

# Sunsites-Pearce Fire District

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### Fire Chief's Report for June 20, 2023

## **Call Volume:**

Calls since last meeting: 60

EMS: 33 Fire: 27

Total Fire and EMS Calls for 2023: 307

### **Training:**

- 1. New hire orientation continues.
- 2. AFDA Conference is coming up in July.
- 3. Monthly EMS training completed, taught by our base hospital coordinator.
- 4. One full-time employee has enrolled in the paramedic program with Cochise College.

#### Wildland:

- 1. DFFM Continues to regularly stage resources at the Richland Station.
- 2. We have had multiple fires and the weather forecast indicates increased activity until monsoons arrive.
- 3. T304 is on assignment in California.

#### **Out of District Services:**

1. Exploring annexation options as requested by surrounding community members.

#### **Emergency Medical Services:**

- 1. Ambulance rate increase packet was re-submitted with changes as requested by AZDHS, additional changes have been requested by the state. We have a meeting next Wednesday to iron out the details.
- 2. Working up updating our ambulance contract with AMR for nationwide disaster response. Our contract will receive a 3% raise. Approx. \$173 per hour, portal to portal. Compared to DFFM rate of \$60 per hour with a max of 16 hours per day.

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

1. HazMat FRO class has been requested and scheduled for August. Class will be taught in Willcox to help engage regional partners.

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## **Maintenance**

- 1. There are 14 pending apparatus work orders.
- 2. There are 4 equipment work orders.
- 3. The station roof and quarters HVAC have been replaced. Awaiting USDA payment.

#### **Communications:**

- 1. Weekly community engagement on the boardwalk each Friday is going well. Has been a great opportunity for us and the community to get to know each other better.
- 2. Implementation of new reporting software is underway to keep us complaint with changing state regulations.
- 3. Multiple grants for PPE, training, and equipment are underway.

#### **Staffing**

- 1. All full-time positions have been filled. Our new medic will be starting in July.
- 2. Part-time and volunteer staff have been very engaged.
- 3. Exploring options and funding sources for seasonal wildland staffing.