



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
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Fire Chief's Report for September 2017

1. **EMS Calls= 32**
 - A. In District Calls=23
 - B. Out of District Calls=9
 - C. Number of Patients Transported=18
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=3
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =8
 - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=1
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 2, 2-HCI
 - H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
 - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=1
 - J. Good Intent= 4

2. **Fire Calls=21**
 - A. In District Calls=15
 - B. Out of District Calls=6
 - C. Brush Fires = 1 (Orleans, CA)
 - D. Structure Fires= 0
 - E. Car Fires=1
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
 - G. Good Intent=4
 - H. Service Calls= 15
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=0
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
 - K. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 587. Total calls since the August 29, 2017 meeting is 52.

Training:

1. On duty crews have been completing weekly training sessions. These sessions included: Engine inventory and pumping operations, analyzed fire incidents; i.e. Douglas Fighter jet crash and plane crashes, first alarm drills, SCBA drills, interior attack, hoseline techniques, fire ground tactics, and SLICER training "Hit it hard from the yard". EMS training was burn injury protocol
2. Target Solutions topics: NFPA 1001 ground ladders, EMS confined space entry, NFPA 1500 Confined space entry, and how to read a building.

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3. Captain Hershey attended the Cenpatico quarterly crisis system meeting on September 14, 2017.
4. Captain Hershey attended the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona's Community Conversation about end of life care and advanced care planning on September 13, 2017.

Wildland:

1. We have had 1 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Orleans fire in California. We have a total of \$ 89,732.22 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Since July 1, 2017, we have billed a total of \$163,614.69.

Out of District Fires:

1. We currently have a balance of \$49,277.93 outstanding for 18 fires that occurred outside of the district boundaries since 2012. Of the out of district fires, nine incidents, with a total of \$ 29,210.37 are in collections. Total unpaid balance that is not in collections is \$ 20,067.56

Emergency Medical Services:

August total billings to date are \$ 19,821.61

Hazardous Materials:

I attended hazmat training at the Benson Hospital. We covered need for fire personnel to assist in the decontamination of persons involved in hazardous materials incidents. This included the initiation of the decontamination tent and the personal protective equipment required to be utilized.

Maintenance:

1. M 302: Jim Click Fords has diagnosed that the powertrain control module (PCM) was faulty. We had just replaced the PCM in house. Jim Click technicians stated that both the original and replacement PCM's were faulty. We have sent the PCM back the company were the replacement was purchased. We are awaiting their response and hope to get a functional replacement soon.
2. M 301 had a leak in the rear axle. The axle was welded in house and the leak has been repaired.
3. E 301 has over heating issue. Diagnosed in house to need a new radiator. The replacement radiator has been ordered and will hopefully arrive this week. The radiator cost \$600.

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Communication:

1. Richland Station vandalism update: Mr. Craft from Craft Enterprises will be handling the replacement of the doors. Mr. Craft advised me that the doors should be replaced within the next two weeks
2. The security cameras have been installed at the Richland station and are working great. Moore Security did a great job.
3. The fire hydrant committee: We did meet with Mr. Dojaquez and Baron Clement from Southwest Utility Management on August 30, 2017 and discussed the issue of fire hydrant replacement. We did agree that 11 hydrants needed to be replaced. Furthermore, we both agreed that by replacing the recommended 11 fire hydrants, the area of fire hydrant coverage would be greatly increased and enable our District to complete fire suppression services in an effective and efficient manner.
4. Our local pension board met on September 8, 2017. There are no recommendations for the Governing Board at this time.
5. Mr. Barker from Sierra Collections and Consulting has issued a response to my request to improve the collection of funds. I have emailed the response to the Board and have copies if needed.
6. Grants: Still awaiting the AFG, and the grants. We received notification that our Tohono O'odham grant proposal for a replacement cab and chassis was denied.
The Gila River Indian Community grant phase II documentation has been submitted. The Board of Supervisors approved our proposal at their meeting on September 12, 2017 and adopted a resolution to accept funding as a pass through for our District.
The Legacy Foundation Innovative Grant proposal has proceeded to the application phase. This means that our grant proposal was not cut on the first review and they require a full application be completed. FF Amy Vinik is completing the necessary documentation and will submit when completed
7. Ambulance: Mr. Hooper emailed the following response regarding USDA funding; *Josh, We were not able to get funding from this years allocation, but we will keep it on hand and are planning on getting funding for this project as soon as new funds become available.*
8. I am investigating the possibility of adding fuel storage tanks here at our station. I will advise the Board when I have all of the information.
9. We did attend the grand reopening of the Family Dollar on September 9, 2017. I also cut the ribbon signifying the reopening.

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10. Hazardous Properties: We are in the process of scheduling the mitigation of the fire hazard at the Golf Course. We have also worked with Mr. Saylor from the County regarding other hazard properties in our area.
11. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was August 18, 2017. Again, the LEPC is seeking Tier II reporting facilities within Cochise County to complete site visits and pre-plans. The next is October 20, 2017.
12. Cochise County Fire Association report: The association is discussing the findings from the Communications committee and the recommendations from the committee. The communications committee meet on September 22, 2017. The next Fire Association meeting is September 27, 2017 and will be hosted by our District.
13. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.