



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire Chief's Report for July 2016

1. **EMS Calls= 26**
  - A. In District Calls=14
  - B. Out of District Calls=12
  - C. Number of Patients Transported=15
  - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=4
  - E. Number of Patient Refusals =6
  - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=1
  - G. Number of Mutual Aide Given Calls= 5, (HCI)
  - H. Number of Mutual Aide Received Calls= 2 (Elfrida Fire)
  - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=0
  
2. **Fire Calls=20**
  - A. In District Calls=10
  - B. Out of District Calls=10
  - C. Brush Fires = 1 (Bonita)
  - D. Structure Fires= 0
  - E. Car Fires=1
  - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
  - G. Good Intent=5
  - H. Service Calls= 12
  - I. Mutual Aide Calls= 0
  - J. Prescribed burns= 1 (Blesky Oak Ranch)

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 362. Total calls since the June 28, 2016 meeting is 46.

### Training:

1. On duty crews have been completing weekly training sessions. These sessions included SCBA operations and 60 sec drills, Driver and area training, vehicle lock out training, engine operations and pumping, burn operations. EMS training included Lifepack 12 operation and cardiac monitoring, medication overdose recognition and treatment.
2. We will be hosting base hospital continuing education on August 9, 2016.
3. We will be sending 4 personnel to the Arizona State Fire School in Mesa on September 7-11. We have applied for a grant that will assist in the payment of this training.

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## **Wildland:**

1. We have had 1 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Bonita is out of district and billable. We have a total of \$31,256.73 billed to the Arizona State Forestry Division. Command 30 was in New Mexico on assignment, Cibola NM. The total invoice for that fire was 27,142.61. We conducted a controlled burn on Riggs Ranch, Hwy 181.

## **Out of District Fires:**

1. We currently have a balance of \$43,153.98 outstanding for 16 fires that occurred outside of the district boundaries since 2012. Of the out of district fires, nine incidents, with a total of \$ 22,334.38 are in collections.

## **Emergency Medical Services:**

July total billings to date are \$ 12,933.47

## **Hazardous Materials:**

1. Cochise County Haz Mat team planning meeting on August 16, 2016 at the Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services station 363.
2. Next quarterly training will be August 16, 2016 at the Fry Fire District and covering incident command.

## **Maintenance:**

1. Engine 306 air conditioning has a refrigerant leak and will be repaired soon.
2. Medic 301 had computer issue and would not start. WW Williams replaced the fuel filter housing and filter due to the fuel system not maintaining a prime. After that repair was complete, the vehicle would not start and showed multiple new codes and WW Williams could not diagnose. M 301 was towed to O'Rielly Chevrolet in Tucson where it was found that the main harness for the computer was unplugged. O'Rielly also found that 3 glow plugs needed to be replaced as well as some preventative maintenance conducted on the fuel injector wiring harness. Total cost of repairs through O'Rielly are approximately \$2,200. I will be working with WW Williams regarding the bill for their service.
3. Medic 302 water pump failed. Replaced water pump, thermostat, serpentine belt, and crank shaft pulley in house. Total cost of parts is \$375.97
4. Two of the bay door motors and tracks were replaced with new motors that have remote capabilities and appropriate safety photo eyes. The two bay doors at the

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Richland station had remote capabilities added. Now all doors at both stations have remotes in the vehicles that operate the doors. Total approximate cost is \$1,800.

5. T 303 overheated and it was found that the thermostat needed to be replaced. Both thermostats replaced in house. Total cost of parts is \$ 63.04
6. E 305 pump primer was leaking oil. WW Williams repaired primer and stopped the leak. Cost is \$388.00
7. T 304 driver side air ride seat was not working. Found no air was being supplied to seat. Found the air valve was stuck. Cleaned and repaired in house with no parts needed.

## **Communication:**

1. The Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuels grant project. We have met the existing objectives for the grant. The final documents have been submitted to the Arizona State Forestry Division. We are just awaiting reimbursement.
2. The fire hydrant committee: We will be testing the remainder of the fire hydrants very soon. Clear Springs officials will be present. I did speak at the public meeting regarding the water rate increase and reported our findings regarding the fire hydrants that we have tested thus far. I further explained the conversations that I have had with Clear Springs and the possible solutions to some of the issues. I have spoken with Mr. Dojaquez and Baron from Clear Springs and they state they are committed to conducting the necessary repairs and providing the water service for our community. We also discussed the ability to complete the fire hydrant testing which I was told that well 5, which is located on Shadow Mountain Ct, will be back online soon. We are planning to complete the fire hydrant testing very soon and we will advise the public of the dates proposed to complete the testing.
3. Medic 303 completed its annual inspection through the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of EMS on July 8, 2016 and passed.
4. The results as of April 19, 2016 for the annexation questionnaire that was mailed out are 39 yes, 34 no, and 15 returned. We sent out 229 questionnaires.
5. My annual review should be conducted in the month of August.
6. Call to the public questions and comments: The ambulance rates and charges are listed on the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of EMS website which is [www.azdhs.gov](http://www.azdhs.gov), under the ground ambulance program. We respond a third person to calls for service and it provides better, more efficient, and more effective patient care and provides for added personnel safety. Our personnel utilize the best know routes to and from a call for service. We continually conduct training on area orientation and the best methods of locating addresses that may not be in our map books.

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7. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was June 17, 2016. We reviewed the Cochise County HazMat plan. The LEPC is conducted a site visit at Arimex in Douglas on July 20, 2016. Again the LEPC is seeking Tier II reporting facilities within Cochise County to complete site visits and pre-plans. The next is August 19, 2016.
8. Cochise County Fire Chief's Association report: The association is discussing the findings from the Communications committee and the recommendations from the committee. The association is also discussing more efficient training and procedures and looking into regional grants. The next meeting is July 27, 2016 at the Benson Fire Department.
9. Introduce the on duty crew to the public.