



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)

**1. Training:** Our CPR instructor conducted another CPR certification class this last month. Anyone requiring/desiring CPR training should contact the CPVFD (EMT-B Floyd O'Neil). CPVFD personnel also provided instructors to help MSFD teach their current Basic Structure Firefighting ("Probie") Course. Training continues to occur every month with the focus on new skills, proficiency in baseline skills and increased redundancy of capability to ensure that on any call, regardless of response, we have the right skills for the job. In January 2010, we will be adding "Water/Ice Rescue Technician – Level 1" to our portfolio of capabilities.

CPVFD Capabilities Roster	BASIC STRUCTURE FF COURSE	WILDLAND S130/190 Type 2	RED CARDS	HIGH ANGLE RESCUE	HAZMAT OPS	Driver Training	NIMS CERTS (100,200, 700)	CPR/AED	Emergency Medical Services
<b>Firefighters</b>									
CHIEF JOHN HENNESSEY	✓FF1	✓	✓ROSS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓1st Respd
DEPUTY CHIEF PAUL WELSCH	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	
LIEUTENANT SEAN COLLINS	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	✓EMT
FF STEVE LEANDER	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	✓EMT/IV
FF ERIC JULIAN		✓	✓ROSS				✓	✓	
FF JIM MESROW		✓	✓ROSS	✓		✓	✓	✓	
FF ADAM SAND	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	
FF CHARLES DAVIS	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	
FF COLLIN POWERS		✓	✓ROSS	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓1st Respd
FF KIM KRAUSFELDT	✓	✓	✓ROSS			✓	✓	✓	
FF SUSI HENNESSEY	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓EMT/IV
FRANK MOLINA		✓				✓	✓	✓	
TROY FURR		✓				✓	✓	✓	
<b>Associate Volunteers</b>									
ENG MIKE DOUGHTY (LEAD ENGINEER)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	n/a	✓	✓	✓	
ENG DICK O'BRIEN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	n/a
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>									
JACQUE JULIAN (1st Responder)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		✓	✓	✓1st Respd
FLOYD O'NEIL (EMT-B)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			✓	✓EMT
KELLY BRUGGEMAN (RN, TBD Paramedic)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		✓	✓	✓Paramedic

**2. Incidents:** CPVFD was busy this past month. We responded to one medical call in Crystal Park where our EMTs were first on scene providing basic life support care. We responded to a mutual aid request from MSFD regarding a technical rescue incident where we had three members of our HAR Team along with EMS and FF personnel. We assisted MSFD in covering for CSFD Station 5 and MSFD during a Co. Springs house fire. Our wildland Firefighters responded to a fire near Waldo Canyon. The CPVFD volunteers continued to support numerous other medical and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month to help maintain our proficiency as a **Fire•Rescue•EMS** organization.

**3. CPVFD "Maltese Patches" Fly 4.5 Million Miles":** The CPVFD patch returned to Earth Friday, November 27, 2009 at 0744 hours (Mountain) after completing an 11-day, 4.5 million mile trip to orbit aboard Shuttle mission STS-129. Ten (10) CPVFD patches were flown as part of the mission's "Official Flight Kit" aboard the orbiter Atlantis and will be returned in a few weeks to the Department. The patches were flown in recognition of the commitment to our mission as first responders to Crystal Park. The STS-129 mission included three spacewalks and the installation of two platforms to the International Space Station (ISS). The platforms hold spare parts to sustain ISS operations after the Shuttles are retired.



**The STS-129 Official Flight Kit Manifest**

The following is the STS-129 Official Flight Kit manifest, as provided by NASA. Inventory numbers that are missing indicate items that were removed prior to launch.

No.	Description	Sponsor/Purpose
1.	a. 625 STS-129 crew patches b. 75 Expedition 22 patches	Agency Presentation
2.	900 Small United States Flags	Agency Presentation
3.	5 Sets U.S. States & Territories Flags	Agency Presentation
4.	5 Sets United Nations Members Flags	Agency Presentation
5.	a. 20 Small Texas Flags b. 5 Small NASA Flags	Agency Presentation
13.	25 EVA Patches	
14.	a. 10 STS-129 Crew Patches b. 10 Small U.S. flags c. 10 DoD Space Test Program Patches d. 10 Wing Coins e. 10 Crystal Park, CO, VFD Shoulder Patches	DoD Presentation
15.	a. 32 Miscellaneous Program/Project/Directorate Patches b. 25 ALTAIR Patches	Constellation Program Office Presentation

**4. Firewood Donation:** The CPVFD received thus far \$1760 in donations for firewood. Donations and Grants are the “primary” source of funding for the Department. The members of the CPVFD cut firewood for donations as a means of raising money for equipment and training. Volunteers supply the labor, saws, fuel, oil and personal vehicle use (and gas) at their own expense to cut and deliver the firewood for any resident that wants a cord of wood.

**5. Grant Status:** Emergency medical equipment from the EMS grant has been received. In addition, the FEMA AFG grant equipment has also been finalized. We are in the process of closing out both grants.

**6. Crystal Park “Evacuation Exercise”:** The HOA Board of Directors asked that we look into conducting an evacuation exercise similar to that of Cedar Heights. We have initiated discussions with the El Paso County Wildfire Suppression Team leadership and notified the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This will take months to prepare the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and coordinate it through multiple agencies; the target window for the exercise is Spring-Summer 2010.

**7. El Paso County ESA Participating Agency “Intergovernmental Agreement for Ground Emergency Ambulance Services” Signed:** Final signatures have been provided regarding the agreement for AMR ambulance services to Crystal Park. Following an onsite review by the El Paso County ESA staff to verify response times, the Crystal Park Metropolitan District signed the agreement which requires ambulance services to the community. This is another CPVFD milestone which assures ambulance services to the entire Crystal Park community.