



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE

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- 1. Incidents:** There were two medical incidents in the District this last month. It should be noted that we are seeing very serious medical calls in the District where time of response is critical. 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 will begin closeout over the next few days to start the process. We also completed Round 3 on the EMS grant and we are waiting to hear the decision.
- 3. “Evacuation Plan”—Version 3:** The “Crystal Park Evacuation Plan” was updated and has been posted on the website for all residents to review. Key changes included resources for more information on how to be prepared in the event an evacuation order is given.
- 4. “Vern Witham Annual Pancake Breakfast:** The CPVFD and the CPVFD Auxiliary supported the annual pancake breakfast held in Vern Witham’s honor. Great event and our support, along with MSFD, was greatly appreciated by the organizers.
- 5. 1989 Pierce Pumper:** CPVFD sent in a request to be considered for this donation. We were not selected.
- 6. Fire Danger/Apparatus Deployment:** Warm and dry weather has returned. Fire Danger is High to Extreme and we are anticipating fire bans to be reinstated and even increased to Stage II. Currently MSFD has deployed its Tender (1) and there has already been a call for Brush 1. Two significant fires are being fought in Las Animas County two hours south.
- 7. Eng 910 Pump Test:** Eng 910 pump test did not pass at high levels of water flow. These levels exceed our ability to provide this much water so we are not seeing an impact. We plan to try to resolve the issue in the next few weeks.
- 8. Brush 941 In-Service:** We have the skid loaded on the F-450 loaned to us by the HOA. This is a second brush truck that will be configured with as much equipment as we can get. MSFD and El Paso County Wildfire team donated additional wildfire hose to help us get this apparatus ready for this year’s fire season.
- 9. Preplanning Has Begun:** We have started preplanning efforts. Over the next few weeks residents in the District will see us out assessing how we will deploy for incidents.