



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for May 19, 2020

1. **EMS Calls= 21**
 - A. In District Calls= 17
 - B. Out of District Calls= 4
 - C. Number of Patients Transported= 13
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out= 1
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =8
 - F. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 0
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
 - H. Number of Dead on Arrival Calls= 0

2. **Fire, Service and Good intent Calls = 15**
 - A. In District Calls= 8
 - B. Out of District Call= 7
 - C. Wildland Fires = 2 (Wentworth, Badger)
 - D. Structure Fires= 1 (Chad Lane)
 - E. Car Fires= 0
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 2
 - G. Good Intent= 4
 - H. Service Calls=8
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=0
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls= 1 (Elfrida FD assisted at Chad Ln)
 - K. Prescribed burns=0
 - L. Number of rollover or Motor Vehicle Accidents= 1

Total Fire and EMS Calls year to date are 214. Total calls since 0800 April 19, 2020 is 36.

Training:

1. Fire training: On duty crews have been completing on shift training. These sessions included: regular service checks of apparatus and equipment; continued training for wildland fire response, including tactics, safety issues, initial attack organizer documentation, tactics adjustments based on likely decrease of state and federal resource availability; daily physical fitness training. We held one make-up annual refresher and pack test for part-time employees to cover wildland entrapment avoidance and other wildland fire safety and tactical topics. We participated in one Rail 101 webinar with Union Pacific. We began orientation of two new part-time firefighters.

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2. EMS training: On duty crews completed on shift training. These activities included: regular checks of ambulances, EMS supplies, equipment, and medications; continued review of standing orders and report writing best practices; ongoing updates for COVID-19 best practice; review of heat emergency protocols and sepsis treatment protocols; continued rollout training of igel airways and airway HepA devices for better Covid mitigation.
3. We have suspended outside training due to pandemic response precautions and budget shortfall.
4. We have suspended controlled burn activity due to air quality concerns, fire safety concerns, and budget shortfall.

Wildland:

1. We have had 2 additional Wildland assignments since the last meeting. We have a total of \$ 0 in open bills with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM).
2. We have kept open discussion with DFFM regarding a rental use agreement of the Richland station facility for crew staging and isolation, but due to low fire activity, no crews are currently deployed.

Out of District Services:

1. We currently have a balance of \$74,468.14 for the outstanding services that have been provided outside of the district boundaries since 2012. Of the out of district services provided, twelve incidents, with a total of \$ 33,652.66 are in collections. Total unpaid balance that is not in collections is \$ 40,815.48.

Emergency Medical Services:

April total billings were \$23,536.98. May billings to date are \$8,353.89.

Hazardous Materials:

1. The CCHMRT next meeting will be a virtual training, planning and response review on June 18, 2020.

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Maintenance:

1. Engine 302 is still at Fry FD for the pump repair. It should be complete by the end of the week.
2. Brian Allen and Captain Tingle have assessed the pump and tank situation at Richland station, and determined a plan to enlarge the concrete pad, replace the pressure tank, had a tender fill pipe connection and overhead tender fill, and add a new submersible pump to the back-up storage tank.

Communication:

1. Cochise County Health Department: Please visit the County website for daily Covid-19 updates (<https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/>).
As of this morning, 2346 tests have been recorded in Cochise County, with 45 positive cases identified. Five (5) cases are still active, and forty (40) have recovered and been released from their isolation period. Eight cases were hospitalized, including three ICU admission. Cochise County is not reporting any COVID-19 deaths to date. Positive cases have been identified in all areas of the county, and community transmission of the disease is still considered a risk in all county communities. Everyone should continue to take prudent steps to stay home as much as possible and maintain physical distancing when away from home. Other prudent steps include frequent handwashing, cleaning of doorknobs and other items frequently touched, avoiding touching of one's face, and covering one's face with a cloth mask or covering when in public. Call your physician if you are sick. Continue to call 911 for any emergent symptoms.
2. We were invited to participate in the NCCH Health Fair on June 11 but that has been cancelled.
3. We were scheduled to conduct and EMS/Ambulance standby at the Amerind foundation on April 4th, 2020. That event has been rescheduled to September 12, 2020.
4. We have been working with Cochise County and Boeing regarding the possible Starliner space craft landing at the Playa. That event may happen in November/December 2020. The next planning meeting will tentatively be in July.

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5. Grants:

Ak- Chin grant: Has been awarded for \$126,789.99. We have received the new cardiac monitors. The LS defibrillator module will possibly be available as soon as June 1. Phillips is developing video training to replace the in-person orientation originally planned. Invoice is currently due; \$40,000 has been paid, and \$86,789.99 is outstanding.

2019 AFG was submitted for a) \$450,000 for Type 3 engine, and b) \$225,000 for radio system replacement including repeaters, handhelds, and mobiles. (3/26/20)

100 club; Awarded \$4,706.93 for 15 replacement sets of structure firefighter boots (4/10/20). Due to price changes, we are able to order 13 pairs.

Volunteer Fire Assistance; Submitted. Received notice that we have been awarded \$3,223. This grant is a 50/50 grant. Since we do not have the 50%, I have queried if we can accept it after June 30.

Gila River Indian Tribe-communications equipment- \$44,682 submitted 3/23/20.

Walmart: Received award for \$500.00 for firefighter PPE.

6. Local Emergency Planning Committee report, The LEPC's last meeting was February 20, 2020. The April meeting was canceled. A virtual meeting is planned for June 18, 2020.

7. Cochise County Fire Association report: The March 25, 2020 was canceled as is the April 22 meeting. A virtual meeting is planned for May 27, 2020.

8. Resignations were accepted from Michael Starr and Rich Ziemann. All part-time employees have been requested to either re-affirm their commitment to the District or submit a request for leave of absence or resignation. Two new firefighters (John O'Hara and James McLean) have been hired and started their orientation/ probation process.

9. Treasurer's Office: We are continuing to receive assistance from the Treasurer's office for analysis regarding our line-of-credit and income shortfall.

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10. Payroll reduction; We have reached a payroll reduction agreement with operations staff. The May 11 payroll of \$19,378.02 was the lowest payroll this year; it includes \$3,146.66 for the ongoing pay-down of the prior chief's contracted PTO. In FY 2019/2020 to date, the average payroll was \$25,923, ranging from previous low of \$21,250.65 to high of \$38,086.83. In last FY 2018/2019, the average was \$26,487, with low of \$22,459 and high of \$39,635.
11. Helmet for outgoing chief: Private cash donations were received for the replacement of the helmet presented to Josh Steinberg; a new helmet was ordered and received.
12. FEMA/ AZ DEMA: We have submitted RFP to FEMA for reimbursement for COVID-19 response related expenses, including the mobile triage shelter set up at the Northern Cochise Community Hospital. Captain Garner and Chief Hershey have attended webinars related to the application. We are waiting for appointment of technical advisor from DEMA. We anticipate filing for expenses from the first two quarters in July 2020
13. Introduce the on-duty crew to the public.