



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire Chief's Report for July 20, 2021

1. EMS Calls=47
  - A. In District Calls=28
  - B. Out of District Calls= 19
  - C. Number of Patients Transported= 37 (+ 2 EFD)
  - D. Number of Patients Flown Out= 2
  - E. Number of Patient Refusals =7
  - F. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 3 (transport for EFD, 2 HCI standby)
  - G. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls= 2 (EFD transport)
  - H. Number of Deceased at scene Calls=1
  
2. Fire, Service and Good intent Calls = 27
  - A. In District Calls= 11
  - B. Out of District Call= 16
  - C. Wildland Fires =1 – Walnut
  - D. Structure Fires=0
  - E. Car Fires= 0
  - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
  - G. Good Intent=12
  - H. Service Calls=14
  - I. Mutual Aid Given Calls=0
  - J. Mutual Aid Received Calls= 0
  - K. Prescribed burns=0
  - L. Motor Vehicle Crashes= 2 (191 and 191)

Total Fire and EMS Calls 2021 year to date are 373. Total calls since June 15, 2021 are 74.

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

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## **Wildland:**

1. We have no apparatus currently assigned out of district. We have had one fire (Walnut) and one smoke investigation (Chochise Groves) since the last meeting. We have a total of \$20,968 in open bills with Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) submitted before June 30. We have \$145.38 for bills submitted since July 1.
2. Sonoita-Elgin Fire District has contacted us to explore the feasibility of a personnel sharing agreement for extended wildland assignments.

## **Out of District Services:**

1. We currently have a balance of \$59,597.22 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 \$38,730.16.

## **Emergency Medical Services:**

Total billings since July 1 are \$25,414.41. Total billings for year ending June 30 were \$426,973.28.

## **Hazardous Materials:**

1. The Boeing Starliner project for Willcox Playa is cancelled for August. Cochise County is still planning on supporting a future landing.
2. SPFD will be the host for the County hazmat team training this quarter.

## **Maintenance**

1. C30 is back from Elite Service for timing chain replacement. They were not able to resolve all of the timing and cylinder compression issues found, and charged us only for parts, and waived their labor costs.
2. M301 is out for rear suspension problems. That repair is on the agenda tonight.
3. M303 is scheduled for state inspection on August 3.

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## Communications:

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 up to 10 new cases every day. It remains important for everyone who is not fully vaccinated to continue basic precautionary steps. Covid-19 continues to spread nationally and internationally in un-vaccinated populations.

Cochise County has opened vaccinations to everyone 12 years 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 July 19, Cochise County has vaccinated with at least one dose over 63,371 people.

2. Grants/ follow-up.

Changes since the last meeting include:

- Award notification from Pascua Yaqui Tribe for wildland firefighting packs (\$4,000),
- Award notification from Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona for Responsive Grant for EMS packs (\$1,885).
- Award notification from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for wildland/ medical response UTV and trailer (\$28,430.40).
- Submission of grant to Ak-Chin Indian Community for a new ambulance.
- Legacy Foundation representatives are scheduled for a site visit here on August 3 to see our new turnout cleaning equipment installed at the Richland Station.

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 FYE 2020 out of our line of credit by June 30 and converted \$144,790.86 to a registered warrant account with Cochise County. As of June 30, 2021 that registered warrant was down to \$57,159.14. As of today, the registered warrant is at \$4,473.76, compared to the \$193,003 on July 20,2020.
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. A cross-examination hearing was held May 25, 2021, and the post-hearing brief deadline has been set for August 5, 2021. Sometime after that the ALJ should make his decision.

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5. Surplus equipment follow-up:  
No changes from last report.
6. Staffing- We reduced the roster by three part-time employees.
7. Community support- We assisted Arizona Game and Fish with supplemental water for wildlife in the Dragoons. We assisted the Sunsites Community Association with their fireworks display on July 4.
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. Cash flow projection summary (estimated July)–  
Payable: 134,000  
Receivable: \$113,000  
Current registered warrant: \$4,473.76  
End of month registered warrant projected: \$25,500.  

Receivables are higher this month due to the \$96K received and projected in wildland billing from June. Payables are higher due to the truck payment on M302 (11K), higher fuel consumption related to fire incidents, vehicle maintenance costs, and the outstanding registered warrant from June. Looking ahead to August, we can predict increased payroll and fuel due to wildland incidents, typical amounts for ambulance billing, and little to no income from tax collections. Because we have no current wildland assignments, wildland revenue will be lower than in July. As a result, we expect to add at least \$25,000 to our registered warrants in August.
10. Northern Cochise Community Hospital will host small group tours of the facility and service on July 27. Sign-up reservations may be made with Cheryl at the Willcox Chamber of Commerce at 520-384-4688.
11. Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona has developed a resource guide app to help connect communities with organizations providing many types of assistance. Information is available at the fire station and at [www.legacyfoundationresourceguide.org](http://www.legacyfoundationresourceguide.org).
12. We have received an engagement letter from Walker & Armstrong for this year's audit. Accepting the agreement will be on the next meeting agenda. Ms. Allen has begun organizing the document requests associated with the audit.
13. Introduce employees on shift.

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