MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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February, 2024 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented March 27th, 2024

	February	Year to Date
Incidents	398	86
Turnout Time	3:01	2:42
Response Time	10:39	9:13
Mutual Aid Provided	1	2
Mutual Aid Received	0	1
# Overlapping Incidents	0	6 (6.98%)

Training: Training topics included Wildland Refresher training, EMS continuing education, apparatus operation, and fire attack.

Apparatus Maintenance: All apparatus in service at this time.

Facility / Building Maintenance: A small water leak between the pump house and the water tanks at Station 172 was discovered and immediately repaired by staff. Several days later It was discovered that the well at Station 172 was out of service. BJ Drilling replaced a pump panel and restored service the next day. The water to Station 172 is usually kept turned off, so a line break doesn't waste thousands of gallons of water before it is noticed. This proved to be the right move, for as soon as the water was turned on a couple of days later a large water leak was discovered under the building. The water remains shut off to the building as we wait for it to dry out under the building, after which we will determine the best means to get it repaired.

The a/c units at Administration and Station 172 were recently serviced. All units remain in good working order.

Billing: Unremarkable

Other:
OSHA is in the process of updating their rules for "fire brigades" and is currently seeking public comment. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) reports a litany of new rules have been added to the statute, including the incorporation of 14 NFPA standards. The NVFC is working on a response to OSHA's new rules and is asking that OSHA extend the public comment period by 90 days. A quick read of the highlights of the new rules proves they are unreasonable, ambiguous, expensive to implement and will place a burden on the bulk of the nation's volunteer fire departments.

Cochise County Emergency Management recently issued us some technical rescue equipment that will allow our folks to perform several rope rescue techniques and to train regularly in the meantime.