



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire Chief's Report for April 16, 2024

### Call Volume:

**March Call Volume: 57**

**Fire: 18**

**EMS: 39**

**2024: 184 Total**

### Training:

1. Monthly EMS training provided by PHI AirEvac regarding pediatric medical emergencies.
2. Monthly fire training regarding minimum company standards for Structure Fire and Wildland Fire Response

### Wildland:

1. Temperatures are warming up. So far, we are seeing below average fire activity compared to previous years.
2. New CFRA updated and signed. Average 15% increase for most apparatus.
3. IGA updated with DFFM.

### Out of District Services:

1. Proposed annexation area submitted to the county for parcel count and assessed valuation. Follow up work session with the county assessor and cartographer later this week to finalize map, parcel count, and assessed value. Following this meeting I will schedule two community meetings to solicit input from residents. After these community meetings we will place the annexation on a regular board meeting agenda for review, discussion, and possible action.

### Emergency Medical Services:

1. AZDHS has responded to our application and requested clarification on certain line items. The person in charge of this process is no longer with AZDHS. We are working with other staff in their office to complete the process.

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

1. We are hosting a multi-agency technician level rope rescue course May 8-10.

## **Maintenance**

1. Awarded a grant from the dairy for office improvement. Project is underway to paint the meeting room, redo the floor, and replace outdated electrical fixtures.
2. Vehicle and equipment maintenance continues.

## **Communications:**

1. Discovered the funds for two awarded grants have been sitting in a county account. County will transfer funds to us after their next board meeting.
2. Submitted SAFER grant for three additional full-time positions. Grant would be fully funded for 3 years with no matching funds if awarded.
3. Working on multiple other grant submissions for equipment and training that has been prioritized by command staff.
4. Attended the monthly S.O.S. meeting at the library to discuss our loaner medical equipment.
5. Benson High School is waiting to finish the graphics for our sign. Hopeful delivery before next board meeting.
6. Open house is on the April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at Noon.

## **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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