



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNE 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE

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**1. Incidents:** There were two incidents in the District this last month. One was a gas odor investigation which was discovered to be a real leak and the second was a vehicle rollover. We continue to have vehicle accidents where residents do not want to call 911...this



can be dangerous. For example, these vehicles can leak fuel and oils and a fire can start when the wrecker moves the vehicle or, if the vehicle is unstable, it can fall over. We need to encourage folks to call. With regards to gas odors, anyone that presumes to have a gas (LP here in Crystal Park) odor should call 911, evacuate the residence until



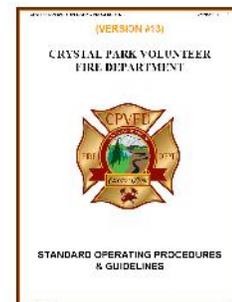
cleared by the CPVFD, and repairs are made by the gas company. CPVFD also ordered a combustible gas-detector to ensure we have all the required equipment to help our residents determine if they have a leak. CPVFD volunteers continued to support numerous other medical, vehicle accident and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month to help maintain our proficiency as a **Fire•Rescue•EMS** organization.

**2. Grant (AFG, VFA, EMS) Update:** All equipment is in on both the AFG and VFA grants. We are ready to begin closeout over the next few days to start the process. We were contacted by Colorado State Forest Service regarding the VFA grant and informed that we had a little more than \$600 to spend. Since this is a wildland grant, we requested and received permission to acquire to MS 440 chain saws for Brush 940. Both were ordered and received along with other extra components. Retail these saws are valued at over \$1200 and received each for \$813. We also received word that we were awarded the EMS grant and we are waiting official notification so that we can order the new heart monitor.

**3. Fire Danger Continues to be High:** Warm and dry weather continues with daily 10-30% chances for lightening (hopefully with rain). Humidity fluctuates between 15% to 50% when weather move moves in. Any moisture we are receiving evaporates quickly. Fire Danger is High to Extreme and we are currently in a **Stage 1** fire ban. MSFD continues to keep their apparatus on the Pueblo Dispatch Board to be deployed. CPVFD's FF Ed Costello is currently deployed with a private contractor and should bring home excellent lessons learned that will be valuable for our Department.



**4. CPVFD Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs):** We are at Version 13 of our SOGs for the Department. This is an ongoing process to ensure we have documented guidelines that all CPVFD personnel shall follow. These tactics cover any incident or event and as we learn of new tactics and procedures, they will be updated in the SOG guidance.



**5. Incident Preplanning Continues:** We continue preplanning efforts. The District will see us out assessing how we will deploy for incidents.

This is proving to be very valuable in that our roads provide us with unique challenges and limitations.