



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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Fire Chief's Report for June 15, 2021

1. EMS Calls=23
 - A. In District Calls=12
 - B. Out of District Calls= 11
 - C. Number of Patients Transported= 19 (+ 1 EFD)
 - D. Number of Patients Flown Out= 2
 - E. Number of Patient Refusals =2
 - F. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 0
 - G. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 2 (EFD transport, HCI move-up)
 - H. Number of Deceased at scene Calls=1

2. Fire, Service and Good intent Calls = 28
 - A. In District Calls= 11
 - B. Out of District Call= 17
 - C. Wildland Fires =6 – Arcadia, Telegraph, Monk, Winchester, Three Links and Rest Area
 - D. Structure Fires=1 (Davis Rd)
 - E. Car Fires= 3 (Davis Rd, Rest Area, Union Pacific)
 - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
 - G. Good Intent=10
 - H. Service Calls=10
 - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=1 (Elfrida)
 - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
 - K. Prescribed burns=0
 - L. Motor Vehicle Crashes= 1 (191)

Total Fire and EMS Calls 2021 year to date are 299. Total calls since May 18, 2021 are 51.

Training:

1. Fire training: On duty crews have been completing on shift training. These sessions included: service checks of apparatus and equipment, and physical fitness training.
2. EMS training: On duty crews completed on shift training. These activities included: regular checks of ambulances, EMS supplies, equipment, and medications; continued independent completion of on-line modules. We held

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one group EMS session with our staff and outreach representatives from Air Evac, covering cardiac emergencies.

Wildland:

1. We have one engine and one ambulance currently assigned on the Telegraph, and one tender on the Winchester. We have had four local wildland fires. We have a total of \$10,373.04 in open bills with Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) submitted in May/ June. We have received \$358,414.24 for bills submitted since July.
2. Captain Garner assisted Mescal-J6 Fire District with basic wildland training for several new firefighters.

Out of District Services:

1. We currently have a balance of \$59,934.01 for the outstanding services that have been provided outside of the district boundaries since 2013. Of the out of district services provided, nine incidents, with a total of \$20,867.06 are in collections. Total unpaid balance that is not in collections is \$39,066.95.

Emergency Medical Services:

Total billings since July are \$397,747.08; total payments received are \$164,575.26. As of May 31, US Department of Treasury has re-directed \$86,840.45 of Medicare and VA payments towards our outstanding Noridian debt, as well as an additional \$15,700 from Customs and Border Protection.

Hazardous Materials:

1. The Boeing Starliner project for Willcox Playa is tentative for late summer.

Maintenance

1. C30 is still at Elite Service for timing chain replacement.

Communications:

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1. Cochise County Health Department: Please visit the County website for Covid-19 updates and vaccine registration information. (<https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/>).
Cochise County is still adding 0-9 new cases every day. It remains important for everyone who is not fully vaccinated to continue basic precautionary steps.
Cochise County has opened vaccinations to everyone 12 and older. Please use the AZDHS vaccine finder page to make an appointment or the 1-844-542-8201 hotline for those without internet access. As of June 14, Cochise County has vaccinated with at least one dose over 59,169 people.
2. Grants/ follow-up:
The only changes since the last meeting are submission of a grant to Pascua Yaqui for \$3,736.80 for wildland firefighting packs, and to Tohono O'odham for \$88,919.41 for wildland engine chassis and accessories.
3. Treasurer's Office: We are continuing to receive assistance from the Treasurer's office regarding our line-of-credit and income shortfall. We did not finish last year out of our line of credit by June 30 and converted \$144,790.86 to a registered warrant account with Cochise County. Looking ahead, our success in paying off the registered warrant by June 30, 2021 will depend on the timeliness of reimbursement for wildland assignments and the collection of outstanding property taxes due for April 2021. As of today, the registered warrant is at \$62,628.84. We do not have any significant cash flow projection changes since the special meeting discussion last week.
4. Medicare- On January 29, Mr. Matura filed our brief for the Administrative Law Judge hearing regarding communications between the Fire District and Noridian/ CMS in 2017. CMS has filed its reply and requested an examination of the affidavit witnesses submitted. The cross-examination hearing was held May 25, 2021, and we are waiting for closing arguments and the ALJ decision.
5. Surplus equipment follow-up:
No changes from last report.
6. Staffing- We accepted a resignation from one reserve firefighter and sent pre-termination letters to three other inactive firefighters.
7. Community support- We assisted Arizona Game and Fish with supplemental water for wildlife in the Dragoons.

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8. Policy review follow-up –Review of chapter 302 is not yet complete; no new revisions were submitted to the ad hoc review committee this month.

9. Introduce employees on shift. [Firefighter Francisco Honne] [congratulations for his outreach to Sonoita-Elgin Fire District; they are assisting us with two firefighters on our equipment assigned to the Telegraph Fire]

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