

# Sunsites-Pearce Fire District

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# Fire Chief's Report for December 19, 2023

# **Call Volume:**

Calls since last meeting: 48

EMS: 26 Fire: 22

Total Fire and EMS Calls for 2023: 688

# **Training:**

1. Monthly in-house training completed on new EMS equipment and Airway management.

#### Wildland:

- 1. Have been conducting controlled burns for community members.
- 2. One pre-position order to California was turned down due to staffing.

# **Out of District Services:**

- 1. Research for the Dragoon annexation project continues. The process is clear and the county is in the loop on the proposal. Next step is to clearly identify, with legal description, the areas to be annexed.
- 2. Looking to adjust the out of district billing policy to include a fee for the use of extrication equipment. On the agenda for approval tonight.

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

1. AZDHS continues its review of our rate increase.

# **Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:**

1. Nothing new to report.

#### Maintenance

- 1. The station roof and quarters HVAC have been replaced. Awaiting USDA payment.
- 2. Vehicle and equipment maintenance continues.

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# **Communications:**

- 1. Legacy innovative grant for a Lucas device was awarded for \$31,671.
- 2. Pascua Yaqu grant for wildland PPE was awarded for \$5,000.
- 3. State funding for incident management hardware/software was awarded for \$145,000.
- 4. Last call foundation for \$15,000 was partially funded, would like us to see if we have any available money to fund the remainder

# **Staffing**

- 1. All full-time positions are currently filled.
- 2. Part-time and volunteer staff have been less engaged as fire season dies down but are still able to maintain station staffing.
- 3. Exploring options and funding sources for seasonal wildland staffing.