



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE


Despite repeated attempts to verbally respond to the rumor that Chief Welsch and I are planning to get "paid" for our CPVFD service to the community, I thought I would write this down so that it is quite clear and direct to all that continue to propagate this rumor. No one, especially Chief Welsch or I, has any intention nor ever had any intention, of EVER being paid for our service to Crystal Park. This is about "service" to the community we live in. The CPVFD is registered with the Colorado Department of Public Health's Division of Fire Safety as a "volunteer only" Fire Department. We only take volunteers! I want to thank the members of the Department and Auxiliary for volunteering their time to serve, their voluntary financial contribution to the purchase of their own uniforms and personal equipment, and their dedication to volunteer hundreds of hours to train each year so that we are prepared when called upon. As always, I encourage folks to call me directly if you have any questions.

Chief Hennessey (jhennessey@crystalparkvfd.org)

- 1. Training:** Congratulations to Floyd O'Neil who successfully completed his Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) National Registry exam. EMT O'Neil is the "fourth" EMT on the Department serving the Crystal Park and Manitou Springs communities.
- 2. Grant Update:** We are working through the "paperwork" to begin the process of purchasing EMS equipment as part of the award of a new grant from the State of Colorado for Emergency Medical Equipment that will stretch the \$700 EMS PPE budget to \$7330.
- 3. Hose Testing:** We passed our first annual hose testing recently. This test is critical to ensuring our equipment, primarily the fire hose in this case, is in a "Mission Ready" and NFPA compliant status. We had three lengths of hose that needed to be replaced and MSFD donated replacement hose to us at no cost. Thanks again MSFD!!
- 4. 4th of July Fireworks:** We hope everyone enjoyed the Fireworks this year. The CPVFD played a major role in preparations and wildfire suppression during the show. Actually, we provided the lion's share of Firefighters to support the show led by Lt Collins.
- 5. Pikes Peak Hill Climb Race:** On 18-19 July, CPVFD supported this annual event.

6. Firewise Assessments: We have completed several firewise assessments around the community in the last few weeks.

7. Budget: The Crystal Park Metro District recently placed their budget on the CPVFD Website for all to review. We will soon be placing additional budget information on the website in the coming weeks such as the 2009/2010 request shown here. Many keep asking for details and shown here is what was presented to the Finance Committee and HOA Board. This is a reduction of more than \$3000 from last years approved request. We plan to support the Forestry Committee grant effort to recoup much of this budget as we did last year in the amount of more that \$13,0000.

 Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department Proposed 2009-2010 Budget Request		
CONTINGENCY		
	Admin	\$250
	Mx and Contingency	\$1,000
COMMUNICATIONS		
All Hazards 800 MHz Radios	Handheld (XTS2500)	\$3,200
	Mobile for Eng 960	\$3,400
FIREFIGHTER/MEDICAL PPE		
Structure	2 Sets of Bunker Gear	\$4,000
	Normex Pants and Shirts	\$500
Medical PPE	Gloves, Masks, Goggles, Airway	\$500
Training	Firefighter recerts and training	\$500
Wildfire PPE Expendables	Flagging, Fuses, Batteries, H2O Bottles, etc...	\$650
HAZARD MITIGATION		
Ice and Water Rescue	PPE and Rescue Equipment	\$1,750
CP Community Fire Prevention	Support to Community Events & Fire Education	\$300
REQUESTED BUDGET		\$16,050

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