



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for April 2016

1. EMS Calls= 33
 - A. In District Calls=19
 - B. Out of District Calls=14
 - C. Number of Patients Transported=20
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=1
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =9
 - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=0
 - G. Number of Mutual Aide Given Calls= 1, (HCI)
 - H. Number of Mutual Aide Received Calls= 0
 - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=1

2. Fire Calls=23
 - A. In District Calls=11
 - B. Out of District Calls=12
 - C. Brush Fires = 5 (Golden Rule, Ponderosa, CPS, Pearce, Cottonwood)
 - D. Structure Fires= 0
 - E. Car Fires=0
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
 - G. Good Intent=5
 - H. Service Calls= 13
 - I. Mutual Aide Calls=1 (Elfrida Fire)
 - J. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 193. Total calls since the March 22, 2016 meeting is 56.

Training:

1. On duty crews have been completing weekly training sessions. These sessions included map book usage, Driving operations, Bendix King radio operations, Structure Triage, and EMS training of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP).
2. We will be hosting base hospital continuing education on May 11th and 20th, 2016.
3. We hosted three wildland fire classes. The S 133, Look Up, Look Down, Look Around on April 2nd. The S 131, Advanced Wildland Firefighter on April 3rd. The S 211, Portable Pumps class on April 9th and 10th.

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4. Captain Garner, FF Labas, and I attended an active shooter training and Rescue Task Force training in Douglas on March 11 and April 9th. The April 9th class was practical experience and exercise day.
5. Captain Hershey, FF Friedenber, FF Makarewicz, FF Vega, FF Catalano, and I will be attending an S 212 Wildland Chainsaw class at the Benson Fire Department on April 29th, 30th, May 1st.
6. Captain Tingle attended the zone Incident Command meeting at the Tucson Interagency Dispatch Center on April 19, 2016

Wildland:

1. We have had 5 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Golden Rule, Ponderosa, CPS, Pearce, and Cottonwood fires were out of district and billable. We currently have billed out to Arizona State Forestry Division \$21,986.96

Out of District Fires:

1. We currently have a balance of \$44,849.03 outstanding for 16 fires that occurred outside of the district boundaries since 2012. Of the 16 fires, seven incidents, with a total of \$15,141.38 are in collections, four have been paid in full.

Emergency Medical Services:

April total billings to date are \$ 16,331.64.

Hazardous Materials:

1. Regional quarterly training was conducted on March 29, 2016 at Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services. Training reviewed emergency response guide usage and over the road vehicle identification, placarding, and safety procedures when around vehicle carrying hazardous materials that may be involved in an accident or breach.

Maintenance:

1. E-302 has returned from W.W. Williams. This unit had the following repairs completed: full service, pump test, rear brakes replaced with drums, rear wheel seals replaced, drain and refill rear differential fluid, and replace PTO cover gasket. Total cost for repairs is \$3,101.

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Communication:

1. The Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuels grant project continues and should be finished by June. We did have a site visit from Arizona State Forestry Division to review progress. We have met the existing objectives for the grant. There is approximately \$5,000 remaining in the grant. An evaluation of the area is being completed to assess whether or not additional fuels mitigation can be recommended for completion.
2. The fire hydrant committee has completed the testing of 25 hydrants in the Sunsites area. We ceased testing after Mr. Baker had advised us that the well was working too hard and had a high probability of failure if we continued. We found that 8 of the 25 hydrants tested did not work at all. Of the remaining 17 hydrants most were extremely hard to open, some had leaks and cracks but were still operational. The fire hydrant committee will meet soon to schedule two more days of test as we cannot test more than 20 per day at the request of Clear Springs Utility. I will continue to work with Mr. Dojaquez and Mr. Baker regarding these hydrants.
3. The equipment that was awarded on the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant has been ordered and received. The final documents have been submitted to the Arizona State Forestry Division.
4. We are preparing a grant from the Arizona Foundation.
5. We are preparing a Fire Prevention and Safety grant through FEMA.
6. We conducted an EMS standby at the Amerind Foundation on April 2nd, 2016.
7. We participated in the Northern Cochise Community Hospital Health Fair on April 22nd, 2016. We conducted child safety seat inspections and utilized the fire prevention trailer.
8. We will be conducting an EMS standby at the Ash Creek Elementary School on April 28th, 2016.
9. Update on communications system and Radios: We currently have 31 HT 1550 Motorola, portable radios, 20 CDM 1550 mobile radios, 6 Relm, Bendix King mobile radios, and 12 Relm, Bendix King portable radios. We have two repeaters and duplexers. The Motorola radios are past their life expectancy and Motorola has stated that they will not support them any longer. We can still have these radios repaired by communications companies when they malfunction. We are still having issues with CMA 2 (County Mutual Aid) which is the channel that we are dispatched to calls on by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. At times we cannot hear any of our dispatches or we may only hear part of a dispatch. We are in an area that is low coverage with

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CMA 2 and we hope that the coverage will increase soon with the Sheriff's Office's system upgrade that is ongoing at this time.

10. Draft water usage agreements have been sent to both Ratliff Farms and Fistiki Farms.
11. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was April 15, 2016. We discussed the future of grants for the Cochise County Haz Mat team. Again the LEPC is seeking Tier II reporting facilities within Cochise County to complete site visits and pre-plans. The next is June 17, 2016.
12. Cochise County Fire Chief's Association report: The association will be discussing the findings from the Communications committee and the recommendations from the committee. The association is also discussing more efficient training and procedures. The next meeting is April 27, 2016 at the Elfrida Fire Department.
13. Introduce the on duty crew to the public.