



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for February 17, 2026

Call Volume as of January 31st:

January Call Volume: 69

Fire: 24

EMS: 45

YTD 2026: 69

Training:

1. EMS training was completed regarding cardiac emergencies and EKG interpretation.
2. Fire training for January was our annual wildland refresher training.
3. One employee is currently enrolled in fire officer training, one in Fire 1&2, and one in driver operator training.
4. Completed Rope/REMS training in the west stronghold.
5. Taught CPR and First Aid for DFFM Ft. Grant Fire Crew.

Wildland:

1. National fire activity is increasing, no significant increase for Arizona yet.

Out of District Services:

1. Meetings are now scheduled with AEPCO regarding fire coverage for the roadrunner solar project. AEPCO has not yet provided final numbers needed for fire subscription cost calculations.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. New EMS coordinator for the District is Amber Smith.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Completed Rope/REMS training in the west stronghold.

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Maintenance

1. Part-Time Employee Sam Green has taken on the roll of maintenance coordinator and will be ensuring maintenance stays up to date.
2. Currently no OOS apparatus.
3. Station and vehicle maintenance continues daily.

Communications:

1. Complaints regarding fire hydrants and water system should be directed to Hope Water: 623-219-4740. If complaints go unaddressed, community members may then contact the Arizona corporation commission for follow-up. Roughly 75% of the 69 identified hydrants are in service and able to flow water. Exact flow capacities have not been tested. I have reached out to the Arizona Fire Marshals office for advice on how to proceed with the issues of OOS hydrants and flow testing and they state that there is not much that can be done from code enforcement. AZ law trumps fire code and case history shows that AZ law does not require private water companies to meet fire flow requirements.
2. All ADOSH complaints have been addressed and responded to. ADOSH requested some follow-up documentation and the process should be complete shortly.
3. ISO site visit was January 30th, 2026. Our current ISO rating is 5/5x. In many sections of the assessment, we have had marked improvement over our last evaluation. We are struggling with completing the water supply assessment and working with the ISO assessor on how to address that. Our water supply score will improve based on our inspections and marking of hydrants over the last year and will improve again once we flow test a minimum of 7 fire hydrants.

Staffing

1. One full-time position has been filled by Firefighter/Paramedic Amber Smith. The remaining full-time position has been offered to a current part-time employee and we are awaiting acceptance of that offer.
2. Part-time engagement has been high and involvement from all employees has been exceptional with everyone helping to fill the voids from our previously open positions.

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