



CRYSTAL PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2013 MONTHLY UPDATE

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1. Incidents: For September, there were 10 total toned out calls. We continued to support flood situation move-up incidents for flash flooding in Manitou Springs with assignment to cover the East side of Manitou (2). We also had several smoke investigation calls with some of them associated with campers below the lower switchback (7). We also had a medical call (1). CPFD 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 Update: The VFA grant is officially closed out. We are working with Honeywell Corporation who is providing new PPE to the department. On 30 October, there will be a reception at the Honeywell facility in Colorado Springs for this event. This is a 100% donation of new PPE that will provide protection for the volunteers during flood response.

3. 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7 Sep 2013: The breakfast was held for the purpose of thanking the residents for their support. Another successful event this year!!

4. New Name--“Crystal Park Fire Department”: We are dropping the “Volunteer” from the Department’s name. This is more consistent with other volunteer departments across the nation and the designator assigned to us by El Paso County dispatch. It will take time to transition the name, so references to both CPFD and CPVFD will appear. The website has already been updated.

5. Flooding in September Impacts Crystal Park: The flooding response continued into September with Crystal Park being severely impacted this month. Rockslides, road washouts, cars in ditches, flooded basements, and inability for the lake to drain water as fast as it was filling all resulted in CPFD response within our own District. The CPFD response was supported by many residents who helped monitor lake-draining operations over night.

