

Serving residents of the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District, and neighboring Cochise County

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## Fire Chief's Report for May 2018

## **1. EMS Calls= 44**

- A. In District Calls=18
- **B.** Out of District Calls=26
- C. Number of Patients Transported=29
- D. Number of Patients Flown Out=2
- E. Number of Patient Refusals =7
- F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=0
- G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 3, 3-HCI
- H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
- I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=0
- J. Good Intent= 8

### 2. Fire Calls=37

- A. In District Calls=6
- B. Out of District Calls=31
- C. Brush Fires = 14 (Fargo, Havasu, Harrison, Bond, Apache, Kit, Church, Double Adobe, Pinery, Zuni, Fawn Ranch, Quail, Rucker, and the M375)
- **D.** Structure Fires= 2
- E. Car Fires=1
- F. Hazardous Materials= 0
- G. Good Intent=6
- H. Service Calls= 14
- I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=2, 1-Elfrida Fire, 1-Willcox Fire
- J. Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
- K. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 349. Total calls since the April 24, 2018 meeting is 81.

### **Training:**

- 1. On duty crews have been completing weekly training sessions. These sessions included: Engine inventory and pumping operations, vehicle inventory and operations, SCBA's, daily weather briefing, and 6 minutes of safety.
- 2. Target Solutions topics: Wildland Urban interface
- 3. We completed an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. We completed a training exercise with the US Forest Service Douglas Ranger District on April 30, 2018

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5. Firefighters Vinik, Friedenberg, Austin, and I attended the Canyon Vista Medical Center's EMS in the Desert conference on May 21, 2018.

### Wildland:

1. We have had 14 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Fargo, Havasu, Harrison, Bond, Apache, Kit, Church, Double Adobe, Pinery, Zuni, Fawn Ranch, Quail, Rucker, and the M375fires. The Fargo and Havasu fires were in district. We have a total of \$ 100,183.06 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

## **Out of District Fires:**

1. We currently have a balance of \$56,468.02 outstanding for 21 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 \$27,257.65

### **Emergency Medical Services:**

May total billings to date are \$ 27,234.60

## **Hazardous Materials:**

None

### **Maintenance:**

- 1. M 301 front air conditioner has failed. Stronghold auto repaired this unit for \$828.22. Cost for parts was \$325.51. M 301 power steering hose was replaced in house with a parts cost of \$250.00.
- 2. T 304 has had all valves on the side pump and front quick attack replaced. Total cost of valves was \$626.67. This units CAFS pump also was inoperable, this was repaired in house with no additional cost for parts.
- 3. E-306 front drive line was dangerously worn and needed replacement. Cost for parts was \$365.00, replaced in house. The air conditioner needed to be recharged, Stronghold auto recharged unit for \$187.32. The siren also failed, wiring repaired in house.
- 4. E-307 air conditioner was not working. Stronghold auto repaired for \$260.37, parts were \$417.85.



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- 5. P-30 front U joints were dangerously worn, upper and lower ball joints worn, front brakes needed replaced. Repairs were conducted in house, cost for parts was \$339.33. Awaiting invoice from in house mechanic.
- 6. We are working with Lone Mountain Communications to identify and repair an intermittent radio issue with our channel 1.

## **Communication:**

- 1. We are facing a financial crisis. The projection shows that we will be in our line of credit on June 29, 2018. I am consulting with legal council on how to mitigate this or proceed.
- 2. On site fuel tanks: We have received the information needed through SOCO. We are now looking for a less expensive base options for the tanks. The electrical quote is \$720.
- 3. Richland Station vandalism update: I have contacted Oak Mountain Construction and they will be repairing the damage within two weeks.
- 4. The fire hydrant committee: Nothing new to report.
- 5. The self-contained breathing cascade received an inspection on May 9, 2018. We will need to repair one control knob.
- 6. Our self-contained breathing apparatus received its annual inspection and certification. All apparatus passed the tests, no deficiencies found.
- 7. Lone Mountain Communications has reprogrammed all mobile and portable radios at no charge. We thank them for their generosity and professionalism.
- 8. All vehicles have received their annual DOT inspections.
- 9. We did participate in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Pearce Cemetery with the VFW Post 9977 on May 28, 2018.
- 10. Grants:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant: Our 2018 proposal was denied. The Cochise County Fire Association Regional grant proposal was submitted.

Arizona Governor's Highway Safety Grant has been submitted.

The Gila River grant has been submitted.

The Pascua Yaqui grant has been submitted.

Legacy Foundation grant has been submitted.

Firehouse subs grant has been submitted.

Ft. McDowell grant has been submitted.

Arizona Community Foundation grant has been submitted.

11. Ambulance: USDA funding; We have requested clarification from the Arizona Attorney Generals office regarding our ability to obtain funding from the USDA. Mr. Hooper is seeking guidance from Washington to assist in this process.



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- 12. Hazardous Properties: We have also worked with Mr. Saylor from the County regarding other hazard properties in our area.
- 13. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was April 20, 2018, 2018. We were given a tour of the new Southeast Arizona Communications Center in Sierra Vista. Again, the LEPC is seeking Tier II reporting facilities within Cochise County to complete site visits and pre-plans. The next is June 15, 2018.
- 14. Cochise County Fire Association report: The next Fire Association meeting is June 27, 2018 and will be hosted by the Benson Fire Department.
- 15. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.