



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNE 2010 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Training: Training continued into June with several events happening. Chief Welsch completed his Colorado State Certified "HAZMAT Operations" training. We also had two new members complete the 40 hours of High Angle Rescue (HAR) training and join the MSFD-CPVFD HAR Team. Chief Hennessey satisfied all Job Proficiency Requirements and is certified for three additional years by the State of Colorado at Firefighter I and HAZMAT Operations level. Finally, we continued to have Rapid Training Evolutions (RTEs) every Tuesday evening at the station and attended weekly MSFD EMS and Fire Operations training.

2. Incidents: There were four incidents in the District this last month. 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. Cookbook Fundraiser: In June, the CPVFD Auxiliary continued with the "Cooking with Fire" cookbook fundraiser. The team spent many hours at various locations (i.e. Old CO City Green Market) this past month. These funds will help the CPVFD sustain Department operations and maintain equipment. There are over 200 recipes in the cookbook from Crystal Park residents, members, friends and family. Folks can sign up in the mailroom or contact the CPVFD Auxiliary at auxiliary@crystalparkvfd.org. The Auxiliary is also preparing for two other fundraisers in the Fall. We cannot thank our Auxiliary enough...they are awesome!!



4. Fire Danger in Crystal Park District: The Fire Danger was "HIGH" for many days during the month of June. We have been watching several factors that contribute to the Fire Danger for the District including fuel load, aspect, relative humidity (RH), dew point, Haines Index, etc... The Department is very concerned with the fuel load in the District and the lack of fuels management. There are several high risk areas where there appears to be no fuels mitigation occurring in the District. As a reminder, the District is over 3.125 square miles which as large as Manitou Springs. The rains help but RH drops significantly rapidly drying out lighter fuels. We continue to ensure the Fire Danger signs are updated daily. Check the CPVFD website and the Fire Danger signs for latest Fire Danger conditions.

5. "1st Annual Joint CPVFD/MSFD BBQ": We held the 1st Annual BBQ between both CPVFD and MSFD and a great time was had by all. We hope this continues to be a regular event as the camaraderie and partnership between the two departments continues to protect all the residents and the property values within Crystal Park.

6. "Noah's Ark" El Paso County Mass Casualty Exercise: On 5 June, the CPVFD supported a major mass casualty exercise in El Paso County. More than 15 FDs, Memorial Star and Flight For Life helicopters, law enforcement, county resources, and other first responding organizations responded to a simulated tornado touchdown at the Hanover High School. CPVFD provided support to the patient triage area where we were rapidly triaging/stabilizing patients, making medical determinations as to their criticality, and determining best route of transport. The experience gained is priceless and has providing the CPVFD with a clear understanding as to how a major incident in the District will be supported including what issues and limitations we may have to contend with.

