



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNE 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

The CPVFD continues to be successful in acquiring equipment and grants that enhance the capability of the Department for virtually no cost to the community. We recently were awarded the Colorado Public Health grant for more than \$7300. Despite continued concern by a select few in the community, the CPVFD is a first-class volunteer fire department that has acquired fully functional apparatus for no cost. And on June 20, we moved our apparatus in the new facility and will have firefighting response and protection for 365-days a year for the first time in the Park's history. So despite what negative comments you hear, if you haven't heard it from us, it's probably wrong...so please call me or Deputy Chief Welsch if you have any questions or concerns.

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1. Rundown of apparatus we have acquired or use; the costs are:
  - Engine 910: FREE (Donation)
  - Brush 940: Paid for with AFG Grant funding
  - Rescue 970: FREE (Donation)
  - Brush 941: FREE; multi-use of Park assets
  - Tender 960: FREE; multi-use of Park assets

\*\*No VFD in El Paso County has had this success

2. **Grant Update:** Received 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. **New “Paramedic”:** We have a new member on the Department that will be going through extensive training to become a Paramedic in the next few months; this is advanced life support and really takes the Department to a very new place we anticipated 2-3 years from now. Again, this will involve countless hours of training that will be donated by her as a volunteer. Cost to the residents: \$0.00 (or “priceless”)
4. **New Facility:** As we have discussed in the past, the new facility was constructed within budget after being approved by the Membership. Special thanks go to the CPVFD personnel that have donated all of their time to ensure it was constructed properly. Most recent was FF Charles Davis who along with the Park Manager oversaw the installation of the recently completed concrete floor, and the painting of the doors by Engineers Dick O'Brien and Mike Doughty....thanks for your service. The building was visited by many residents who attended the June 20 Summer Picnic.
5. **Department’s Apparatus Status:** All are fully operational and ready to respond.