



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2012 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: We had one incident this month that was a medical call. 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. There is nothing further to report regarding the last grant from 2010. In addition, a grant application was submitted to El Pomar for a Type 6 vehicle and we don't expect to hear anything until December timeframe.

3. Pancake Breakfast Rousing Success: We had a great Pancake Breakfast this year on 8 Sep 2012. We had Memorial Star Helicopter and Diane and Dave Fredley from Northwest Barricade LLC drove all the way from Washington state to join us and do the Barricade gel demo. They also donated \$1500 to the department which was greatly appreciated....thank you "Northwest Barricade"!!



4. Barricade Fire Gel: CPVFD distributed 2 pallets, over \$13K, of Barricade Fire Gel to residents this last month.

5. FireWise Assessments Continue: CPVFD continues to do Fire Assessments around the community. There are almost 50 residents desiring the assessment and we are about 75% complete. 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. It should be noted that the residents are taking the Waldo Canyon Fire seriously; every weekend it seems the roar of chainsaws can be heard.

6. MDA Fill the Boot: Several members of the CPVFD and Auxiliary once again supported the Annual MDA Fill the Boot event with MSFD. Over \$3000 was collected this year.

7. Tender 961 Status: Tender 961 is finally back in the District. Chief Hennessey drove 961 up some of our most steep roads such as Eagle Mountain and Grand Horizon and 961 made its way to the top successfully. Focus now needs to become connecting the PTO to the tank.