

CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT <u>AUGUST 2010</u> MONTHLY UPDATE

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- **1. Incidents:** There was one incident in the Upper Park in the last month. 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.
- **2. Pikes Peak Marathon:** CPVFD supported the Pikes Peak Marathon on 22 Aug 2010. EMTs from CPVFD helped administer care to runners as they crossed the finish line. EMTs started IVs on several runners which was excellent experience for our EMTs.
- **3. Continue to Remove Heavy Fuels Below Woodford's Property:** Despite those that think otherwise, we continued to pull heavy fuels each weekend from the drainage off of Crystal Park Road just below the Woodford property. Truckloads have been removed and there are likely two more weekends worth of work to remove the remaining heavy (1000 Hour) fuels. Once all the heavy's are removed, we will remove the slash and this project will be complete.
- **4.** El Paso County Deputy Fire Marshall (FM) Tour: On 15 Aug 2010, the El Paso County Deputy Fire Marshall toured the Crystal Park District. Several concerns were raised by the Dep. FM in the discussion such as, whether the District would be safe to even enter in the event of a wildfire, the extent of fuels that continue to be at ground levels, the inability or challenges associated with evacuation, and the timeline it may take for responding resources to come to the District and get organized. The most concerning comment from the Dep. Fire Marshall was that we may be the only Fire Department in the District for hours...and on our own.
- **5.** Borriello Brothers Pizza Fundraiser Event: On 19 Sept 2010 from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, we will be working with MSFD in a major fundraising event. The owner of Borriello Bros. Pizza is a long time sponsor of the Fire Service and has agreed to allow CPVFD and MSFD work at the local Borriello Pizza Restaurants. He will make a donation from the daily sales to each department. Please encourage family and friends to come on by and support the fundraising event.
- Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department
 And
 Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department
 Joining together for the Borniello Brothers pizza
 fundraiseril Come support both fire departments
 at either location.

 Sunday September 19, 2010
 8th Street @Hwy 24 on Centennial/Fillmore
 12:00 noon 9:00 pm
 See You There!
- **6. Engine 910 Pump Test**: To ensure that our apparatus and equipment remains operational and ready to respond to an incident, annual testing is done to ensure our equipment can do the job it's intended to do. On August 4, Engine 910 was tested by a team from CPVFD, MSFD and Underwriter's Laboratory. The engine did very well, pumping 750 GPM for 20 minutes at 150 PSI, and at 200 PSI for 10 minutes. Some repairs were required and completed successfully. This is a major test that indicated that our apparatus is ready to respond to a fire call and discharge some serious quantities of water if needed.
- **8. Woodmen Valley VFD Helmet Donation:** WMVFD made a donation of 6 brand new Cairns "Defender" firefighting helmets to the CPVFD. This donation is valued at over \$1500 and provides highest quality of helmet on the market for our FFs. Thank you WMVFD.
- **7. New CPVFD Lieutenant:** Eric Julian was appointed a Lieutenant in the CPVFD and will be primarily responsible for our wildfire suppression capability and wildfire team readiness. Congratulations Lt Julian.
- **9. 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast Date Set**: The CPVFD will be holding its "4th Annual Pancake Breakfast" on 25 September 2010 from 0900-1100. This event is open to the entire community and is our way of saying thank you for all your support. Location is at the Club House. Spread the word!!

Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department

Invites you to our 4th annual

"Pancake Breakfast & Town Hall"

Event funded by the Firefighters

In appreciation for your contained apport, our fire fighters and first responders would like to cook you breakfast (panches, sousses, juice, orfree and har checkets, of the cookies, of the cookies