



CRYSTAL PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT AUG. 2015 MONTHLY UPDATE

1. **Incidents:** There six toned out incidents in August. (1 Car Fire, 3 Medicals, and 2 smoke investigations) There has been a trend this summer, since June, for residents to call a member of the FD or the Park Manager to report a problem instead of calling 911. We must stress to the membership that if there's a need – call 911 First!

2. **Grant Update:** I have stopped the purchase of the bunker gear and SCBA masks, pending adjustments to get inside the new budget limit. Attached are two quotes on the PPE reducing the quantity from 10 to either 8 or 7 sets. The price for 8 is \$18,840 and 7 is \$16,485. If I had a choice I'd rather purchase the 8 sets...based on new members that are in the pipeline to join the department. I need to know from the Metro what the remaining grant balance is in order to renegotiate the SCBA purchase.

4. Training:

A. Two personnel completed the MSFD FF1 Training class, and three personnel are now enrolled in the HAZMAT Training class. Expected test dates for HAZMAT are in October.

B. August training was focused on water operations at a simulated house fire. We have trained on the new 910 all summer and are now integrating tender operations into our scenario's to fully train the water delivery & pumping relationships we need to maintain between vehicles to have a successful structure fire response.

C. In September, we will continue this same type of training.

5. **Apparatus/Equipment:** Good News! All of our 1.75 inch hose was tested in August – passing the required NFPA pressure test. Our grant purchased supply hose was not tested as it has a one year waiver for new hose.

6. **Membership update:** More Good News! We have one new application for membership from a new Crystal Park Member. He is a Firefighter II/Paramedic with the Aurora FD and is a State Certified Training Officer. This is great news for the community! To have a Paramedic in the park will greatly increase our ability to provide medical care to the residents; and to have a State Certified Training Officer will allow us to offer training that

currently is only available through MSFD. *(We may be able to make some \$\$ from tuition paid by other FD's!)*

I have also been contacted by two MSFD fire fighters who no longer meet the requirements to be members of MSFD because they have moved out of district. They would like to join our department so that they can continue to respond to calls in both districts. Both are FF II's and one is also a State Certified Training Officer. So we are facing some great news when it comes to new member prospects.

7. Other Actions: I am working with MSFD Chief Forysett on a new automatic aide agreement between the departments. There was some initial limiting verbiage proposed by the Manitou Springs Attorney that I've been able to get eliminated. (They only wanted to cover the lower park.) I need to sit down with Chief Forysett for another review; but we've had difficulty getting our schedule in synch the last two weeks. I expect this to be resolved and reading for Metro review by the next meeting.

We have resolved the ability for our members to conduct ride-alongs with MSFD. The current plan is for our members to sign a "Hold Harmless Agreement" that will stay on file for the fiscal year – which they will then allow our members to go on calls, work at their station; etc... Chief Forysett raised the specter of too many CPFD personnel on a MSFD call will compromise our ability to respond to a call in our district – since our call rate is relatively low, I will address this when it happens.