



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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JANUARY 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented February 22nd, 2023

Incidents: We responded to 42 incidents in January. The average turnout time was 2:58 and the average response time was 8:41. We provided mutual aid once and had two overlapping incidents.

Training: Board Members Ellsworth and Wise are registered for the Statutory Compliance Training on March 3rd, at Corona De Tucson Fire. Captain Olander and Chief Moran are registered for Fire Station Design training to be held May 23rd -May 25th in St. Louis, Missouri. Denise Serna and Chief Moran recently completed FirstNet billing and account management training.

Apparatus Maintenance: The Ford 550 that went in for warranty work to repair a minor oil leak two weeks ago has been discovered to have a cracked back plate (the same backplate that Mr. Kieley was concerned about). Apparently, Ford is insisting on doing the warranty work themselves as they are having enough problems with cracked back plates to possibly warrant a recall. No word yet on when the repairs will be made, as Ford is reportedly experiencing a shortage of the necessary parts.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Doug Nelson has finished installing the metal doors at Admin. The interior door jam and the wood surrounding the second northernmost door was found to have significant termite and water damage. Doug removed all of the rotten wood and replaced it with new. This door is located immediately under the section of the exterior roof that experienced a roof leak. You might have noticed the aluminum door shade over the main admin entrance.. the purpose of which is to deflect rain and block the sun from causing additional damage.

Billing: Unremarkable

Other:

- Fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies from around Cochise County recently met at Benson Police Department to discuss the logistics and preparation for the Cochise Country Festival 2023, to be held March 17th through March 19th. The production team stated a goal of 10,000 people attending throughout the weekend. Traffic in and out of the event is a major concern and most of the surrounding first responder agencies are dealing with personnel shortages that will likely be compounded over this weekend.
- MJFD crews recently provided fire watch at the Mescal Movie during a civil war canon demonstration.
- The County Wide Dispatch migration is far from being completed. To date we have had no contact from their headspace.
- Reminder that Benson Hospital is sponsoring their "Bagels and Blood Pressures" event on the first Friday of each month, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. No appointment is necessary and I would encourage everyone to stop by and get their blood pressure checked.
- The web based EmergencyReporting.com (ERS) software we are currently using to create our Patient Care reports does not meet the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) standards. ESO, the outfit that purchased EmergencyReporting.com has developed a web based Patient Care Report module that does meet the NEMSIS standards and can be incorporated into ERS. ESO plans to discontinue the ERS platform entirely over the next 2-3 years.
- SB1270 is a bill that will require us to include the time seating will be available for those who wish to attend a board meeting in person.



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- HB2808 is a bill that would require us to fulfill records requests within fifteen days or be fined \$500 per day for each day past the deadline. The original text in the bill required record requests to be completed within five days before it was changed. This bill has been met with significant resistance from municipalities, fire districts, and other governmental agencies throughout the state and is unlikely to pass.
- We've received the 2023 Levy Limit Worksheet from both Cochise and Pima Counties. We are still waiting on the final version that combines both, but I anticipate the maximum allowable tax rate to be in the vicinity of \$2.15. Look for the 2023/2024 Budgeting Schedule to be presented at the March 29th Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully,
John Moran
Fire Chief