



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE

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**1. Incidents:** There were three incidents for which the CPVFD was toned out last month. All were fire related as a result of lightning strikes. 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:** In the process of closing out both VFA and AFG grants. We submitted all paperwork to the State for the VFA grant so that we can receive our share back from them. We are working to close out the AFG grant. Joan is working with Charlie to also pay the additional costs for the 2008 grant. We also received word that we were awarded the EMS grant and Susi is working to get the equipment ordered. We should have the heart monitor and fluid warmer in next month.

**3. Fire Danger Tapered Off in July:** The monsoons have helped this month in reducing the fire danger. Stage 1 fire bans were terminated in July.

**4. High Angle Rescue Training Apparatus Complete** The rescue training wall was completed this last month. Future training will occur in the station.

**5. Incident Preplanning Continues:** We continue preplanning efforts. This last month we focused on homes on Fern Valley Rd.

**6. Well Drilling Support:** In the last month we supported the drilling of wells for two sites in the District. El Paso County provided Black Mtn. Drilling a waiver but required them to hose down the drilling area where they would be welding casing. CPVFD did this for them.



**7. Asplundh Tree Cutting:** The crews from Asplundh asked the CPVFD to assess trees that were potential hazards for power lines and that if they fell, would potentially cause a fire. The CPVFD marked approximately 10 trees that were leaning towards power lines and Asplundh crews took them down. All trees recommended for removal were approved by the Park Mgr.

**8. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Support:** CPVFD and MSFD provided fire suppression support for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks in Manitou Springs.