



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2012 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: We had five toned out incidents this month that were smoke investigations and a traffic accident. The TA was a vehicle that went off of CP Rd. and EMTs treated the driver to ensure there were no issues. No transport via AMR was required. 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. El Paso County Flood Planning Operations Forum: The next meeting of this Working Group is 6 Dec. Chief Welsch will attend for CPVFD. CPVFD is participating in an effort led by the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop an operations strategy and plan for dealing with flooding in the next monsoon season as a result of the massive Waldo Canyon fire burn scar.

4. FireWise Assessments Status: We have 6 to go to finish this round of assessments. Weekends have been consumed with other CPVFD duties and hopefully these final assessments will be complete in December.

5. CWPP Initiative: NTR--CPVFD continued to support the development of the new Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Chief Hennessey represents the CPVFD along with a group of folks assembled by the community and metro boards to develop the next CWPP. The CPVFD developed the Firefighting outline focused on firefighting topics.

6. Dispatch Status: The County offered to take over dispatch duties for MSFD, MSPD and CPVFD. There will be no charge for CPVFD due to our low call volume but, there will be changes to the operating procedures. Over the next few weeks this will be worked out. Expected change will occur in Jan 2013.

7. Radio Needs: We are anticipating having to turn in 2 radios back to MSFD that they loaned us. CPVFD has been a few radios short in both those assigned to personnel and in apparatus. Steve Leander, the CPVFD Communications Lead has gotten a quote from Tait (Motorola competitor) and 6 radios will cost approximately \$10K. The CPVFD understands the Metro doesn't have that funding and the CPVFD equipment fund may be able to support a 50/50 split on the acquisition of these radios. More discussions are required in the coming week. The County has acquired several Tait radios and they are working well. More to come in discussions with CPVFD and Metro members.

8. CPVFD Annual Christmas Dinner: On 15 Dec 12, the CPVFD will hold its annual Christmas Dinner. All CPVFD, Auxiliary, and Metro District member are invited to attend this end of year event.

