



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for December 20th, 2022

Call Volume:

Calls since last meeting: 69

In District: 43

Out of District: 26

Transports: 24

Total Fire and EMS Calls 2022 year to date are 716 that's up from 662 this time 2021.

Training:

1. New hire orientation continues. 5 New hires and more in line to join the team.
2. Base Hospital CE – Advanced scope of practice and new life saving medications have been added to drug boxes.
3. 2 members of the district are taking Cochise College's Fire 1&2 program. This course is being sponsored by the district's training budget with 2yr commitment contracts signed.

Wildland:

1. Off season training is under way to include saw refresher training, FFt1 training, firing operations training and qualification updates. More classes are scheduled and pending upon coordinator completion of schedule and request through DFFM. A hiring campaign is also under way for AD employees to keep trucks active all season long.

Out of District Services:

1. Include several billable fires, Hazmat at Loves Gas Station (B. Hughes), and Subscription sales.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. New M301 is set for inspection and pick up on 12/21 with an expected arrival date of 12/22
2. Old M301 is running well after repairs and set for immediate surplus.
3. Hired two more paramedics and potentially have two more soon pending certification testing. This provides us with 5 very active paramedics.
4. BLS extended scope continues to have life-saving impacts on calls and with the new hires becoming more active this will help maintain and increase coverage.

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Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Participated in Natural Gas training
2. Multi agency TRT training is being planned for Jan and prepare for REMs assignments this wildland season.
3. Hazmat FRO training being planned for Jan or Feb

Maintenance

1. There a 15 pending apparatus work orders.
2. There is 2 equipment work order.
3. M301 is back in service after getting a turbo, injectors, EGR seals, and a belt.
4. T304 service and repair was completed back in August, however upon getting it back in service and running the compressed air foam system, the pump began having major issues. With a long-drawn-out process, H&E now has it again to diagnose and repair. The original fluids change, and batteries cost almost 7k dollars and latest quote for repairs has not been given to me by the repair coordinator.

Communications:

1. 10-4 medical is still completing our employee initial physicals, so far two out of six have completed theirs.
2. Action tonight to set up to revise repair cost for Old M301, surplus Old M301, and direct sale to Deputy Chief.
3. Competitive pay scale implementation. Old scale was revised due to lacking consistency with policy manual, proper step process and competitive wages to promote hiring. Admin was also included in the scale.
4. AT&T First Net agreement set up to provide cellular services for district instead of Verizon. Decision has already proven to save money and increase cell coverage.

Staffing

1. Still hiring part time EMT / Paramedics and wildland firefighters. Hiring has been going well and coverage has improved tremendously.
2. Pending receipt of previously drafted job descriptions and rank requirements from Chief Garner, I will take them to the committee for approval. Thus far I have been unsuccessful in getting them from him, therefore promotions and current rank holders being held to said requirements, are being held off.
3. Exploring pay for seasonal wildland staffing to help overcome last year's inconsistent availability and responses. We are down over 600% in wildland revenue from fiscal 20/21.

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