

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

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Fire Chief's Report for October 2019

- **1.** EMS Calls= 34
 - A. In District Calls=16
 - **B.** Out of District Calls=18
 - C. Number of Patients Transported=21
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=0
 - **E.** Number of Patient Refusals =6
 - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents=1
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 2 HCI
 - H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
 - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls=1
 - J. Good Intent= 4
- 2. <u>Fire Calls=23</u>
 - A. In District Calls=21
 - B. Out of District Call=2
 - C. Brush Fires =0
 - D. Structure Fires=0
 - E. Car Fires=0
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 1
 - G. Good Intent=1
 - H. Service Calls= 20
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=0
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
 - **K.** Prescribed burns= 1(Inn at Sunsites)

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 595. Total calls since the September 17, 2019 meeting is 57.

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, close call review, PTSD from poorly executed training events, SCBA breath down with physical exercise, drafting tactics and procedures on T-304, area orientation, Ropes, lowering, hauling, equipment familiarization, Ropes, highline, offset, lower and raise stokes packaging, cold packaging
- 2. EMS training: Standing order review, Dead on Scene standing order review.



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- 3. Target Solutions topics: Position Credential Compliance Modules.
- 4. Monthly company training: Was cancelled due to community event.
- 5. I will be attending an Operations Section Chief class in Tucson from October 28th-31st.
- 6. FF Labas, Metzler, and A. Garner will be attending a Rope 1,2,3 rescue class November 10th-16th. This class is free of charge thanks to grant funding.
- 7. Capt. Garner and FF Friedenberg will be attending trench rescue refresher November 13, 2019. This class is free of charge thanks to grant funding.

Wildland:

1. We have had no additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. We have a total of \$0 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

Out of District Fires:

1. We currently have a balance of \$61,046.06 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 \$31,835.69

Emergency Medical Services:

October total billings to date are \$12,858.61

Hazardous Materials:

1. Possible clandestine lab off of Hwy181.

Maintenance:

- 1. C-30 has emergency light issue. Vehicle emergency lights need to be rewired.
- 2. M-303. This vehicle needs further diagnosis for an intermittent engine issue and front-end issues. That diagnosis is being conducted.
- 3. New M 302 has an electronic circuit board failure. New circuit board was ordered. Estimated cost is \$350.

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- 4. Support 30 (Ford F550) has an intermittent engine problem. Diagnosis is ongoing.
- 5. NET 30 will be going to Tucson for wheelchair lift repairs soon and have new tires installed.
- 6. Our septic issue has been corrected. There was a clogged pipe that contributed to the issue. Everything appears to be working correctly.

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: They will be at the open house on November 1st.
- 4. Capt. Hershey and I will be developing the enhancements for our Employee Assistance Program. We want to ensure that our employees mental health is addressed appropriately.
- 5. We participated in the Inn at Sunsites one-year celebration.
- 6. We will be participating in Trunk or Treat at the VFW on October 31st, 2019.
- 7. We will be participating in the Church at Sunsites fall festival on November 2, 2019.
- 8. I will be speaking at a real estate training, Benson Cochise College, on November 12, 2019, 0900hrs. I have been asked to discuss the current and future programs we offer here at SPFD.
- 9. Brian Hughes has accepted the full time FF/EMT position. FF Hughes has been working as a part time employee.
- 10. Our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and extrication tools received their annual maintenance September 18th and 19th by LN Curtis.

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- 11. We conducted our annual Fire Prevention at our 3 local schools. It was another great year and the students continue to learn.
- 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 will continue to work with the owners of the property. No new updates.
- 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

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 awarded for \$126,789.99.

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. Unsuccessful

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.



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- 17. 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.
- 18. 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 preplans. The next meeting is October 17, 2019.
- 19. Cochise County Fire Association report: The next Fire Association meeting is October 23, 2019 and will be hosted by the City of Bisbee Fire Department. We thank Life Net Arizona for their assistance and generosity. The meeting we hosted went very well.
- 20. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.