



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for November 19th, 2024

Call Volume as of October 31st:

October Call Volume: 81

Fire: 30

EMS: 51

2024: 696

Training:

1. EMS training completed on Childbirth, OB, and neonatal emergencies.
2. Training for MSA rep tomorrow on our new air packs.
3. On duty training continues are the shift level on various topics.
4. I attended a weeklong Fireline leadership training in Phoenix.
5. Two employees are registered for the Arizona Wildfire Fire and Incident Management Academy in Prescott in March.
6. Registration is open for the winter ADFFA conference in Laughlin. Newly appointed, elected, or re-elected officials have mandatory training that will be offered at the conference.

Wildland:

1. T304 on preposition assignment in California.
2. Orders to California are expected to continue through the new year.
3. SPFD with DFFM and Willcox Fire are conducting an S-131 advanced wildland firefighter course in Willcox December 9-10.
4. Multiple employees will be opening up new position task books in the new year to advance their qualifications.

Out of District Services:

1. Dragoon annexation map is complete with no split parcels. Draft impact statement and map reviewed by SEACOM contractor and on the agenda for discussion tonight. I continue to have multiple homeowners in that area reporting dropped insurance coverage, soaring premiums, and a desire to be brought into the district.

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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

Yesterday was the final day for public comments on our rate adjustment and no comments were submitted, this means there will be no hearing. Our rate now goes for final approval. Per A.R.S. 36-2234, Section D, paragraph 8, the director has 30 days to certify the new rate.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Responded to two county HazMat team activations since the last meeting. One for explosives in the city of Benson and one for a mixed cargo semi-truck leaking propane in San Simon.
2. Applying for equipment on the SHSGP grant. Grant has no matching fund requirements.

Maintenance

1. Researching hiring a part-time mechanic vs contracting with another fire agency for shared mechanic services.
2. Station and vehicle maintenance continues.

Communications:

1. SCBAs from the FEMA grant have arrived and have been placed in service.
2. Completed a joint Fire Prevention Day with the local schools at Pearce Elementary School. Feedback from the teachers was, it was the best fire prevention day so far. Thank you, Austin, for the hard work in organizing a successful event.

Staffing

1. We currently have a Full-Time Paramedic vacancy that we are actively trying to fill. Two candidates are interested.
2. Most part-time and volunteer employees have been engaged with training and staffing.

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