



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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DECEMBER 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented January 31st, 2024

	December	Year to Date
Incidents	51	527
Turnout Time	2:40	2:44
Response Time	9:14	9:02
Mutual Aid Provided	1	22
Mutual Aid Received	1	10
% Overlapping Incidents	14 (27%)	53 (10%)

Training: Daily training included such topics as apparatus driving, EMS continuing education, lithium-ion battery fires, new hire training

Apparatus Maintenance: R171 required new brakes. Rapid Towing and Auto Repair, despite being very busy with other work, went out of their way to repair the vehicle in a couple of days. Captain Olander and Firefighter Stanford replaced the water pump in R171 in house.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Safe Baby Haven signs have been installed at Stations 171 and 172. You will recall these are notifications that designate our fire stations as a place a mother can leave her newborn with any on-duty firefighter and walk away w/o consequences, providing she physically hands the newborn to an on-duty firefighter and the baby is not more than 30 days old.

Billing: Submitted billing for two motor vehicle accidents with injuries to Fire Recovery USA

Other:

- The Arizona Legislature is considering HB2418. If passed, this bill would create a Fire District Advisory Board "for the purpose of ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical and affiliated emergency services throughout this state." Copies of this bill are available at Admin should you want more info. The AFDA supports this bill.
- Minimal interest in the EMT-B course scheduled to take place in Benson resulted in the course being moved to the Sierra Vista campus.
- The statewide mutual aid compact expired at the end of December. A current version will be presented for board approval at the February board meeting.
- Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management logged 366 wildland fires in the 2023 fire season... 233 of those fires (63.7%) were in the Southeastern Zone. Of those 233 fires, 142 were in Cochise County.

