD and provided mutual aid to numerous incidents in Manitou Springs this last month.
- 3. Pikes Peak Marathon Support:** CPVFD EMS providers supported the Pikes Peak Marathon on 17 August. It was a great event and continued to showcase CPVFD continued community service. Thanks go out to FF/1<sup>st</sup> Responder Steve Leander, and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Susi Hennessey, Floyd O'Neil, and Jacque Julian.
- 4. Emergency Medical Services Update:** In a continuation of the incredible training hours being put in by the members of the Department, one member began training for Emergency Medical Technician-Basic. Within 4 months the EMS capability of the Department will reach another milestone. In addition, thanks to resident donations from Dory and Gary Hardy, and Susi Hennessey, we acquired a Zoll Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This is critical lifesaving equipment. The Department's goal is to have an AED at the upper and lower areas of Crystal Park.
- 5. Shelter-in-Place (SIP)/Maintenance/Fire Station Update:** At the 16 August 08 Annual membership meeting the CP Members approved the 2009 HOA budget. With the approval of the budget, the members of CPVFD began clearing the area for the Shelter-in-Place(SIP)/Maintenance/Fire Station and final steps for beginning construction of this new facility. Construction is hoped to be complete as early as October 2008 if all goes well.
- 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast and CPVFD Town Hall:** On 27 September, the Department will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast followed by a Town Hall. We hope to have many residents come and enjoy a good breakfast served up by the CPVFD Firefighters, Engineers, and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders.
- 7. The new Fire Danger signs have been posted providing the residents with awareness as to how bad the fire danger is. HELP: Someone has been changing the signs. We ask all residents to ensure that the signs are not changed by anyone other than the CPVFD firefighters. This is not a toy.**
- 8. The Department website is: [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)**
- 9. All of the Department's apparatus (Engine 910, Brush 940, Tender 960 and the ATV Trailer) are in service at this time.**

