



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE www.crystalparkvfd.org

1. Incidents: There was one medical incident in the District this month. 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 and VFA) Update: Equipment has begun arriving. The Thermal Imaging Camera is now operational. PPE is starting to trickle in as well. We need to start ordering VFA grant equipment in March.



4. Two New Probie Firefighters: Lt Eric Julian and Kevin Wood completed Basic Structure Firefighter training this last month and are officially Firefighters. *Congrats Eric and Kevin.*

5. Applied for New EMS Grant: We have made it through the first stage of the new 2011 EMS Grant where we had requested a 10% cost share which was approved. We have two more review cycles to go through before we are awarded. We have requested a Heart Monitor and an IV Fluid heater. The Heart Monitor is potentially a life saving piece of equipment for the Department. The cost share will only be approximately \$800.

6. Station Temperature Sensor: FF Leander constructed and installed a temperature sensor in the station so that we can monitor remotely to ensure it is where we need it to be. In the event there is a power outage, we can see the potential risk to the apparatus and respond thus preventing damage to the equipment.

7. Residents Request Insurance Help: We had two discussions with insurance agents explaining CPVFD response times and capabilities. One resident was on Neon Moon and the other on Derby Rock. Residents continue to reach out to us to see if we can drive down insurance costs for them.

8. CPVFD Attends “Boulder 4-Mile Fire” Incident Management Team After Action Review: In February, members of the CPVFD and numerous other El Paso County fire, medical and law enforcement agencies attended a review by the Boulder 4-Mile Fire Incident Management Team. Many of the conditions in Boulder that resulted in a loss of 167 homes are very similar to what we have here in Crystal Park. This review was very informative and we plan to conduct a “pre-planning” effort this Spring in the District.

