



# SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## **Fire Chief's Report for March 19, 2024**

### **Call Volume:**

**February Call Volume: 55**

**Fire: 20**

**EMS: 35**

**2024: 125 Total**

### **Training:**

1. Monthly EMS training provided by PHI AirEvac.
2. Vehicle extrication training.

### **Wildland:**

1. Temperatures are warming up and seeing an increase in fire activity.
2. New CFRA due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 has responded to our application and requested clarification on certain line items. We are in the process of responding.

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

1. Nothing new to report.

### **Maintenance**

1. USDA application status is on the agenda for further discussion tonight.
2. Vehicle and equipment maintenance continues.

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## **Communications:**

1. Awarded incident management grant for \$145,000, on the agenda for approval tonight.
2. FEMA AFG grant for new SCBAs was submitted for \$315,000. This federal grant requires a 5% match if awarded. Matching funds were budgeted.
3. Working on SAFER grant for three additional full-time positions. Grant would be fully funded for 3 years with no matching funds.
4. Working on multiple other grant submissions for equipment and training that has been prioritized by command staff.
5. Have started drafting the 2024-2025 budget. Budget work session to be scheduled for next month.
6. Attended the SCA meeting on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and gave an update on the Fire District.
7. Benson High School just returned from 2 weeks of spring break. Waiting on update from shop class regarding Fire Danger sign.

## **Staffing**

1. All full-time positions are currently filled.
2. Part-time and volunteer employees have been engaged with training and staffing.
3. Exploring options and funding sources for seasonal wildland staffing.

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