



# 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 March 15, 2022

1. **EMS Calls=25**
  - A. In District Calls=13
  - B. Out of District Calls= 12
  - C. Number of Patients Transported= 20
  - D. Number of Patients Flown Out=2
  - E. Number of Patient Refusals =5
  - F. Number of Mutual Aid Given Calls= 0
  - G. Number of Mutual Aid Received Calls=0
  - H. Number of Deceased at scene Calls=0
  
2. **Fire, Service and Good intent Calls =20**
  - A. In District Calls=12
  - B. Out of District Call= 8
  - C. Wildland Fires =8 (in district-Hope / Richland, Lehigh, Curry Farms; DFFM-Paper, John, Copper King, FA Parker; mutual aid-Whitewater)
  - D. Structure Fires=3 (2 in Hope Fire; 1 in Elfrida on Whitewater fire)
  - E. Car Fires= 0
  - F. Hazardous Materials= 0
  - G. Good Intent/ false alarm=6
  - H. Service Calls=6
  - I. Rescue/extrication=0
  - J. Mutual Aid Given Calls=2 (HCI-standby)
  - K. Mutual Aid Received Calls= 1 (Hope Fire)
  - L. Prescribed burns=0
  - M. Motor Vehicle Crashes=0

**Total Fire and EMS Calls 2022 year to date are 140. Total calls since February 15 are 45.**

### **Training:**

1. Fire training: We completed pack tests for two employees that missed the January 8 training. We assisted with a wildland fire behavior class in Willcox, February 22-25. We have three firefighters away for academy training this week and next week.
2. EMS training: We hosted no group training events this month. Employees continue to access digital learning modules on an individual basis.

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## **Wildland:**

1. We had four billable assignments since last meeting, with a total of \$1,708.47 in open bills with Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM). We have received a total of \$104,283.00 for assignments since July 1.
2. On February 23, an outdoor fire burned 25 acres in the Richland area of the fire district, including complete loss of one residential structure, partial loss to one residential structure, and damage to several power poles. The fire perimeter included parts of 12 different residential properties, and crossed over two roads. We received mutual aid assistance from the following fire agencies: Willcox, Elfrida, Benson, Sunnyside, Tombstone, and Fry. We also received assistance from the Cochise County Sheriff's Office and Sulphur Springs Valley Electric. Additionally, we signed a declaration of need with DFFM, and received the assistance of one hand-crew, and four overhead personnel.

## **Out of District Services:**

1. We currently have a balance of \$64,653.02 for the outstanding services that have been provided outside of the district boundaries since 2013. Of the out of district services provided, eight incidents, with a total of \$20,401.43 are in collections. Total unpaid balance that is not in collections is \$44,251.59.

## **Emergency Medical Services:**

Total billings since July 1 are \$343,420.48, with \$150,751.30 received. We are averaging 27 billable transports per month.

## **Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:**

1. No new incidents.

## **Maintenance**

1. M301 is at Fry Fire District for repairs related to intermittent electrical warning light problem, and patient compartment thermostat control cooling/ heating problems; they are waiting on electrical parts.
2. We have scheduled W.W.Williams for our annual pump tests, ladder tests and breathing air compressor maintenance for end of March.

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## Communications:

### 1. Community events/ support:

- We provided space for meetings for the Lions.
- We attended the Sunsites Community Association annual meeting on February 24.
- We visited the Pearce Elementary School second grade class on February 16.

### 2. Cash flow projection summary (estimated March)–

Today our M&O balance is \$39,482.39, but payroll and accounts payable this week total \$29,022.43. All the remaining \$10,459.96 has already been assigned for grant expenses. Spring property taxes are due April 1, and delinquent May 1, and we will depend on early and timely collection to meet future obligations. As a result, the end of March registered warrant amount is still projected at \$0, but unallocated funds in the M&O will also be near \$0.

Receivables are less than last year, due to no winter wildland assignments; the payment for the Malibu surplus vehicle will process in the future; ambulance payments are increased due to receiving Noridian payments directly, but ambulance transports are fewer so far in February and March compared to November-January. Payables are higher due to vehicle maintenance.

Looking ahead to April, we can predict an above average month for expenses due to fuel, vehicle maintenance, and payroll related to wildland fire activity.

Looking at last year, on 03/31/2021, the registered warrant was \$64,438, and our April 30 registered warrant was at \$3,629.73, and we ended the year with a balance owed of \$57,159.14. If the last quarter this year has similar receipts and expenditures as last year, then we should finish the fiscal year near \$0, but will require warrant assistance for the beginning of the next year. Additionally, we will see a transient liquidity boost between receipt of the Ak-Chin award and purchase of the new ambulance. The amount of that grant will create the appearance of a rosier than actual M&O balance.

### 3. Surplus vehicle-

The staff car was sold on publicsurlus.com for \$2,030 on February 2. E306 was re-listed on Publicsurplus.com after the first listing did not reach the reserve.

4. Employee changes- we received one fulltime paramedic resignation, effective end of March.

5. *Introduce employees on shift.*

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