



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report

January 2023

Incidents: We responded to 34 incidents in the month of December. The average turnout time was 2:03 and the average response time was 9:23. Notable incidents include two probable arson grass fires and a home owners intentional burning of an old RV in a misguided attempt to clean up his residence.

We responded to two mutual aid requests, we received no requests for mutual aid, and we had 4 overlapping incidents.

Training:

Board Member Dana Law competed his statutory training at the recent AFDA conference held in Laughlin, NV. The three vehicles currently parked closest to Station 172 are awaiting destruction via extrication training. Unfortunately, staffing shortages require that we wait to conduct said training.

Apparatus Maintenance: The Ford Expedition is in service as C171. The Chevrolet pickup it replaced is currently at Station 171 while we decide what to do with it.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Nelco has replaced two of the three doors we recently purchased and will install the final door sometime over the next couple of weeks. Staff will take care of painting the primed doors once all are installed. I have already purchased paint for the metal railing in front of admin and will attempt to tackle that project once the weather warms up.

Billing: Unremarkable

Other:

- Staff and immediate family members now have the option to sign up for cellular service via FirstNet (AT&T) at a significant savings compared to other cellular providers. Please contact Chief Moran for details regarding their available services and the signup procedure/approval process.
- Radio communications have improved only slightly since the equipment was recently tuned up. Relocating our current radio tower remains the best solution and staff will continue to pursue this option in the months ahead.

Respectfully,
John Moran
Fire Chief