



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

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*The CPVFD continues to help residents of Crystal Park save money where eligible by providing maps and response times from both CPVFD and MSFD stations to those residences that have chosen to have their insurance agents call us. It appears thus far between \$2000 - \$3000 has been saved collectively by several residents in the community. There have been other insurance agents that have chosen to not care, it seems, who responds, when they respond and what they respond with. We are ready to talk to any agent that chooses to call. What we have not been doing is trying to "convince" agents to change anything but rather, as our duty dictates, simply present the facts to them regarding the fire protection services within this community.*

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- 1. Training:** We had 8 FFs and Engineers successfully complete the 40 hour Wildland Urban Interface (S-215) training class. We also initiated NFPA 1002 Emergency Vehicle Driver Training for 10 CPVFD volunteers and we have one FF in the NWCG S-211 Pumps Course. The Pumps Course trains Wildland FFs in how to take advantage of natural water sources and in the proper use of portable pumps.
- 2. Incidents:** There was one medical call in Crystal Park this last month. The CPVFD volunteers supported numerous medical and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month as well.
- 3. Joint CPVFD/MSFD Calendar Fundraiser:** The CPVFD Auxiliary has teamed with MSFD and is now taking orders for the 2010 calendar. Signup sheet is in the mailroom or contact anyone on the CPVFD Auxiliary.
- 4. MSFD Open House & CPVFD Pancake Breakfast:** Manitou Springs Fire Department will be having an open house on 26 Sep 2009 (Saturday). We encourage everyone to attend if in the Manitou Springs area. The CPVFD will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast on 3 Oct 2009 from 0900-1100 at the Clubhouse. Please come by and bring the kids to enjoy a hot breakfast and meet the Firefighters, EMS and Engineers...we just want to thanks to the community.
- 5. EMS Grant Status:** Emergency medical equipment has begun to arrive. All equipment is expected to be received within the next 60-days. This equipment allows the EMTs in the park to provide medical services for which they are trained, qualified and authorized.