



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for May 19, 2026

Call Volume as of April 30th:

April Call Volume: 63

Fire: 21

EMS: 42

YTD 2026: 241

Training:

1. EMS training was completed regarding Neonatal emergencies.
2. Fire Training will be tomorrow on minimum company standards.
3. Austin Garner is currently attending Swiftwater rescue training.
4. Brekelle Nolan completed her Driver/Operator certification.
5. Austin Garner and Terry Tingle are enrolled in Fire Officer I, starting in June.

Wildland:

1. Responded to the Triangle 2, Jones, and Johnson Fires.

Out of District Services:

1. No updates regarding solar field subscription with the fire district.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. New DEA rules are affecting how EMS obtains and store narcotics. This may have future budget impacts.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Completed additional Rope/REMS training.
2. Quarterly HazMat training is scheduled for June 2nd at Fry Fire.

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Maintenance

1. T304 is back in service
2. 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 agreement are in place prior to building permits being issued.
4. AFG funding has been restored, and we are making the payment on our grant equipment.
5. We have been selected to continue in the Congressionally Direct Spending program. This includes \$361,000 for a new type 3 engine and \$491,000 in EMS equipment.

Staffing

1. All full-time positions have been filled. One employee is currently out for an 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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