




CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2008 MONTHLY UPDATE

1. **Training:** Training seems to never stop with the volunteers putting in countless hours. Of particular note this last month was we virtually doubled the number of folks that are now CPR/AED certified. Even the Auxiliary has four certified/qualified CPR members (Michele Angelo, Keri Mesriow, Caprice Temple, and Joni Sexauer). Special thanks to EMT-Basic Jennifer Walters at MSFD for conducting the class for us. In addition, First Responder Floyd O'Neil stepped up and is now a "certified" CPR instructor!! This is a major step in the CPVFD not only conducting its own recertification but also offering additional courses to the residents that desire to be CPR qualified. In addition, we have two new qualified Sawyers in the Department certified as "A" Fallers. And two additional FFs completed Advanced Firefighter training for wildfire qualification need to become a Squad Boss. Below is the latest update of the CPVFD operational capability.

 CPVFD Capabilities Roster	BASIC FF COURSE	FF 1	WILDLAND S130/190 Type 2	Sawyer S212	RED CARDS	Adv FF S131	Wildland Urban Interface S215	HIGH ANGLE RESCUE	HAZMAT OPS	NIMS CERTS (100,200, 700)	CPR	1ST RESPONDER	EMT-B
Firefighters													
CHIEF JOHN HENNESSEY	✓	✓	✓	A	✓ ^{ROSS}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEPUTY CHIEF PAUL WELSCH	✓		✓		✓ ^{ROSS}	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
LIEUTENANT SEAN COLLINS	✓		✓	A	✓ ^{ROSS}	✓				✓	✓	Wilderness Only	
FF STEVE LEANDER	✓				✓ ^{ROSS}	✓				✓	✓	✓	
FF VALARIE DAY	✓									✓	✓	✓	
FF ERIC JULIAN			✓		✓ ^{ROSS}					✓	✓	✓	
FF JIM MESRIOW			✓		✓ ^{ROSS}					✓	✓	✓	
FF PHIL DAY	✓									✓	✓	✓	
FF ADAM SAND	Candidate		✓		✓ ^{ROSS}					✓	✓	✓	
FF CHARLES DAVIS	✓				✓ ^{ROSS}					✓	✓	✓	
FF COLLIN POWERS			Initiated							✓	✓	✓	✓
Associate Volunteers													
ENG MIKE DOUGHTY (LEAD ENGINEER)										✓	✓		
ENG JIM TERBUSH										✓			
ENG DICK O'BRIEN										✓			
1st Responders (EMS)													
Jacque Julian										✓	✓	✓	
Susi Hennessey	Candidate									✓	✓	✓	Initiated
Floyd O'Neil	Candidate									✓	Inst	✓	

2. **Grant Update:** Continue to wait on the awarded FEMA (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); FEMA has just now started awarded grants again after a lengthy delay. We are hoping to see more than \$70,000 soon. We initiated the procurement of much needed equipment as part of the \$10,000 grant we received from the State. PPE, VHF Communications Radios and a new STIHL MS460R chainsaw are all being acquired with grant money. In addition, the Metro District has acquired 700 feet of Attack Line Fire hose. During the recent hazmat incident we learned we were woefully short of what was needed. Lastly, we submitted another application for a grant from the Fireman's Fund Heritage Grant worth almost \$25,000. We will be gearing up soon for next year's AFG FEMA grant.

3. **Incidents:** There was one incident in the Park this last month and it was significant. CPVFD, MSFD and Colorado Springs Fire all responded to a potential HAZMAT incident in lower Crystal Park. As many know by now one of the LP vendors drove off of the road creating the potential for a serious incident. Colorado Springs Fire Heavy-Rescue and HAZMAT responded to a mutual aid request from CPVFD as did MSFD. As required by the Emergency Response Guide for this kind of incident, almost all residents within a half-mile of the accident were requested to evacuate. The CPVFD and Auxiliary logged names of everyone who voluntarily evacuated to ensure we had accountability of residents. The evacuation was

initiated via the Reverse 911 system. (If you have not seen the Crystal Park Evacuation Plan go to the CPVFD website) Many positive comments from C. Springs Fire, El Paso County and MSFD have been expressed at how well the CPVFD members conducted themselves during the incident. A potentially dangerous situation was averted. CPVFD firefighters and 1st Responders continued to support MSFD and provided mutual aid to numerous incidents in Manitou Springs this last month.

3. **Budget:** No monies have been expended yet as we have just recently ordered equipment through the VFA Grant. Next month we will present the first expenditures. Approximately \$8200 is obligated for this equipment and will be fully expensed once received and invoiced.

5. **Emergency Medical Services Update:** CPR Training for additional FFs and two Auxiliary members was completed on 1 November at MSFD. In two-weeks, we will have our first EMT-Basic.

6. **Shelter-in-Place (SIP)/Maintenance/Fire Station Update:** Multi-functional Facility ground work continued at the new site and construction preps are complete. Construction is scheduled to begin between 24-30 November 2008. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on November 18, 2008.



7. **CPVFD Calendar Sales:** Calendar sales continue this month for the first ever CPVFD 2009 calendar. Contact Michele Angelo (mangelo@crystalparkvfd.com) or sign up for calendars in the mail room. They make excellent gifts.

8. **Firewise Inspections:** We have received inquiries regarding Firewise assessments being conducted to receive a lower rating than 15 in the Park. The CPVFD leadership is looking into this assessment and we should have additional info regarding how we can help lower your insurance. Recall we had met with the ISO inspector as well during the summer and we are waiting to see if the ISO rating for the Park will be lowered for residents. The review typically takes about 6-8 months and we are coming up on the 6-month point. Stay tuned as a lower ISO rating will be a major achievement for us.

9. **Water Sources:** As you all know by now the Dry Hydrant is operational and works great. We have a few more items we need to get to ensure interoperability with MSFD and C. Springs Fire. CPVFD leadership has begun a second phase of investigation regarding where the next dry hydrants can be installed. We have been talking to residents that live near some of the natural ponds in the Park and we have begun research on how to store larger quantities of

water with dry hydrants attached. If any resident is interested in ensuring one of these larger cisterns/dry hydrant combinations are installed near their residence and is willing to fund it, please contact the CPVFD and we will fill you in on what is involved and the cost. Better yet would be if residents that live near each other team to reduce the cost.

10. **CPVFD Constitution and By-Laws:** The Department's By-Laws were recently amended via a unanimous vote of the volunteers. The major change added Emergency Medical Service providers as "Active" members and provided for full voting rights for "Associate" members. Our By-Laws provide for uniform/standardized policies regarding how the CPVFD will function, puts all appointments of Department officer positions in the hands of the volunteers via an election process, and establishes the rights of the Department volunteers. Our By-Laws are managed solely by members of the CPVFD.

11. **CPVFD Membership Drive:** The Department is looking for new volunteers to serve as EMS, Firefighter or Engineer/Drivers. Any resident or Park staff can volunteer by completing an application (see the website) or calling any member of the Department for more information. A banner will soon be hung in the Park in support of this membership drive. Our goal is 2-3 additional volunteers in time to attend basic firefighter or wildland firefighter training in the Feb/Mar 2008 timeframe.

Join the Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department

We are looking for interested volunteers to serve our community as members of the CPVFD as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Responders, and/or Engineer/Drivers.
We will conduct all training

If you are interested or have questions, contact:

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Senior Engineer Mike Doughty: mdoughty@crystalparkvfd.org

Applications can be found on the Department website at www.crystalparkvfd.org

11. **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. We thank the Park for allowing us to use the F-450 during the fire season.

12. The Department website is: www.crystalparkvfd.org