



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for February 20, 2024

Call Volume:

January Call Volume:

Fire: 21

EMS: 48

2024: 69 Total

Training:

1. Monthly EMS training BLS drug box overview. BLS skills practice, and cardiac arrest response.
2. Personnel attended a "heads up CPR" training at Fry Fire.
3. Medics attending a medical ventilator class at Whetstone Fire tomorrow.
4. 2 personnel attended a leadership class in SV with presenters from the national Fire Academy.
5. Monthly Fire training next Thursday will consist of Vehicle Extrication and PPE inventory.

Wildland:

1. Minimal IA but still having fires on occasion.
2. Wildland truck rates are increasing by 20% starting in March.

Out of District Services:

1. Proposed annexation area submitted to the county for parcel count and assessed valuation. This is part of the impact statement that will need to be approved by the board before being submitted to the county board of supervisors. I recommend a possible work session with an invitation for the public to attend before the board moves forward with any approval.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. AZDHS continues its review of our rate increase.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Received equipment from OEM on a county wide grant.

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Maintenance

1. The station roof and quarters HVAC have been replaced. Awaiting USDA payment. Recommend this as an agenda item for next months meeting for further discussion and possible action.
2. Vehicle and equipment maintenance continues.

Communications:

1. Processing multiple grants awards listed in last month's meeting. On the agenda for approval tonight.
 - a. Pasqua Yaqui Grant: \$5,000 for Wildland PPE.
 - b. Legacy Foundation: \$31,671 for Lucas device.
 - c. Ak Chin grant: \$75,000 for ambulance power loader.
 - d. 100 Club grant: \$9,933.06 for bunker gear.
2. Working on multiple other grant submissions for equipment and training that has been prioritized by command staff.
3. Have started drafting the 2024-2025 budget.
4. Will attend the SCA meeting on the 22nd to give an update on the Fire District.

Staffing

1. All full-time positions are currently filled.
2. Part-time and volunteer shifts have reduced for the winter but have been easy to fill when needed.
3. Exploring options and funding sources for seasonal wildland staffing.

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