



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report for March 18th, 2025

Call Volume as of February 28th:

February Call Volume: 69

Fire: 26

EMS: 43

2025: 146

Training:

1. EMS training completed reviewing end-tidal CO2 monitoring, and ventilator use.
2. Fire training covered response to bee attacks. Thank you Killer Bee Guy Reed Booth.
3. On duty training continues at the shift level on various topics.
4. Four employees are currently at the Arizona Wildfire Fire and Incident Management Academy in Prescott.

Wildland:

1. Forecasts indicate Cochise County is expected to see above average temperatures, below average moisture and above normal fire activity for March-June.
2. 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.
3. Currently working with DFFM to schedule a wildfire safety day to discuss wildfire preparedness with the community. Tentative Date is April 26th.
4. There is lots of confusion and uncertainty at the federal level regarding staffing and funding levels for the USFS, BLM, and other federal fire agencies. This could lead to an increased demand on local resources during the upcoming fire season. We are adjusting our hiring to be prepared for this.
5. Some Cochise County resources have deployed to Texas. No SPFD units are currently on assignment but we do anticipate filling orders if more resources are requested.

Out of District Services:

1. Dragoon annexation progress continues. Community meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 14:00 for final input before bringing next steps to the board.

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Emergency Medical Services:

1. Call volume and transports are up. Exploring options for increased staffing if call volume continues to climb.

Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue:

1. Responded to a leaking acid tanker on Highway 191 at the Graham County border.

Maintenance

1. E302 is back in service.
2. E305 is at SV fleet for maintenance and pump testing.
3. Station and vehicle maintenance continues.

Communications:

1. Ak-Chin grant money and California Fire payments are in which puts us in a better financial position than what is represented in this month's report.
2. Fire danger sign with indicators for no burn days has been ordered. Signs are made when ordered. Estimated ship date is 4/11/25.

Staffing

1. All full-time positions are currently filled.
2. Additional hiring and orientation is underway to meet the demands of our increased call volume and expected spring/summer fire activity.
3. Part-time and volunteer staff have been engaged in training and picking up shifts.
4. Anticipate adding at least one full-time position next fiscal year. Further discussion on this topic as we start budget planning for next fiscal year.

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