



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

The fire danger continues to be very high in our region of El Paso County. Red Flag conditions exist off and on and we are adjusting the Fire Danger sign accordingly. You should not be lulled by the cooler weather as the fuels remain very dry since we are not getting appreciable moisture. Manitou Springs is already considering additional fire ban ordinances. As always, we ask that every homeowner use the mild weather periods to continue to mitigate the fire danger around their homes. Members of the CPVFD are available to conduct Firewise assessments of your homes if you need assistance.

- 1. Training:** Training continued with three CPVFD volunteers in EMT-Basic training. In addition, EMS In-Service training was attended at MSFD in the last month including training with the Memorial Star Helicopter. Training for Basic Structure Firefighting start 26 March and we have 3 volunteers attending that as well as High Angle Rescue training starting 27 march and we have 4 volunteers attending. We also had 2 FFs attend and complete the (S-290) Intermediate Fire Behavior class at the USAF Academy.
- 2. Grant Update:** Submitted a new grant to the State of Colorado for Emergency medical Equipment that will stretch the \$700 EMS PPE budget to \$7000. We conducted two interviews already with the Boards and received approval for the 10% cost share vice 50%. We have two additional panels to go through but we are confident we will get the grant.
- 3. Incidents:** There were no incidents in the Park since the last report. CPVFD firefighters and 1st Responders/EMT/Firefighters 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 Metro District continued to oversee the contribution from the HOA budget approved by the Membership.
- 5. MSFD/CP Metro District Agreement:** The agreement was again renewed for the next year. Chief Buckmiller supported everything we have done in his statement to the Manitou Springs City Council.
- 6. Fire Station/Shelter-in-Place (SIP)/Maintenance Facility Update:** Fire Station and Mx Facility remains at about 80% complete. Electrical installation has been completed and we are in the process of installing the heater. Once installed we will schedule the concrete.
- 7. Thin Ice Signs:** We removed the "Thin Ice" signs from around the lake since all of the ice has melted.
- 8. 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.
- 9.** The Department website is: www.crystalparkvfd.org