



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2007 UPDATE

1. Training continued into December that included Chief Hennessey conducting High Angle Rescue proficiency training at Manitou Springs Fire Department. 2008 will see additional firefighters trained in structure fire, completion of re-certifications for our wildland firefighters, and potentially emergency medical capability.
2. CP Incidents: 1) The CPVFD responded to a vehicle roll-over accident (6 Dec 07 at 1900 hrs) into the creek at 4635 Crystal Park Road this month. The Department managed the call and scene unilaterally and were able to have MSFD maintain their response posture at their station. A reminder to all residents: do not leave the scene of an accident, if a vehicle is in a creek or stream it must be removed, and always dial 911 rather than the Park Manager or Fire Department. 2) At 0600 hrs on 1 Dec, 21 vehicle accidents occurred in less than 1 hr in Manitou and Ute Pass. CPVFD manned the upper park cautioning residents that severe road icing existing starting at the switchbacks to the bottom while the Park Manager sanded the road. The result was no accidents in the Park.
3. On 19 December the Department had its first annual Christmas Dinner. The event was a great success and included family members. A brief business meeting was called to order prior to the dinner where the CPVFD Constitution & By-Laws were approved. All CPVFD functions, actions, elections, and day-to-day events now fall under the Articles contained in the By-Laws.
4. The Department will be acquiring a "wildfire skid" for Brush 940 that will result in a savings of over \$10K. This skid is fully equipped and NFPA compliant (which ours is not). It has a smaller water tank size which will reduce wear and tear on the F450 the Department borrows each Summer from the Park but more importantly, it has "foam application" capability.
5. Tender 960 has upgraded its emergency lights to come more into compliance; a siren and PA system is also installed.
6. Additional set of bunker gear (PPE) has arrived. Manitou Springs will allow our staff to utilize MSFD PPE gear initially above the allocated authorization of 2 sets unless needed by MSFD FFs. We also have 3 additional staff planning to take the Probie Course in Feb. 08,
7. The CPVFD computer is up and running in the station. We are waiting for a phone line to be installed at this time.
8. Continued to support MSFD emergency response calls; supported Manitou Springs Christmas Parade with Tender 960; provided \$2000 worth of wildfire equipment to MSFD to allow for new suppression capability that will support Crystal Park.

9. Two (2) additional hand held Motorola radios have been ordered as planned. They should arrive any time.

10. Workman's Comp is complete and the Department is covered.

11. Brush 940 continues to not be in service; the F450 has been reconfigured as a sand/plow truck. *CAUTION: Crystal Park no longer has initial attack wildfire apparatus capability; FFs will await arrival of other resources from MSFD.*

12. Community Safety Bulletin #3 is posted in the mail room.

13. Upcoming Events:

- a. 14 Jan 08: Next year's monthly meeting
- b. Feb 2008: Basic Structure Firefighter Training
- c. Mar 2008: Wildland FF Recert & Pack Test