



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: There were no incidents in the District this last month. In the last 12 months we have had 30 calls where we were toned out. CPVFD volunteers continued to support numerous other medical, vehicle accident and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month to help maintain our proficiency as a **Fire•Rescue•EMS** organization.

2. Grant (AFG, VFA, EMS) Update: Much equipment is in on both grants. We are waiting on 2 pair of boots for the AFG grant and awaiting GSA equipment from the VFA grant. We made it past Round 2 on the EMS grant with one more round to go. Chief Hennessey will attend this in person.

3. Firefighter II Training: Chief Hennessey has started training at the FF II level for state certification. This is a very intense 5-weeks of training that will result in the highest level of certification for firefighters in Colorado. Training is projected to be complete mid-June.

4. "Evacuation Plan" Updated: The "Crystal Park Evacuation Plan" was updated and is in final review. This will be published in the next couple weeks and is "Version 3". Key changes included resources for more information on how to be prepared in the event an evacuation order is given.

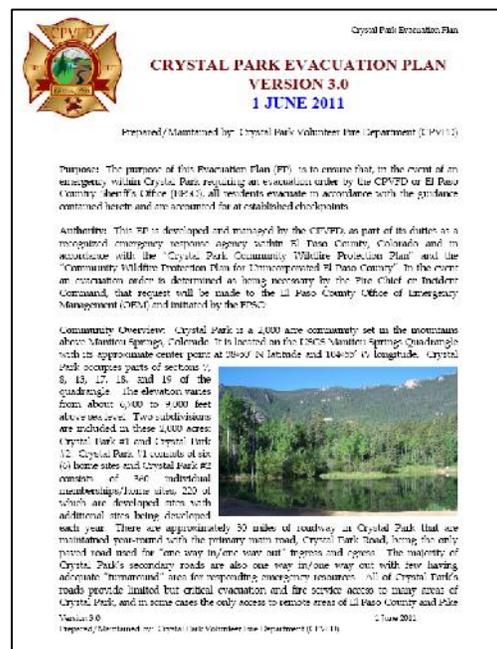
5. 9News Health Fair: The CPVFD and the CPVFD Auxiliary supported the annual 9News Health Fair in April. Great event and our support along with MSFD was greatly appreciated by the organizers.

6. 1989 Pierce Pumper: A used pumper that would take our capability to a new level is being donated to a needing department by the Littleton Fire Department. CPVFD sent in a request to be considered for this donation. There are usually numerous departments that submit requests for these used engines and odds low but we gave it a shot.

7. Stage I Fire Ban Lifted: The El Paso County Sheriff's Office lifted the Stage I Fire Ban in April. Predictions are that this will be short lifted as the warm and dry weather returns.

8. Fire Station Final Inspection: Final Regional inspection for all electrical has passed. We are complete with the formal construction of this facility and everything was completed by-the-book.

9. El Paso County CWPP: CPVFD reviewed and provided comments to the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We have been involved in development of this document since the start. As we indicated at the last Town Hall, the Crystal Park CWPP is obsolete and in need of a complete rewrite.



10. CPVFD Town Hall: On 9 April, the CPVFD supported by the MSFD (Lt Dorris) held a Town Hall at the station to discuss wildfire danger we are facing based on current weather conditions. This was a very successful meeting and numerous questions were answered by the presenters. A major theme of the Town Hall is the “extreme” weather conditions we have been facing. National Weather Service data indicates we have been seeing conditions “worse” than 2002 when Colorado had the Hayman Fire.