



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2010 MONTHLY UPDATE [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)

**1. Incidents:** There were five incidents in Crystal Park; this was a very busy month. Incidents included a vehicle accident, smoke investigation and medical calls. 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. Assistance to FF Grant (AFG) Update:**

We were contacted by FEMA AFG to update our financial information. We are hopeful that we will be receiving this grant as this is the first positive indicator we have seen in the past when we received a grant in 2008. The requested grant was for \$10,000 for the outfitting of 5 firefighters with helmets, hoods, coats, pants, gloves and boots. This will bring all 12 of our firefighters and our 2 engineers into compliance with NFPA/OSHA personal safety standards. We also requested \$14,000 for one thermal imaging camera (TIC). The CPVFD cost share for this grant is 5% with AFG paying 95%.



**3. Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant:** We submitted a grant request to the state forest agency valued at \$4900 with our share being \$2450. This will add additional wildland FF PPE. We are very hopeful that this will be awarded as the State Forester is a huge supporter of the CPVFD.

**3. Station Status:** Throughout November, the Fire Station/SIP/ Mx Facility has been undergoing completion of the interior. This has been on hold for over a year and now the facility is fully insulated which will reduce significantly the propane heating costs. For the most part, this completes this phase of the interior and the CPVFD has used our fundraising resources to take this major asset and resource to the next level of capability.

**4. Borriello Pizza Fundraiser:** CPVFD and MSFD received a total of \$7000 from Borriello Pizza from the fundraiser in September. Both CPVFD and MSFD agreed that we will split the donation 50/50 thus each Department received \$3500. This was a major fundraising event and much needed equipment will be purchased.

**5. New Medical Director:** Dr. Jeremy Dewall will be the new Medical Director for CPVFD and MSFD. The CPVFD EMS staff met with Dr. Dewall and outgoing MD Dr. Brian Crawford at MSFD on 27 Nov 10 to discuss the future. Dr. Dewall was a Paramedic for 10 years before becoming an M.D. He understands the unique challenges we face and will soon be coming to the District to receive a tour and capabilities presentation. We look forward to what the future will bring in working with Dr. Dewall and we fully expect our level of EMS care to increase from its current levels.

**6. El Paso County Credentialing System:** CPVFD has been working with the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for including CPVFD volunteers in the County credentialing system. This system will provide official “picture badges” for all Department volunteers. The OEM is providing badges, free of charge, for each Department in the County that is participating (most are). Chief’s signatures have been provided to the OEM and pictures will soon be requested.