



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2012 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: We had six toned out incidents this month: four smoke investigations, mutual aid to MSFD for lost child, and one medical incident. CPVFD volunteers continued to support numerous other calls in Manitou Springs this last month to help maintain our proficiency as a **Fire•Rescue•EMS** organization.

2. Grant (AFG) Update: NTR regarding AFG, EI Pomar, or two FEMA grants. We were informed we did not get the Walmart grant for wildland PPE.

3. FireWise Assessments Status: We have 5 to go to finish this round of assessments. Looks like we will not get these finished until Jan/Feb timeframe.

4. Dispatch Status: NTR. Last conversation with Chief Robiero from MSPD who is working this stated he had not yet met with the County.

5. CPVFD Bylaws: After 5 years, the CPVFD Bylaws & Constitution were revised following many months of recommendations, updates and discussion. The new Bylaws were approved in a unanimous vote of more than 75% of the members present at the December business meeting on 15 Dec 12. They are now updated to better serve the CPVFD membership.

6. Radio Needs: We have provided Tait Communications the radio talkgroup/channel load and we are looking to borrow a radio from them for a week to try it out. CPVFD Comms Lead will assess how the radios work if we are able to get a loaner. Our understanding is the \$10K cost of the radios is contained in the Metro budget and will support the procurement of 6 radios.

7. CPVFD Annual Christmas Dinner: Held the annual Christmas Dinner on 15 Dec 12. Good time was had by all. Steve Leander was selected by his peers as the 2012 Firefighter of the Year.



8. CPVFD Election Results: IAW the CPVFD Bylaws, our annual election took place for Line and Business Officers that manage and oversee Department operations. All personnel were re-elected as follows and sworn in.

- Fire Chief John Hennessey
- Deputy Fire Chief Paul Welsch
- Foreman Collin Powers
- Treasurer Floyd O'Neil
- Secretary Andra Martin

9. Ice Rescue Training: As a prerequisite to Ice Rescue Training Field Exercise (FX) in Jan/Feb 2013, the CPVFD conducted a training review of all rescue equipment and PPE used in an Ice Rescue incident. Training was conducted by our Level I certified Ice Rescue Technicians, Steve Leander and Collin Powers. FF Susi Hennessey, FF Charles Davis and EMT Floyd O'Neil all donned the wetsuit as part of their training as rescue responders.



10. Tender 961 Status: Chief Hennessey, FF Leander and Engineers Doughty and O'Brien met with MaxFire regarding the changes needed to upgrade the tender to a more tactical apparatus. There were several issues associated with the installation of the pump which will be resolved along with significant plumbing changes needed. The tender will also be plumbed and configured so as to install a booster reel should that be decided in the future. When returned, Tender 961 will have the capacity to discharge attack lines in addition to providing water supply as a 2nd due engine. We expect all changes to be complete in January. Only two remaining issues adjustments required to mitigate smoke on startup and air brake adjustments. Estimated costs are approximately \$5500 and the CPVFD will cover this out of our Vectra account.

11. ISO Evaluation in 2013: This month Chief Hennessey informed the CPVFD membership and Metro District that in 2013 the Department will request a new evaluation from the ISO Inspector in hopes to get the ISO 8b Rating.