



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2009 MONTHLY UPDATE

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In the last month, we received a generous donation for the Nix family, residents of Crystal Park. The Department received a donation to include vehicle extraction spreaders (aka: "Jaws of Life") and cutters. We want to thank the Nix family for their support in advancing the capability of the CPVFD.

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1. Training: We had 11 volunteers complete their NFPA 1002 Emergency Vehicle Driver Training with a driver field exercise accomplished at Ft Carson. In addition, one FF completed the NWCG S-211 Pumps Course which trains Wildland FFs in how to take advantage of natural water sources and the proper use of portable pumps. Finally, our first Paramedic "to be" completed all classroom training at Creighton University with a target date of our first ALS initial capability being Dec 09.

2. Incidents: Since the last report there was one medical call and two vehicle accidents in Crystal Park. The CPVFD volunteers supported numerous medical and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month as well.

3. "Emma Crawford Coffin Race": The CPVFD volunteers participated in the Manitou Springs annual event along with six other fire departments. It was a fun day had by all. See the CPVFD team at <http://www.gazette.com/video/?videoId=46204608001&lineupId=&play=now>

4. CPVFD Pancake Breakfast: The CPVFD hosted the 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on 3 Oct 2009 at the Clubhouse. This was the largest turnout yet with many residents coming by to enjoy a hot breakfast and meet the Firefighters, EMS and Engineers...thanks to all that attended and for the support. The CPVFD presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Victoria West from Falcon CO for her donation of Rescue 970 to the Department.

5. EMS Grant Status: Emergency medical equipment continues to trickle in. All equipment is expected to be received within the next 60-days. This equipment allows the EMTs in the park to provide medical services for which they are trained, qualified and authorized.

6. Insurance Update: We continued this last month working with insurance agencies that in many cases is saving residents considerable money. The Department works with those agencies that residents have call us to make sure they understand the capabilities of both responding departments and response times.

7. High Angle Rescue (HAR) Gear Arrives: CPVFD has received all of its HAR equipment and members of the CPVFD-MSFD HAR Team have started training with the new equipment. With the steep slopes we have, this equipment allows the Department to now safely manage and execute a rescue long before any other requested resources arrive.