

CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **AUGUST 2011 MONTHLY UPDATE**

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- 1. Incidents: There were two incidents for which the CPVFD was toned out in the last month. 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, VFA, EMS) Update: The 2008 AFG was officially closed out. Currently we are working the 2011 AFG grant request for additional radios. EMS grant equipment was received last month and we now have a Heart Monitor and IV Warmer. We are working to closeout both the AFG 2010 and state VFA grants in the next month.
- 3. Fire Danger Ramping Back Up: The Fire Danger will be increasing again now that we are in September. This is a normal pattern as 1 and 10 hour fuels have begun to dry out.
- 4. High Angle Rescue Training: HAR Training is scheduled for Oct 2011. This is a 40 hour rigorous training session that a large number of the CPVFD will be attending.
- 5. "Buddy Walk": Members supported the Downs Syndrome "Buddy Walk" in August. This was a great success with over 3000 people in attendance...a record crowd.
- 6. "Pikes Peak Marathon": Several members of the CPVFD EMS staff supported the Marathon again this year. CPVFD have become regular event staff at this race where we get additional patient care practice.
- 7. 4th of July Fireworks Support: CPVFD and MSFD provided fire suppression support for this year's 4th of July Fireworks in Manitou Springs. SAMELLO BRO
- 8. Upcoming "Borriello Bros. Pizza Fundraiser": We are once again working with Borriello Bros. Pizza for our major fundraiser on 11 Sep 11. This event will produce several \$K in donations made by Borriello Bros Pizza to local volunteer fire departments. We will be at the Centennial, 8th Street, and Platte stores.
- **9. Insurance Rate Support:** Once again we were asked to work with Liberty Mutual to help with insurance rates for a home in the middle of the District. Rates were going to be raised and the CPVFD engaged successfully preventing the rate change.