



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
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Fire Chief's Report for October 17, 2023

Call Volume:

Calls since last meeting: 50

EMS: 29

Fire: 21

Total Fire and EMS Calls for 2023: 562

Training:

1. Monthly in-house medical training completed.
2. Employees attending medic school and Firefighter 1&2 academies.
3. Fire training tomorrow.

Wildland:

1. Local fire season has slowed down, but due to poor monsoon season and warm windy weather we are still running fires. We are also available to send resources out of state.
2. We completed our first REMS assignment with command 30. Big thanks to Tucson Fire, Corona de Tucson Fire, and Rincon Valley Fire for helping us on that assignment. We hope to fill more REMS orders after our ropes training at the end of the month.
3. We are about 30% of the way through the fiscal year and have collected over 80% of expected wildland revenue.
4. Planning multiple training courses for the off season.

Out of District Services:

1. Exploring annexation options as requested by surrounding community members. Meeting at the Dragoon Women's club 11/11/2023.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. The ambulance rate increase packet was re-submitted with changes as requested by AZDHS, still awaiting a response.
2. AMR/GMR contract is up to date and our ambulance is available for nationwide FEMA response pending system training.

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Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Operations level rope rescue class being hosted here, Oct 23rd-25th with regional partners attending.

Maintenance

1. The station roof and quarters HVAC have been replaced. Awaiting USDA payment.
2. The new C-30 has been purchased. Outfitting will be complete this week.
3. Vehicle and equipment maintenance continues.

Communications:

1. Tohono O'odham grant awarded \$29,772.54 for a Lucas Device which is used to perform compressions during cardiac arrest.
2. Ak-Chin grant awarded \$75,000 for the purchase of a new power loading gurney system.
3. Multiple other grants underway for equipment and PPE.
4. Fire danger signs will not be donated by DFFM, USFS, or BLM. County roads has approved a site if we decide to move forward.
5. AFG grant for SCBA's and SAFER grant for additional staffing were both denied.

Staffing

1. All full-time positions have been filled.
2. Part-time and volunteer staff have been very engaged.
3. Exploring options and funding sources for seasonal wildland staffing.

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