



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## **Fire Chief's Report for June 16th, 2026**

### **Call Volume as of May 31st:**

**May Call Volume: 85**

**Fire: 31**

**EMS: 54**

**YTD 2026: 327**

### **Training:**

1. EMS training was completed regarding airway emergencies.
2. Fire Training was conducted on minimum company standards.
3. Austin Garner and Terry Tingle are currently attending Fire Officer I.

### **Wildland:**

1. Terry Tingle has returned from his TFLD assignment to California.

### **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 will have future budget impacts.
2. New DEA rules prohibit out of state responses for ALS resources such as med teams, REMs teams, and ambulances.

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

1. Overnight ropes/REMS training scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> in the stronghold.

### **Maintenance**

1. Quarters septic system had an issue with backing up. Issue has been identified and corrected, will continue to monitor.
2. New FEED truck is not yet ready for delivery.

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## **Communications:**

1. End of year budget is tight. Our expenditures will likely exceed our revenues. This is on the agenda for discussion and possible action.
2. I have engaged with vendors and neighboring government entities to explore cost saving on fuel purchases. This is on the agenda for further discussion this evening.
3. 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.
4. The adoption of the new fire code with amendments by Cochise County will not affect SPFD operations. The county will remain the default authority unless we adopt a code with separate amendments.
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 for EMS equipment.
6. We were awarded a grant by the Legacy foundation for \$1,426 for a piecing nozzle. This is on the agenda for approval tonight.

## **Staffing**

1. All full-time positions have been filled. One employee is currently out for an injury.
2. Part-time hours/wildland staffing has been reduced due to budget concerns.

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