



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

(Revised 29 May)

To the residents of Crystal Park, we held a very successful Town Hall on 22 May 09. On behalf of the Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department staff, thank you for attending. We are also grateful for the presence of Chief Keith Buckmiller, MSFD, who attended the Town Hall to help answer any questions regarding mutual aid or potential for when that aid will not be available based on his commitment to his own community. As we look forward, we are committed to continuing our training to serve the community we live in and ensuring that we are ready should we be called upon to support our neighbors. On 20 June 09, we will be having a CPVFD BBQ at the new facility that the Park will use as a multi-use facility or emergency shelter-in-place and, that we will use as the CPVFD Fire Station. This will be a great event and we look forward to seeing you there and showing the community all the advancements we have made in capability over the last 27 months. Chief Hennessey (jhennessey@crystalparkvfd.org)

1. Training: Training continued over the last month with one new EMT-Basic completing training and national certification and two others awaiting their final national exam. In addition, another EMT-B completed her IV training; good job Susi Hennessey. Congrats to Collin Powers, Mike Doughty and Jim Mesirov in completion of High Angle Rescue training. We have formed a HAR Team with Manitou Springs FD and now can respond with confidence to any technical rescue situation. Finally, Troy Furr completed Wildland Firefighter training at Colorado Fire Camp. Welcome aboard Troy.



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 had our final panel regarding this grant and are now awaiting the results. With new EMT-Basics, this grant will provide them the needed equipment they are authorized to use. We also got two grants in for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)/FEMA. We do not expect to hear the results of these grants for a few months (Sep/Oct) but we received one last year and are hopeful again.

3. Incidents: We responded to one incident in the Park since the last report. We had a smoke/fire investigation that was determined to be unfounded. CPVFD firefighters and 1st Responders/EMT/Firefighters continued to support MSFD and provided mutual aid to numerous incidents in Manitou Springs this last month. One incident of note was the search for a 10 year-old girl that was missing. MSFD requested mutual aid from CPVFD and we responded with 8 volunteers ready to help. Our support was much appreciated by the MSFD leadership.

4. Budget: Revised 29 May: "We expended \$1955 for additional pagers as per the approved spend plan and \$100 for shipping of SCBA equipment that needed repair." The Metro District continued to oversee the contribution from the HOA budget approved by the Membership last year. The CPVFD will again ask for Membership support as they have graciously done in the past. We are planning to work through the budget process in May. We answered a number of budget questions at the Town Hall and will be updating the website to clarify further what we report monthly.

5. OINK!! Bike Safety Day: CPVFD and CPVFD Auxiliary supported the Manitou Springs Police Department Bike Safety Event on Saturday, 23 May 09. It was a great event with many of the CPVFD volunteers in attendance. Thank you to those that served!!

6. Department's Apparatus Status: Engine 910 and Tender 960 are in full operational service at this time. We want to thank Victoria West from Falcon who donated a Chevy S-10 to the CPVFD that will be our new "Rescue 970" EMS vehicle. This will allow for more rapid response to a medical incident in the Park and will respond to all Fire/HAZMAT/Rescue incidents.



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