



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2010 MONTHLY UPDATE www.crystalparkvfd.org

1. Training: There is now a new capability in the CPVFD. FF/EMT Steve Leander and FF Collin Powers completed "Water/Surface Ice Rescue Technician" training in Grand Junction CO and are now fully certified Level I Ice Rescue Technicians. We are now moving forward with getting them the gear and equipment needed to stay proficient in this capability. Congrats Steve and Collin!! Training continued to occur with the focus on proficiency in baseline skills and increased redundancy of capability to ensure that on any call, regardless of response needed, we have the right skills for the job. The CPVFD-MSFD High Angle Rescue (HAR) Team conducted proficiency training in the District along Crystal Park Rd. at a steep slope area where a vehicle over the edge would require technical rescue.



CPVFD trained and certified to execute an ice rescue in the District

2. Incidents: CPVFD had 3 incidents in the District this past month. We responded to a two car traffic accident in the lower area of the District, a rollover accident, and we responded to a smoke investigation reported by a Forest Service individual. 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. Grant Status: Grants are in the process of being closed out.

4. Fire Station Status: **RED** *This continues to be our number one problem we are dealing with.* Unfortunately, the HOA Board and a few of their supporters continued to attempt to disrupt CPVFD operations and now, local relationships with other first responding organizations are indirectly being brought in. We learned in the last month that someone (we do not know who) contacted a County Commissioner in an attempt to smear the capability of the Department. Of course when the County Commissioner contacted the Fire Marshal to ascertain if we "were a real fire department" the accusations were dispelled. We have a great relationship with the Fire Marshal and all local first responding organizations. At some point we hope that this Board, which has created a hostile environment for the Department, will focus on roads and other things rather than targeting the CPVFD. Bottom-line: Since the last reporting period, nothing has changed but actually got worse with the Board now attempting to charge the CPVFD rent --- the HOA continues endanger Firefighter and EMS personnel by trying to prevent us from maintaining our *"Mission Ready"* capability.