



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

As the CPVFD closes on its second anniversary, we would like to inform the HOA Board and the Metro District that these first 2-years have been incredibly successful despite challenges faced; including those that said it could not be done. We have raised over \$85,000 in grant money and donations, volunteered over 4,200 hours that is easily valued over \$175,000 if we had paid someone, and responded to 25 calls spread all over Crystal Park, some extremely dangerous. Every day volunteers are working something associated with increasing the capability of this Department. To those that support us, we would like to thank you. To the volunteers, thank you for your service and commitment to Crystal Park. Chief Hennessey

1. Training: Training continued with two (2) more volunteers completing training milestones. Susi Hennessey passed both her National written exam and is a nationally qualified EMT-Basic. Firefighter Kim Krausfeldt completed her wildfire training and will soon have her Red Card. Two additional members of the Department started EMT-Basic training at Green Mountain Falls at no cost to Crystal Park as their tuition is covered by our AFG FEMA grant. That is \$3200 worth of training. FF Steve Leander and First Responder Floyd O'Neil will spend more that 360 hours of their personal time over the next four months to become EMTs for Crystal Park. Congrats Susi and Kim and thank you Steven and Floyd for serving your community. Also, one more Fire Fighter (Sean Collins) starts EMT-Basic training at Pike's Peak on the 20th using his GI Bill benefits.

2. Grant Update: SCBAs, FF PPE, Gas Detector, and Wildfire Shelters have all been ordered with the grant money that the Department was awarded. This equipment benefits the entire Park and provides for CPVFD firefighters the capability to respond to virtually any incident anywhere in the Park.

3. Incidents: There was one medical incident in the middle Park since the last monthly report. CPVFD initiated a request for Flight for Life which was terminated due to aircraft mechanical problems. This is an unknown capability of the CPVFD that will be used as determined by the Incident Commander. CPVFD firefighters and 1st Responders continued to support MSFD and provided mutual aid to numerous incidents in Manitou Springs this last month.

4. Budget: All items in the budget have been expended in accordance with the plan. The only change was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board to use funds that will not be needed as a result of getting a grant to put lights and run electricity in the new facility. As a reminder to the Board, the Metro District oversees the contribution from the HOA budget approved by the Membership.

5. Emergency Medical Services Update: We are gearing up to conduct 3-4 CPR classes for the community in 2009. We are attempting to acquire free of charge the necessary training mannequins. Look for an announcement soon.

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. The new schedule is to be finished by April. We are attempting to reduce the cost of concrete so have delayed the installation of the floor.



New signs are now in place to ensure all residents know where the Emergency Shelter-In-Place is located. One sign is placed off of Palmer Trail and the other off of Waterfall Loop.

7. **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.

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