

Sunsites-Pearce Fire District

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Fire Chief's Report for May 20, 2025

Call Volume as of April 30th:

April Call Volume: 69

Fire: 24 **EMS:** 45

2025: 289

Training:

- 1. EMS training completed reviewing neonatal emergencies.
- 2. Fire training covered rural water supply, drafting, and water use on wildland fires.
- 3. I attended a countywide active shooter incident management course in Sierra Vista.
- 4. On duty training continues at the shift level on various topics.

Wildland:

- 1. Thank you to all state, federal, and local partners who assisted with the stronghold fire. READY, SET, GO and emergency alerting worked well for alerting the public.
- 2. Stage 2 fire restrictions are in place for all of southeastern Arizona. Additionally, we are not approving any open burning until restrictions are lifted.
- 3. E307 returned from the Bryce Fire today after a 10 day assignment.
- 4. When current invoices to DFFM are paid we will have met our wildland budget projection for the year.

Out of District Services:

1. Nothing new to report.

Emergency Medical Services:

- 1. Our 6-month automatic rate increase was approved by AZDHS.
- 2. We are slowly starting to see revenue increase from our general rate adjustment last year.
- 3. We have partnered with Inde Motorsports to provide standby support for their events. This is on the agenda tonight for official approval.

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Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Activated then cancelled for a cave rescue on the Arizona New Mexico border.

Maintenance

- 1. M303 and E305 are both back in service.
- 2. There are currently no out of service vehicles.
- 3. Station and vehicle maintenance continues.

Communications:

- 1. Fire danger sign with indicators for no burn days has arrived. Still working with county roads on permit for installation.
- 2. The Annual Open House was May 10th and was a success. THANK YOU, Diane, for all of the hard work that went into making it a successful event.
- 3. The National Weather Service is predicting an above average monsoon season for our area. We are working with the county to get sandbags and material available for the public staged at our station.

Staffing

- 1. One full-time position is currently open, being filled with part-timers until a qualified applicant can be found.
- 2. Additional hiring and orientation is underway to meet the demands of our increased call volume and expected spring/summer fire activity.
- 3. Currently finishing orientation on 4 new paramedics. Additional EMTs and Wildland personnel are starting orientation this week.
- 4. Part-time and volunteer staff have been engaged in training and picking up shifts.