



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2008 MONTHLY UPDATE

- 1. Grant Update:** Continue to wait on the awarded FEMA (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) we received for more than \$70,000. We also received word that we were awarded an additional \$10,000 grant from the State. As soon as we have the 09 budget transferred to the Metro District we can begin to expend dollars for planned acquisitions. We also did not receive a grant for the second AED we applied for.
- 2. Incidents:** There were two incidents in the Park this last month. CPVFD and MSFD responded to medical calls in lower Crystal Park. 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. Budget:** We are waiting for this fiscal year's funds to be sent over to the Metro District so that we can take advantage of the VFA grant. Thus we have not expended any 09 dollars.
- 4. Emergency Medical Services Update:** We have formally signed the agreement with the Front Range Emergency group out of Penrose. Dr. Brian Crawford is our Medical Director for the Department; this is a significant milestone for our EMS capability. CPR Training for additional FFs and two Auxiliary members is scheduled for 1 November at MSFD. This will bring almost all CPVFD members to a CPR/AED qualified status.
- 5. Shelter-in-Place (SIP)/Maintenance/Fire Station Update:** SIP ground work continues at the new site. Construction is hoped to be complete between 20-26 November 2008.
- 6. Sawyer Training Hosted by CPVFD:** Chain saw training continued with two CPVFD Firefighters in the class. Certification is at the Faller "A" level.
- 7. CPVFD Calendar Sales:** Calendar sales continue this month for the first ever CPVFD 2009 calendar. Contact Michele Angelo ([mangelo@crystalparkvfd.com](mailto:mangelo@crystalparkvfd.com)).
- 8. "72 Hour Emergency Kit" Trifold:** The CPVFD is in the process of developing a 72 Hour Emergency Kit handout that will explain all of the recommended items one should have in the event of an emergency in the Park. We will be working this with the MSFD as well to make it a community wide tool for all residents in each District. More to come on this in the coming weeks.
- 8. Department's Apparatus Status:** Engine 910 and Tender 960 are in service at this time. Brush 940 and the ATV Trailer are no longer in service at this time. 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.
9. The Department website is: [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)