



# CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT *FEBRUARY 2010* MONTHLY UPDATE [www.crystalparkvfd.org](http://www.crystalparkvfd.org)

- 1. Training:** Another milestone was reached this last month with two volunteers having completed Arson Fire Investigation Training. FF/EMT Steven Leander and Engineer Mike Doughty attended a 20 hour Arson Fire Investigation training class offered to us by Manitou Springs Fire Department. This is a \$500 per person class and we received two training seats for free. In addition, we continued to have Rapid Training Evolutions (RTEs) every Tuesday evening at the station and attended MSFD EMS and Fire Operations training. The CPVFD-MSFD High Angle Rescue (HAR) Team conducted proficiency training this month focusing on "technical system safety" to ensure the rescuers have a safe system set-up with which to conduct a rescue.
- 2. February Incidents:** There were no incidents in the District this last month. Several CPVFD EMTs supported the Manitou Springs "Carnivale Parade" where they volunteered many hours with MSFD supporting many incidents during this high ops-tempo event for First Responders. The CPVFD volunteers continued to support numerous other medical and fire related calls in Manitou Springs this last month to help maintain our proficiency as a **Fire•Rescue•EMS** organization.
- 3. CPVFD & MSFD Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) Signed:** In another milestone, effective 8 February 2010, the CPVFD signed its first Mutual Aid Agreement with Manitou Springs Fire Department for mutual response to emergency medical, high angle rescue and special operations (i.e. HAZMAT) in each others Districts. For several years, Crystal Park had signed an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Manitou Springs for fire response only. MSFD has been under no obligation to respond to any medical or special incident. If they did respond, then the MSFD had the legal right to charge for each incident. Because of the MAA, signed by Chief Hennessey (CPVFD) and Chief Buckmiller (MSFD), there will be no cost to the CPHOA, the Metro District or to individual CP residents for MSFD services for these types of incidents.
- 4. Engine 910 and Rescue 970 Receive a Facelift:** Engine 910 had a new storage compartment installed that holds five (5) of our SCBA personal protective equipment (PPE). All SCBAs are now contained in either Engine 910 or Brush 940. Rescue 970 was recently painted red, had CPVFD logos applied, received new tires, and had the radio, siren and lights installed to comply with NFPA standards. Thanks to all the volunteers that support this work.
- 5. Homeowners Insurance Savings:** The CPVFD continued to work with homeowner's insurance agents to save residents money. We talk to agents to discuss response times, water haul capability, automatic aid response and we send them maps and formal documentation as requested. We recommend that any resident that has not checked on how much they can save do so and provide our contact information so we can help as necessary. Once the CPVFD obtains its next Water Tender, we will have the District undergo another ISO inspection to bring the current rating of ISO-9 down to and ISO-8 which should yield additional savings.