



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire Chief's Report for January 2020

1. **EMS Calls= 23**
  - A. In District Calls= 15
  - B. Out of District Calls= 8
  - C. Number of Patients Transported= 17
  - D. Number of Patients Flown Out= 0
  - E. Number of Patient Refusals = 6
  - F. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents= 0
  - G. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 1 (HCI transport)
  - H. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 1
  - I. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls= 0
  - J. Good Intent= 0
  
2. **Fire Calls= 27**
  - A. In District Calls= 13
  - B. Out of District Call= 14
  - C. Brush Fires = 2 (Highland, Bell Ranch)
  - D. Structure Fires= 2 (Elfrida, NY Ranch)
  - E. Car Fires= 0
  - F. Hazardous Materials= 1 (Post Office)
  - G. Good Intent= 6
  - H. Service Calls= 16
  - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls= 1 (Elfrida Fire)
  - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
  - K. Prescribed burns= 0

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 33. Total calls since the December 17, 2019 meeting is 50. Total number of calls for service in 2019 was 736.

### 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, ascending and descending change overs, downhill line construction,
2. EMS training: CVMC webinar on patient refusals 1/9/20.
3. Target Solutions topics: Annual OSHA requirements.

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4. Monthly company training: Community Event, Sound the Alarm.
5. We taught a CPR class at Nutrien in Willcox on 12/18/19.
6. Our paramedics and one EMT attended Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric advanced life support classes at NCCH on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The classes were taught by Life Net Arizona. We thank them for providing this training at no cost.
7. Captain Garner assisted with the instruction of an S-211 portable pumps class at the Golder Ranch Fire District January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. We did have an agreement with Golder Ranch Fire District for the use of our water handling trailer.
8. Captain Garner will be attending a Level 1 cave rescue class near Austin Texas, February 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>. The District will be reimbursed for class, lodging and travel expenses through a Cochise County OES grant.
9. Firefighters Metzler, A.Garner, and Labas will be attending a Ropes 1,2,3 class in Sierra Vista, February 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

## **Wildland:**

1. We have had 2 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. The Highland was in District, the Bell Ranch was out of District. We also responded to 3 smoke checks that were out of District. ADFFM has not issued resource orders for those yet. We will continue working to find a solution. We have a total of \$203.94 billed to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

## **Out of District Services:**

1. We currently have a balance of \$64,844.31 for the outstanding services that have been provided outside of the district boundaries since 2012. Of the out of district services provided, nine incidents, with a total of \$ 29,210.37 are in collections. Total unpaid balance that is not in collections is \$ 35,633.94

## **Emergency Medical Services:**

January total billings to date are \$11,716.27

## **Hazardous Materials:**

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1. We participate in the Cochise County regional drill on January 14, 2020 in Tombstone. We provided Hazmat and Emergency operations support.
2. We responded to the Post Office in Pearce for a report of a gas leak. It was found the heater in the post office main area had failed and was producing Carbon Monoxide at excessive levels. The appliance was removed from service and the building was evacuated to allow for the carbon monoxide to dissipate.

## **Maintenance:**

1. Support 30 (Ford F550) has an intermittent engine problem. Vehicle was sent to Holmes Tuttle Ford in Tucson for further diagnosis. It was found that the main engine wiring harness, fuel injection harness, and fan clutch were bad. Those items were replaced at Holmes Tuttle for a cost of \$2,857.64. The vehicle is running good and back in service.
2. Engine 302 pump is leaking. Pump was inspected by WW Williams and they will provide a quote for the repairs.
3. Medic 303 rear heater not working. It was found that the rear compartment heat activation switch was bad. That was replaced in house. Parts were \$17.84.
4. NET 30 will be going to Tucson for wheelchair lift repairs soon and have new tires installed.
5. The 2003 Dodge that was declared surplus in the past has had all equipment and naming removed in preparation for sale.

## **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: Follow up Hepatitis A shots are being conducted at the Cochise County Health Department. If we see a need from our community, we can schedule a clinic here at the station.

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4. We have been working with Cochise County and Boeing regarding the possible Starliner space craft landing at the Playa. We will continue working with Boeing and Cochise County for future support of this project.
5. Capt. Hershey and I will be developing the enhancements for our Employee Assistance Program. We are working with local leaders to ensure we develop a great program.
6. We did deploy the fireworks for the New Years celebration. The SCA bought the fireworks. We stored and deployed them on December 31, 2019. We have heard very positive reviews of the event.
7. I have decided to offer the surplus fire helmets to employees for \$50. Only one helmet was bought. The remaining helmets will be donated to firefighters in Mexico.
8. We hosted and participated in the Sound the Alarm program community event with the American Red Cross on January 11, 2020. The event was great. We installed 73 smoke alarms in 34 homes. We will continue the partnership with the Red Cross and installing/inspecting smoke alarms.
9. We conducted our annual awards and end of years celebration on 12/21/19. We honored Mrs. Diane Allen for Outstanding Performance, Austin Garner for Firefighter of the year, and Andres Escojido for EMS provider of the year. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to our District.
10. We placed decals on M 302 dedicating it to the memory of Candice Roll and John Haertsch. Donations received in their memory assisted in the purchase of this ambulance. We thank the Roll family, the Haertsch family, and everyone who donated for their generosity.
11. I presented a Senior safety talk at the NCCH quarterly breakfast on January 17, 2020, at the VFW.
12. We are working with Valley Telecom to have their phone system installed as the Sunstate system is unable to function as contracted.
13. We are in the process of completing annual employee evaluations.

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14. I will be presenting a Senior safety talk at the NCCH quarterly breakfast on January 24, 2020 in Willcox.
15. We are in discussions with Cochise County regarding Archive Social. This is the platform that will store all legally required data from social media sources. We are still hoping to initiate a District Facebook page. If an agreement is reached, the District will be under the Cochise County Archive Social. We hope to pay a small monthly fee that would be much less than having our own Archive Social agreement. Thank you to FF Friedenbergh for this great idea.
16. Windsong dump site: We will continue to work with the owners of the property. No new updates.
17. Healthy Communities: No new report.
18. 501C option: We are completing the required paperwork and are hoping to finalize the application soon.
19. Grants:
  - AFG Vehicle grant; Unsuccessful.
  - AFG micro grant; Unsuccessful.
  - 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; Unsuccessful.
  - 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. Unsuccessful

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Walmart 2; Submitted, \$5,000 for PPE. Awarded \$500. Will submit future grants to Walmart for remaining PPE requested.

2020 AFG; not open for submission yet.

100 club; Will be submitted soon.

Volunteer Fire Assistance; Submitted.

Americorp; will be submitted soon.

20. 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.

21. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was December 19, 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 February 20, 2020.

22. Cochise County Fire Association report: The next Fire Association meeting is January 22, 2020 and will be hosted by the Douglas Fire Department.

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