



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for April 21, 2026

Call Volume as of Marh 31st:

February Call Volume: 46

Fire: 15

EMS: 31

March Call Volume: 63

Fire: 20

EMS: 43

YTD 2026: 178

Training:

1. EMS training was completed regarding Heat/Cold emergencies and OB/pediatrics.
2. In service training completed for new One weight device.
3. Fire Training was completed regarding rural water supply, water shuttle, and drafting/pumping.
4. Sam Green graduated from the Fire Academy hosted by Whetstone Fire.
5. Eric Friedenbergr graduated from the Fire Officer Academy hosted by Tucson Fire.

Wildland:

1. Responded to the Shaw Fire. E308 is still assigned.

Out of District Services:

1. No updates regarding solar field subscription with the fire district.
2. New fee schedule on the agenda for review tonight.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. Responded to a Mass causality incident last week. Thank you to all of our mutual aid partners for their assistance including Elfrida Fire, Bisbee Fire, Douglas Fire, LifeNet, AirEvac, CCSO and DPS.

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Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Completed additional Rope/REMS training.
2. One employee has signed up to attend a regional swift-water rescue course.

Maintenance

1. P30 is out of service and on the agenda for tonight.
2. T304's secondary pump experienced an issue on the Shaw fire and will be diagnosed later this week. Its primary pump remains functional.
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. After Researching state law regarding fire code, it appears that the board improperly adopted the current fire code. I am researching this issue with the AZ Fire Marshal Office and AFDA. This will need to be an agenda item at a future board meeting.
3. Provided input to LEPC regarding the county issuing permit for solar fields and data centers. Requested they ensure fire protection agreements are in place prior to building permits being issued.

Staffing

1. All full-time position have been filled. One employee currently out for injury.
2. Part-time engagement has been high and involvement from all employees has been exceptional.
3. Exploring options for additional daytime staffing for the fire season including possible grant funding.

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