



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for August 20, 2024

Call Volume as of July 30th:

July Call Volume: 82

Fire: 37

EMS: 45

2024: 480 Total

Training:

1. Monthly EMS covering airway and respiratory emergencies was taught by PHI air medical.
2. Monthly fire training tomorrow will cover first responder operation at HazMat incidents and the use of air monitoring devices.
3. Completed CPR/First Aid class for Pearce Elementary.
4. We have 2 members enrolled in Arizona State Fire school which is a weeklong conference the first week of September. Their enrollment was funded by scholarships.

Wildland:

1. Despite the amount of rain received, we do continue to have wildland fires mostly started by lightning
2. E308 is on assignment in California.
3. One Volunteer is on assignment in Oregon as a Medical Unit Leader trainee.

Out of District Services:

1. Work continues with the county assessor's office regarding the Dragoon annexation. Will become an agenda item when boundary issues are resolved.

Emergency Medical Services:

1. AZDHS has responded to our rate adjustment application with the following numbers.

Base Rates	A.L.S.	B.L.S.	Mileage	Standby
Current Rates	\$1,052.48	\$1,052.48	\$21.05	\$263.11
Applicant Proposed Rates	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$21.05	\$450.00
Bureau Proposed Rates	\$2,014.85	\$2,014.85	\$13.53	\$503.71

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We have accepted the Bureau's proposed rates and are awaiting the final signature from them for implementation. I was able to talk with a supervisor in the office and they assured me they have not forgotten about us.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Nothing new to report

Maintenance

1. E302 suffered a failure related to the foam system while receiving its annual pump test from our vendor. The failure resulted in a fire that caused additional damage to the Engine. E302 was sent to a third-party maintenance shop in Phoenix for diagnostics and repair. The total cost is estimated to be around \$3,800 for repairs and completion of pump testing. Due to the fire, the insurance company and lawyer are involved to determine liability for the damage.
2. Other minor station and vehicle maintenance continues.

Communications:

1. We received the Responsive grant from the Legacy Foundation in the amount of \$4,630. This grant is for the purchase of a device to monitor carbon monoxide levels in patients. Acceptance of this grant is on the agenda for tonight.
2. FEMA awarded our AFG grant request for new SCBAs in the amount of \$222,240.95. This grant requires a 5% match and is on the agenda for further discussion tonight.
3. Our corrected budget was submitted to the County before the deadline on Friday and they confirmed receipt of the submission.

Staffing

1. We currently have a Full-Time Paramedic vacancy that we are actively trying to fill.
2. Most part-time and volunteer employees have been engaged with training and staffing. We have a new employee on orientation and additional applicants in the hiring process.

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