



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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Fire Chief's Report for December 17th, 2024

Call Volume as of November 30th:

October Call Volume: 81

Fire: 41

EMS: 40

2024: 777

Training:

1. EMS training completed on airway management with AirEvac hosting an airway lab.
2. Fire training tomorrow on new SCBA packs and rescuing downed firefighters.
3. On duty training continues at the shift level on various topics.
4. Two employees are registered for the Arizona Wildfire Fire and Incident Management Academy in Prescott in March.
5. Registration is open for the winter ADFA conference in Laughlin. Newly appointed, elected, or re-elected officials have mandatory training that will be offered at the conference.
6. We have had several volunteers and part-time employees complete EMT or Fire Academy this semester. This will help boost staffing capabilities heading into the new year.

Wildland:

1. Equipment grant from DFFM opens soon. Intent is to apply for a Type 3 engine. Grant covers up to \$400,000 with any remainder being the responsibility of the District. Proposal will be presented at the January meeting prior to submission since matching funds will be required.
2. SPFD with DFFM and Willcox Fire completed an S-131 advanced wildland firefighter course in Willcox December 9-10.
3. We are working in conjunction with USFS, BLM, DFFM, and other Fire Districts within the county to create a structure triage preplan within Cochise County. This will help us effectively order and deploy resources when wildland fires threaten residential areas.

Out of District Services:

1. Dragoon annexation progress continues, have received feedback on mapping changes. Board action to adopt official impact statement is anticipated for January or February board meeting.

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Emergency Medical Services:

1. AZDHS has approved our general rate adjustment.

Base Rates	A.L.S.	B.L.S.	Mileage	Standby
Previous 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 Approved Rates	\$2,014.85	\$2,014.85	\$13.53	\$503.71

Since the process took so long, we also were approved for an automatic rate increase of 1.7%.

New Approved Rates:	A.L.S.	B.L.S.	Mileage	Standby
	\$2049.10	\$2049.10	\$13.76	\$512.27

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Applied 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. Awarded \$153,063.64 from the Ak-Chin Indian community. This grant is on the agenda tonight to accept with amended proposal.

Staffing

1. We currently have a Full-Time Paramedic vacancy that we are actively trying to fill. We have one candidate who will likely fill the position pending results of a background check and successful completion of orientation
2. Most part-time and volunteer employees have been engaged with training and staffing.

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