



# CRYSTAL PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2013 MONTHLY UPDATE

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**1. Incidents:** For October, there were 2 total toned out calls that were documented. We had an outside fire where someone was burning slash and we also had a medical call. CPFD 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 Update:** We are preparing to submit a grant request to FEMA AFG. Target equipment is PPE, fire hose and we will attempt to acquire a new Type 6 brush truck. We continue to work with Honeywell Corporation who is providing new PPE to the department. We attended a reception at the Honeywell facility in Colorado Springs on 30 Oct 2013. This is a 100% donation of new PPE that will provide protection for the volunteers during flood response. Chief Welsch is leading this effort.



**3. Coffin Races:** CPFD once again supported the Manitou Springs “Emma Crawford Coffin Races”. Good time was had by all.

**4. High Angle Rescue Training in 2014:** Talked to Chief Forsette regarding HAR training in 2014 and he indicated the training cost is \$1500. Chief Hennessey informed him that the Metro may cover this training fee so consideration needs to be given to the actual cost of training. CPFD has benefited from this training for the last several sessions with MSFD paying the training fee and allowing CPFD to train for free.

**5. New Members:** The CPFD has a couple new members in the last month. Jesse Palm and Twana Denton have joined to serve their community. Of the new members that have joined, we have 4 that are signed up for Emergency Medical Training-Basic at MSFD starting in January. This will reconstitute the EMT team after 2 of our EMTs moved to South Carolina. MSFD will not be charging us for this training valued at \$900 per person. MSFD continue to treat CPFD as a part of their department and we have benefited greatly from this relationship.

**6. ESA Ambulance Services RFP Released:** The Request for Proposal has been released by the ESA Board for El Paso County Ambulance Services. The ESA Board has language that asks bidders to provide for mutual aid in other Districts like Colorado Springs in the event ambulances are close to an incident. We are hoping this means that we may get use of CSFD ambulance service if closer to our district. We need to see how all this plays out but, reduced response times has always been our priority. Contractor should be on board in April 2014.



**READY, SET, GO!**