



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2008 MONTHLY UPDATE

1. **Training:** Training continued with two (2) more volunteers completing training milestones. Susi Hennessey passed both her written and practical tests completing her EMT-Basic training. All that remains is her taking the National test. She is the first EMT on the Department. Collin Powers completed his Wildfire Firefighter training and is the Department's newest wildland firefighter. Congrats to both of them!!!!


2. **Grant Update:** Good news on the grants!!!! We have formally been awarded with authorization to spend \$64,000 from FEMA AFG. We are currently obtaining estimates from various vendors for SCBAs and FF PPE. We completed all of the purchases needed from the VFA State grant and have submitted all receipts and invoices to them for reimbursement. PPE, VHF Communications Radios and a new STIHL MS460R chainsaw were all acquired with grant money saving the Department and the Park over \$4000.

3. **Incidents:** There were no 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.

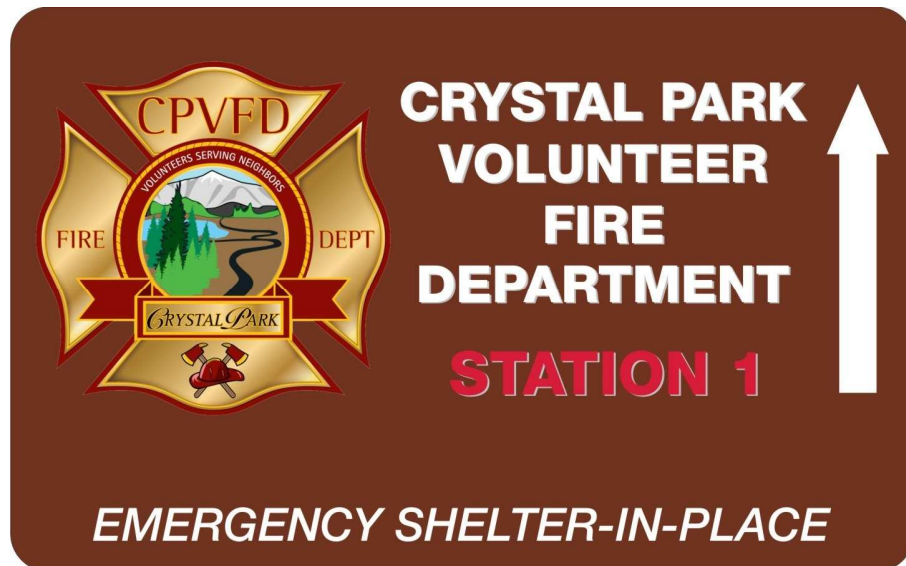
4. **Budget:** \$8200 of the Department's appropriated \$10000 for the first half of the year has been expended for the VFA grant equipment. The VFA will return approximately \$4100 from which we will acquire the next series of budgeted equipment and PPE.

5. **Emergency Medical Services Update:** We are gearing up to conduct 3-4 CPR classes for the community in 2009. Look for announcement soon.

6. **2009 CPVFD Goals:** The Chief and Dep. Chief have established the 2009 goals. They are as follows:

	<h2>2009 CPVFD Goals</h2> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Increase force strength by two (2) additionally trained Basic Firefighters; two (2) Engineers; and one (1) additional EMT-B</li><li>2. Mount the Port-a-Tank on Tender 960 NLT April 09</li><li>3. Execute procurements for AFG 2008 grant equipment and submit another AFG grant for Brush Vehicle; Rescue Gear (Extrication); and 3" Hose</li><li>4. Install Dry Hydrant #2</li><li>5. Sustain HOA and MD budgets at current levels</li><li>6. Each volunteer acquire one Class B shirt with badge, accouterments and name tag NLT next major CP event</li><li>7. Submit two (2) additional grants beside AFG</li><li>8. Conduct four (4) CPR classes achieving 100% CPR/AED capability</li><li>9. Successfully execute three (3) fundraising events raising \$3000.00</li><li>10. Each Firefighter, Engineer, EMS (Active &amp; Associate) achieve minimum 50 hrs on volunteer service to the good of the Department</li><li>11. Conduct at least 20 Firewise assessments within the District</li><li>12. Execute 100% equipment inventory NLT March 09</li><li>13. Conduct NFPA compliance PM on equipment (i.e. ladders, pressure test, flow)</li></ol>
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6. **Fire Station/Shelter-in-Place (SIP)/Maintenance Facility Update:** Fire Station and Mx Facility is about 80% complete. Electrical will soon be connected to the grid, and we are working heat and other functional elements now. We are hoping to be finished completely in Jan 09. In addition, new signs have been ordered to ensure all responding apparatus and the community know where the Fire Station and SIP are located. One sign will be placed off of Palmer Trail and the other off of Waterfall Loop.



7. **CPVFD Christmas Dinner:** On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the CPVFD held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner. *Engineer Mike Doughty was selected as the "2008 Firefighter of the Year"*. In addition, the CPVFD Auxiliary received "Certificates of Appreciation" for their support to the Department.

8. **Department's Apparatus Status:** Engine 910 and Tender 960 are in full operational service at this time. Brush 940 and the ATV Trailer are no longer in service. We do not have any rapid wildfire response at this time due to Brush 940 being reconfigured to a plow truck for the winter.

9. The Department website is: [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)