



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH 2010 MONTHLY UPDATE

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**1. Training:** This is the season where training intensifies significantly for the CPVFD. We have students attending advanced training in the State of Colorado Firefighter 1 Certification Course, attending Wildland Firefighter Refresher Training, High Angle Rescue training, and CPR Refresher. We continued to have Rapid Training Evolutions (RTEs) every Tuesday evening at the station and attended weekly MSFD EMS and Fire Operations training. The CPVFD-MSFD High Angle Rescue (HAR) Team conducted proficiency training this month focusing on "one-on-one rescues". Upcoming training in the next month includes Incident Command-300 Leadership Training, Wildland Firefighter Pack Test, and S130/190 Basic Type II Wildland Firefighter training. Crystal Park advanced firefighters are also serving as instructors for the FF1 class.

**2. Incidents:** There were no 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. Annual 9 News Health Fair:** On 24 April 2010, from 0700-1200, at the Manitou Springs High School, CPVFD EMS and Auxiliary personnel will be supporting the **9 News Health Fair** in Manitou Springs along with other health professionals. Some of the stations that will be available to the public for FREE screenings include Blood Pressure and Pulse Check, Pulse Oximetry Test, Finger Stick Diabetes Risk Assessment, Cardiac Risk Assessment and more..... There are also advanced tests that can be done as well for a fee (i.e. \$25 PSA Screening for men over 40 years). Check out the website below for all information associated with this annual event that the CPVFD has supported for 3-years running. Crystal Park residents can get tested if they like!!!!  
<http://9healthfair.org/Upload/NewsLetterFile/21.pdf>

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• Personal blood work results mailed to you, with information on

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**4. Ice Rescue Suits:** Our Ice Rescue Suits have arrived! As you know, we have 2 certified Ice Rescue Technicians on the Department. Special thanks to Don Irons and Rebekah Nix for their donations that made both the certified training and acquisition of these suits possible. This capability is unique to Crystal Park and provides for rapid response and rescue in the event someone falls through the ice on the Upper Park ponds where minutes count; we cannot afford to wait for mutual aid. We should also note that **all the ponds are no longer safe** as the ice has begun to thaw quickly.



**5. Fire Station:** The building that we are using as the Fire Station continues to be in an incomplete state where the interior is not finished due to the HOA Board lack of support. This is very costly to the residents and CPVFD as insulation, that would have been installed months ago free of charge, continues to sit in storage. The CPVFD has already resolved the electrical issue months ago and has had a donation for months that would have also paid for this work to be completed and signed of by a licensed electrician; the entire Department ready to volunteer to provide the labor.

**6. Brush Truck:** We are in the running for a used Brush Truck to be donated free of charge to the CPVFD. The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (CO) has a Type 6 Brush Truck that they are planning to donate to a fire department that has a need for this vehicle type. As you know, we no longer have access to the F-450 and so we are seeking, through this donation, to replace that apparatus. The decision will be made around 19 April. This apparatus will also provide storage for all of our operational equipment that we currently have run out of room for on the other apparatus.

**7. Cardiac Monitor:** The Aspen Valley Hospital has decided to donate free of charge a "LifePak-10 Cardiac Monitor" to the CPVFD. This is an incredible donation as these monitors are extremely expensive but we now have an advanced life support capability that will be useful to our Paramedic that we did not expect to have for several years due to expense.

**8. Rumor Control:** A small number of members of the community who have been outspoken regarding their lack of support for the CPVFD have been purposely misinforming residents in the District about the Department. We would like to correct some of these falsehoods and hope that they will cease immediately.

a. The CPVFD is not, and has never contemplated, building another facility. The CPVFD will not undertake such an endeavor again even though it was the HOA Board that asked us to do so in 2007 when the Forestry Committee did not want to undertake the construction of a Shelter-in-Place (SIP) that they put in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Again, we are not, and will not, work another construction effort for a new building.

b. Once again, certain members in the community are telling other members that there is a move to "pay" CPVFD volunteers. Not sure how many times this needs to be answered but again, this is a blatant fabrication and unfortunate that members that do not support the CPVFD would stoop this low as to misinform the residents despite the repeated corrections to this lie.  
***NO ONE ON THE CPVFD WILL BE PAID FOR SERVING THIS COMMUNITY...WE LIVE HERE!***

c. Finally, we will not dignify this with a response but it has also come to our attention that the same folks spreading the above rumors have also said that the CPVFD response is selective. This is a horrific slander against the men and woman on the CPVFD who train hundreds of hours a year to be operationally ready and quite frankly, we are owed an apology from anyone that has said this and continues to propagate this ugly rumor.