



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
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Fire Chief's Report for September 2019

1. **EMS Calls= 34**
 - A. In District Calls=26
 - B. Out of District Calls=8
 - C. Number of Patients Transported=18
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=1
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =10
 - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=1
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 3 HCI
 - H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
 - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=0
 - J. Good Intent= 4

2. **Fire Calls=31**
 - A. In District Calls=10
 - B. Out of District Call=21
 - C. Brush Fires =8 (Robles, Warbonnet, Touchstone, Buckhorn, Boot, Sunglow, Gold, FA Ditch)
 - D. Structure Fires=1
 - E. Car Fires=0
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 2
 - G. Good Intent=6
 - H. Service Calls= 15
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=2- Willcox FD, Elfrida FD
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
 - K. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 538. Total calls since the August 20, 2019 meeting is 65.

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, AZ Vortex and rigging training, practice knots and rope system set up, SCBA proficiency drills, SCBA circuit training drills, Air quality meters use and maintenance, Lessons learned F550 lugnut incident, confined space training, air card setup, lessons learned Ash pits/chain saw cuts, wildland response, size up, and

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complexity analysis, ladders and roof operations, extrication training, and wildland close calls.

2. Target Solutions topics: Position Credential Compliance Modules.
3. Monthly company training: NWCG medical response procedures.
4. Capt. Hershey, FF Austin, FF Escojido, FF Hughes went to the Arizona State Fire School that is September 4th-8th. We have been awarded two scholarships to assist in the cost of that training. The scholarships are a total of \$1,000.
5. The Hazmat Technician class that we were scheduled to host on October 2nd,3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th has been postponed due to grant funding.
6. We hosted the 3rd quarter Cochise County Regional Hazmat Team training on August 29, 2019. We covered Incident command, interoperable radio communications equipment, air quality and detection metering equipment review.

Wildland:

1. We have had 8 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Robles, Warbonnet, Touchstone, Buckhorn, Boot, Sunglow, Gold, and FA Ditch. We have a total of \$1,243.54 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

Out of District Fires:

1. We currently have a balance of \$61,176.06 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 \$ 31,965.69.

Emergency Medical Services:

September total billings to date are \$12,360.10

Hazardous Materials:

1. We hosted the 3rd quarter Hazmat training for CCHMRT. We are covering Incident command, interoperable radio communications equipment, air quality and detection metering equipment review by ADEQ.
2. We responded to 2 possible Hazmat situations at private residences.

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Maintenance:

1. M-302 is now classified as M-302R. We will be returning that unit to the Arizona Department of Health Services soon.
2. C-30 has emergency light issue. Vehicle emergency lights need to be rewired.
3. M-303. Had one tire fail due to sidewall puncture. Replaced for \$171.25 at Cochise Farmers. This vehicle needs further diagnosis for an intermittent engine issue and front-end issues. That diagnosis is being conducted.
4. New M 302 had lettering at CMI in Safford, cost was \$1,264.04. Front end alignment \$75.00. Rear brakes replaced at Stronghold auto, \$103.99 for parts, \$120.00 for labor. Intercooler outlet pipe has been ordered for cost of \$99.87. This unit will need tires soon
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 will be going to Tucson for wheelchair lift repairs soon and have new tires installed.
7. E 307 needed new tires as the original tires were not meant for the terrain that wildland engines goes through. All 6 tires installed at Cochise Farmers for \$2,758.71.
8. Our septic tank at the living quarters was pumped, and it was found that our leach line may be clogged. Cost for services \$425.00. We will have further diagnosis conducted.

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: Nothing new to report.
3. Cochise County Health Department: I am inviting them to the open house on November 1st.

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4. The full time FF/CEP position has been filled with FF Francisco Honne. He will begin his full-time employment September 25, 2019.
5. Andres Escojido has resigned his full-time position but is remaining part time. We thank him for his dedication and hard work. We wish him well in Douglas.
6. We have a full-time FF/EMT position open until September 23, 2019.
7. New M-302 is now in service as it passed its inspection on September 12, 2019.
8. Our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and extrication tools will receive their annual maintenance September 18th and 19th by LN Curtis.
9. We will be conducting our annual Fire Prevention at our 3 local schools starting in October.
10. We assisted in teaching a “Good Citizen” class at the Riverview Farms on September 4th. We thank Deputy Paz from CCSO for providing a great course.
11. We will be able to purchase 11, 50-foot sections of 1.5-inch structural firefighting hose with the donation from Wild Willy’s. The total cost is \$1,525.00.
12. I am still working to find a suitable price for the surplus helmets. Once that is decided, I will offer them to employees then donate the remainder.
13. 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.
14. Healthy Communities: No new report.
15. 501C option: I am researching names, articles of incorporation, and other documentation needed to complete this task.
16. Grants:
 - AFG Vehicle grant; Has been submitted.
 - AFG micro grant; Has been submitted.
 - Walmart grant; Unsuccessful

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Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant; Unsuccessful.
Gila River grant; Unsuccessful.
Pascue Yaqui grant; Unsuccessful.
Riverview Farms grant; Awarded \$2,500.
Fort McDowell; Unsuccessful
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; Submitted, \$4000 for Building collapse and trench rescue equipment
Home Depot; Submitted, \$5,000 for Building collapse and trench rescue equipment.
Polaris; Submitted, \$30,000 for UTV.
Walmart 2; Submitted, \$5,000 for PPE. Awarded \$500. Will submit future grants to Walmart for remaining PPE requested.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 October 17, 2019.
20. Cochise County Fire Association report: The next Fire Association meeting is September 25, 2019 and will be hosted by the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District and Life Net Arizona. I hope that our Board members can attend. We thank Life Net Arizona for their assistance and generosity.

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21. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.

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