



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 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. We did not receive the AFG grant where we asked for a Wildfire Brush Truck. The only outstanding grant we have not heard about was the AED grant we applied for.

2. **Incidents:** There was one incident in the Park this last month. CPVFD and MSFD responded to a vehicle accident on lower part of Crystal Park Rd. CPVFD firefighters and 1st responders continued to support MSFD and provided mutual aid to numerous incidents in Manitou Springs this last month.

3. **High School Bonfire Support:** CPVFD FFs and EMS providers supported the High School Bonfire. This was excellent experience for FFs and EMS staff.

4. **Emergency Medical Services Update:** Met with Dr. Brian Crawford regarding his becoming our Medical Director for our EMS capability. Negotiations with MSFD to maintain our training records were successful and we should be signing agreements in the near future between all parties concerned. Thanks to Doc Terbush for taking the lead on this. We also received and conducted training on the new Zoll AED so all EMS staff are qualified with this particular life saving device. CPR Training for additional FFs 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 late October 2008 if all goes well.

6. **Sawyer Training Hosted by CPVFD:** Chain saw training is scheduled for Oct-Nov. Formal classes will be held at MSFD with the field day here in Crystal Park. We will be working with the Forestry Committee for a site that allows us to take several large trees.

7. **2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and CPVFD Town Hall:** On 27 September, the Department will hold its 2nd 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 1st Responders.

8. **New Dry Hydrant Installed:** A new dry fire hydrant was installed at the lake. This will provide an inexhaustible supply of water for fire suppression.



9. The Department website is: 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. *We do expect to lose Brush 940 soon as the weather changes requiring the Park to re-configure the F-450.*