



CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY/JUNE 2013 MONTHLY UPDATE

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This Monthly Report is for both May 2013 and June 2013 due to no report being provided for May 2013.

1. Incidents: For the months of May and June, total toned out calls for both months were 21 calls. We had fourteen (14) total smoke investigations. We also responded to the Black Forest Fire as part of a Task Force with MSFD, we provided automatic aid to MSFD for the Briarhurst Fire, responded to a motor vehicle accident, "moved up" to cover MSFD district, and we had a medical call. For the year, we have had 32 toned out calls which more than doubles our call volume for the first half of the year. 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. ESA County Ambulance Service Contract Update: MSFD plan to contract directly for sole source ambulance support has fallen through. Our goal would have been to stay with MSFD as it would cut response times in half for the District but after MSFD discussed with two ambulance companies, the combined call volume and transports of Manitou Springs and Crystal Park was not enough to justify the new arrangement. The decision was made that we would stay with ESA. Chief Hennessey notified Eileen Gonzalez (EGonzalez@springsgov.com) of the ESA of our decision on 14 Jun3 2013.

3. Dispatch Update: Use of County Dispatch continues to work well. We have acquired 20 alpha pagers and they are also working well. Tone and Voice pagers are no longer being used.

4. Lightning Detection/Location System: The HOA has acquired a lightning detection system for the community. The expectation is that the HOA and new volunteers will monitor the system. CPVFD members will not be monitoring this system and will respond only to smoke investigations when toned out by Dispatch.

5. 4th of July Fireworks Canceled: Chief Buckmiller from MSFD has canceled the fireworks this year. There were no planning meetings in June for CPVFD suppression.

6. Grant Update: We have acquired all equipment for the VFA Grant except the new portable pump. Goal is to have this grant closed out NLT August.

7. 2013 CPVFD Town Hall: On 4 May, a Town Hall was held at the CPVFD Station. Approximately 10 residents showed up which was very disappointing. It was decided that this will be last town hall the CPVFD will conduct due to the amount of work it takes to conduct a town hall and the apparent lack of interest in this forum by the community. Topics discussed were 2013 Wildfire Outlook and Flood Impacts to Crystal Park.

8. Engine 910/Tender 961/Brush 941 Upgrades: E-910 received all new gauges and Tender 961 now has a 2500 gallon port-a-tank installed. Tender 961 also had red lights repaired on the back in addition to getting a backup alarm installed. B-941 is operational for the fire season.

