



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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MARCH 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented April 26, 2023

Incidents: We responded to 57 incidents in March, with an average turnout time of 2:17 and an average response time of 9:18. We had 9 overlapping incidents, provided mutual aid on 3 occasions and received mutual aid 3 times in March.

Training: Daily training included leadership skills, incident management and wildland fire attack and more.

Apparatus Maintenance: On April 12th I picked up the 2011 Ford 550 from Jim Click Ford. After placing the unit in service Captain Olander notified me that he found several issues that could only have been created in Ford's shop: unconnected switches for emergency lighting, misc. interior pieces laying on the floorboard, wires in the engine compartment not secured, etc. While all are easily addressed by staff, it points to carelessness on the part of Jim Click Ford. Shortly after placing the vehicle in service I was contacted by staff to explain that Jim Click should have never contacted me and that K and R Automotive was supposed to pick up the vehicle, as our warranty is technically their responsibility. K and R also stated they desired the opportunity to check Jim Click's work. I spoke with a rep from K and R today and the owner is out all week, however; he believed but could not say for certain that there is still an oil leak in this unit. He is supposed to speak with one of the owner's this evening and call me tomorrow.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Unremarkable

Billing: We have a check coming for \$436.80 and I have 8) incidents waiting to be submitted to Fire Recovery USA.

Other:

- Our first budget meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 3rd, at 6:30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a draft version of the budget prior to posting it for public review. On June 14th the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget, changes can be made if necessary, and the board will adopt next fiscal year's budget.
- Toni Smith from VITA Tax Assistance reports that they completed 97 tax returns this year. Unfortunately, Toni and Bill have decided to retire and as it stands, there is no one to replace them next year. VITA is aware that they are welcome here, should they find suitable replacements for Toni and Bill.
- The \$13,000 transfer to the reserve fund was completed on 4/17.