



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2012 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: We had two toned out incidents this month, both being smoke investigations. CPVFD 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 (AFG) Update: No word yet on the AFG application for 4 sets of full PPE. NTR regarding last grant from 2010. In addition, a grant was submitted to El Pomar for a Type 6 vehicle and we don't expect to hear anything until December timeframe. Two new grants were submitted as a cooperative effort between the HOA and Metro District. The first was for approximately \$33K for the design and development of a water distribution system prototype. The second was approximately \$11K for a lightning detection system in the community. Although these grants were not submitted by the CPVFD, the Department supported the development of the grants and will obviously users of each system. These two grants do not have a cost share.

3. 18th Annual Emma Crawford Coffin Races: Once again the CPVFD supported the Manitou Springs Emma Crawford Coffin Races which was a great success. CPVFD members helped coordinate efforts to get the race started, supported camera crew with a vehicle to film race, and provided medical services as needed. In addition, the CPVFD won the Fire Department race!!! Thanks to FF Shane Coyne for leading the race team to victory.

4. El Paso County Flood Planning Operations Forum: CPVFD is participating in an effort led by the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop an operations strategy and plan for dealing with flooding in the next monsoon season as a result of the massive Waldo Canyon fire burn scar. Although not in a flooding risk area, the CPVFD are part of the County's emergency first responders and may be called to support an incident, even if limited to supporting Manitou Springs. Every agency may have a role in this type of incident.

5. FireWise Assessments Status: CPVFD continues to do Fire Assessments around the community. We have only 6 to go to finish this round of assessments. Reminder, a couple problems have surfaced during the assessments. First, we have a large class of senior citizens that will not be able to do the work recommended. The HOA should work to support these residents in developing a solution for them. Second, many homes have significant "Zone 2" distances with quite a bit of fuel to be removed. The HOA should work to also help these residents with a solution as well. In some case Zone 2 downhill from a residence is over 200 feet.

6. CWPP Initiative: CPVFD continued to support the development of the new Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Chief Hennessey represents the CPVFD along with a group of folks assembled by the community and metro boards to develop the next CWPP. The CPVFD developed the Firefighting outline focused on firefighting topics.

7. Annual High Angle Rescue: Once again, annual HAR training was initiated in October. This is a refresher series of 3 training events that will conclude on 4 Nov 2012. Members of the Manitou Springs—Crystal Park High Angle Rescue Team are training together for over 20 hours to hone their skills in technical rescue operations. CPVFD has 7 team members.

8. 2012 Halloween: CPVFD supported the communities Halloween event giving out candy to the children as they went around the lake to various trick or treat areas.

9. Annual Hose Testing: In October, CPVFD conducted hose testing, a requirement that supports ISO ratings. Three sticks (150') of 3" hose failed but will remain in service until it can be replaced.