



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for August 2019

1. **EMS Calls= 41**
 - A. In District Calls=23
 - B. Out of District Calls=18
 - C. Number of Patients Transported=24
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=1
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =3
 - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=1
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 1 HCI
 - H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 1 HCI
 - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=0
 - J. Good Intent= 6

2. **Fire Calls=30**
 - A. In District Calls=11
 - B. Out of District Call=19
 - C. Brush Fires =12 (Baker, Quincy, Davenport, ZR Ranch, Central, Wasp, Squaretop, Elko BLM Severity, Airport, Electra, Glory, FA MacDulla)
 - D. Structure Fires=0
 - E. Car Fires=0
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 2 BDI Hazmat, Cochise School natural gas leak
 - G. Good Intent=3
 - H. Service Calls= 13
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=2- BDI Hazmat, San Simon Bee eradication
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
 - K. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 473. Total calls since the July 16, 2019 meeting is 71.

Training:

1. On duty crews have been completing weekly training sessions. These sessions included: Engine inventory and pumping operations, vehicle inventory and operations, SCBA operations and checks, daily weather briefing, and 6 minutes of safety, new employee orientation; call logs, emergency reporting, and patient care reporting. Gas monitor training, TRT refresher of knots and anchors, SCBA breathe down drills, SCBA circuit drills, wildfire response, E -306 pumping operations, foam system operations, Lessons learned, Pack test rhabdomyolysis ,

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RX burn fatalities, structure fire size up, review of AZDFFM SOG 804, and review Boeing starliner landing IAP/videos.

EMS training: We hosted a crisis response and stress resiliency on 7/17/19. Thank you to Arizona Complete Health for offering this great training.

2. Standing orders review- BLS care, burns and parkland formula, BLS IV therapy, EMT IV continuing training.
3. Target Solutions topics: Officer administrative training, confined space training.
4. Monthly company training: Hose pulls
5. We hosted an EMT IV class on 7/25/19 which was taught by Canyon Vista Medical Center.
6. We also hosted a Mental Health First Aid course on August 14, 2019. This was a great course and we thank Mr. Aitchison from Arizona Complete Health for teaching.
7. We are sending Capt. Hershey, FF Austin, FF Escojido, FF Hughes to the Arizona State Fire School that is September 4th-8th.
8. We will be hosting a part of the upcoming Hazmat Technician course October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. We have two employees enrolled in that course as well.

Wildland:

1. We have had 10 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Baker, Quincy(I/D), Davenport, ZR Ranch Central (I/D), Wasp, Squaretop, Elko BLM Severity, Airport, Electra, Glory and FA MacDulla. We have a total of \$2,339.38 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. AZDFFM is paying invoices very quickly now.

Out of District Fires:

1. We currently have a balance of \$64,413.37 for the outstanding 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 \$ 35,203.41.

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Emergency Medical Services:

August total billings to date are \$24,515.71

Hazardous Materials:

1. The Cochise County Hazmat Regional Team conducted an exercise on July 22, 2019 at the Bisbee Douglas International Airport.
2. We responded to the Cochise Elementary School for a natural gas leak. Southwest Gas contained the leak and repaired what was needed.
3. We are hosting the 3rd quarter Hazmat training for CCHMRT. We are covering Incident command, remote gas monitor systems, and hydrazine detection.

Maintenance:

1. M-302 has wiring/charging issue. Issue is being diagnosed.
2. C-30 has emergency light issue. Vehicle emergency lights need to be rewired. The windshield was also replaced at Elias Auto.
3. M-303 needs the front stabilizer bushings replaced. Further diagnosis is needed and is being conducted.
4. New M 302 needed rears shocks replaced, oil pan leak fixed, and front tie rod end replaced. Those repairs have been made as well as a full service. Total cost for parts of \$550.79. We will take this unit to Safford for lettering and a front-end alignment soon. The mobile radio was installed by Lone Mountain Communications.
5. Support 30 (Ford F550) has an intermittent engine problem. Diagnosis is ongoing. Total cost for parts so far is \$581.33. We will continue to identify the issue.
6. NET 30 had windshield replaced at Elias Auto. This unit will be going to Tucson for wheelchair lift repairs soon and have new tires installed.
7. E 307 had some defective lettering replaced at Stronghold signs.

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Communication:

1. 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. I have completed the drawing and will send it to the State Fire Marshalls office for approval once the fuel tank company provides the correct UL listing number.
2. The fire hydrant committee: New storage tank has been installed and is operational.
3. Cochise County Health Department: We are still hoping to conduct a clinic in our area. The Health Department has declared a Hepatitis A outbreak in Cochise County. Vaccinations are still available at Cochise County Health Department offices.
4. FF/CEP Burneleit retired at the end of July. He will remain as a part time employee. We thank him for the knowledge and experience he has brought to our District.
5. The full time FF/CEP position has been filled with FF Francisco Honne. We expect him to begin his full-time employment by September. FF Honne comes to our District with 17 years of fire service experience, a Paramedic, HazMat Technician, and a ICT 5 trainee in Wildland.
6. Windsong dump site: We have burned the site but have found that citizens are still dumping at that location. We will work with other local organizations to try to stop the illegal dumping.
7. Healthy Communities: No new report.
8. 501C option: I am researching names, articles of incorporation, and other documentation needed to complete this task.
9. Grants:
 - AFG Vehicle grant; Has been submitted.
 - AFG micro grant; Has been submitted.
 - Walmart grant; Has been submitted.
 - Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant; Unsuccessful.
 - Gila River grant; Unsuccessful.
 - Pascue Yaqui grant; Unsuccessful.

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Riverview Farms grant; Awarded \$2,500.

Fort McDowell; Submitted.

Union Pacific grant; Unable to complete. Conflicting information was given and would not allow us to apply due to not being a 501C3.

Tohono O'odham grant; Has been submitted.

AK Chin grant; Has been submitted.

Legacy Foundation Responsive grant; Submitted and approved for \$5,000

Arizona Community Foundation Responsive grant; Submitted and approved for \$2650.00.

Harbor Freight; Awaiting approval for submission, \$4000 for Building collapse and trench rescue equipment

Home Depot; Awaiting approval for submission, \$5,000 for Building collapse and trench rescue equipment.

Polaris; Awaiting approval for submission, \$30,000 for UTV.

10. Desert Rose CPR, Peggy Gattis, donated CPR and first aid equipment in the amount of \$2,500. We thank her for her donation. We will put it to great use.
11. Ambulance: USDA funding; Mr. Hooper stated that everything was approved but CMS/Medicare show us in bad debt. Therefore, they cannot dedicate funds to us until that is resolved.
12. Properties: We will plan the remainder of the golf course hazard mitigation and the area around the hotel as soon as we can verify the owners and get authorization.
13. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was August 16, 2019. The meeting location was changed from the Cochise College in Sierra Vista to the Sierra Vista Police Department. This is a larger venue and can accommodate the growing participation. Again, the LEPC is seeking Tier II reporting facilities within Cochise County to complete site visits and pre-plans. The next meeting is September 19, 2019.
14. Cochise County Fire Association report: The next Fire Association meeting is August 28, 2019 and will be hosted by the Canyon Vista Medical Center. Reminder, we are hosting the September 25, 2019 meeting. I hope that our Board members can attend.
15. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.

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