



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY-AUGUST 2012 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: There were no incidents in July. In August, we were toned out for three incidents: smoke investigation, motor vehicle accident, and a trail rescue off of Fern Valley Road that included MSFD and CSFD personnel. 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.

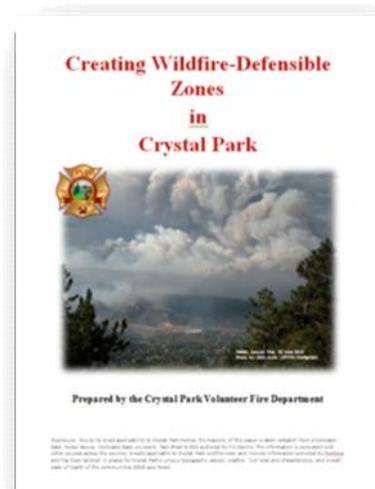
2. Grant (AFG) Update: We submitted an AFG application for 4 sets of full PPE. NTR regarding last grant from 2010. In addition, a grant was submitted to El Pomar for a Type 6 vehicle. We do not expect to hear anything until the Fall on these grants. We are working with WALMART to apply for a Wildand PPE grant. WALMART contacted us, and this is our first effort with them, so we don't know fully what to expect from this.

3. Pikes Peak Ascent & Marathon: CPVFD EMTs supported PP Ascent & Marathon providing medical support after the runners completed the race.

4. Fire Restrictions: El Paso County has lifted all of the Fire Restrictions. All residents should continue to vigilante and call 911 if they think they see anything that needs to be investigated.

5. Barricade Fire Gel: CPVFD ordered 2 pallets of Barricade Fire Gel for residents. This fire gel provides an additional mitigation step in the prevention of wildfire extension to structures in the District. So much gel was ordered that Barricade offered to send a donation to the CPVFD...amount is TBD.

6. FireWise Assessment: CPVFD members have begun conducting FireWise assessments at residents that signed up. The list has almost 40 residents on it and we predict we will be finished at the end of September. In addition, the CPVFD has produced a "Creating Wildfire-Defensible Zones in Crystal Park" handout for all residents. The purpose of the paper is to provide the residents of Crystal Park information supporting their desire to create defensible space around their homes thus increasing the likelihood that homes are defensible and even survivable. The information included in this paper represents industry standards and has been adjusted for the unique terrain, topography and forest characteristics in Crystal Park. Lt Eric Julian also developed an assessment sheet that can be used to provide structure recommendations in the event residents want to know what they can do different regarding changes to the structures that would decrease risk of fire extension.



7. Fundraiser Events: In August, planning began for two joint fundraiser events with MSFD. First, Chief Buckmiller asked CPVFD if we would consider a joint T-Shirt Fundraiser to raise funds for both departments. The CPVFD had already initiated our own effort for a new t-shirt

but this joint effort would open up both districts for the sales. Second, Borriello's is considering "coupon" sales to raise funding for both departments. The coupon will include both department and Borriello emblems. Details have been handed over to the CPVFD Aux chief, Michele Angelo to understand how it works. Both departments will be expected to sell the discounted coupons...more to come on this fundraiser as it matures. Depending on the cost of the coupon's this could be substantial. Two other fundraisers were supported by CPVFD members. First, a major fundraiser called "Battle the Blaze" was held in downtown Colorado Springs. FFs from almost a dozen agencies collected donations during the downtown event which included a concert. The other fundraiser was held by City Rock Climbing gym on Nevada Blvd. FFs were offered free climbing and CityRock donated \$250 to various departments.

8. Meeting with Deputy Fire Chief Ken Helgerson, US Air Force Academy: Chief Hennessey met with Dep. Chief Ken Helgerson and Asst. Chief Ron Peterman from the USAFA to discuss radio frequencies. The USAFA was interested in assuming "900" El Paso County century system series. The decision was to not proceed with this transition as CPVFD has been using this series for over 5 years and is well entrenched in the system. Discussions then transitioned to training and Chief H. offered training opportunities to the CPVFD including ride-alongs for FFs.

9. US Northern Command (NC) "Resiliency" Conference: CAPT James W. Terbush MD MPH, (US Navy), US NORTHCOM, Interagency Coordination, Private Sector & NGO Medical Programs, requested CPVFD support a major conference hosted by the Command to allow us to offer small-department opinions regarding resiliency affecting the local responders. Dep. Chief Welsch representing the CPVFD supported the event as a panel member which had almost 400 attendees and was a great success for NC.