



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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APRIL, 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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Incidents: We responded to 46 incidents in April, with an average turnout time of 2:40 and an average response time of 8:545. We had 4 overlapping incidents, provided mutual aid on 1 occasion and received no mutual aid in April.

Training:

Daily training activities focusing on basic skills. Captain Olander and I just returned from St. Louis where we attended a Station Design Conference. Topics covered a wide range of subjects, from planning to furnishings and very informative. I will have some useful information out to you once I get caught up.

Apparatus Maintenance: R1711, the 2011 Ford, is reportedly oil leak free and working as it should.

Facility / Building Maintenance:

Admin is missing quite a few shingles as a result of the recent winds.

Billing:

Fire Recovery USA has sent out \$2,184.00 in incident response billing and I have several more incidents to upload to the system when time permits.

Other:

- 218 Arizona fire departments currently report incident data to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Call data is typically submitted to NFIRS electronically, on a monthly basis. Mescal-J6 is one of only 48 departments to have ZERO uploads deemed invalid last year. This is the second year in a row that our folks are to be congratulated for this accomplishment.
- SB1270 was signed by the Governor on April 6th... it revises *ARS 38-431.01 Meetings Shall Be Open to the Public* by requiring that enough seats are available for a reasonably anticipated number of persons that will attend. They are not required to move the meeting if they are already in the largest room available. This bill also revised *ARS 38-431.02 Notice of Meetings* to require that agendas note what time the doors will be open to the public. Our agendas will reflect this change.
- Captain Olander and crew having finished testing the last of the supply hose are done with the annual hose testing. I placed an order with United Fire for 700' of 1 3/4" attack hose. Unfortunately, "supply chain issues" mean it could take up to six months to arrive.
- HB2803 Forestry and Fire Management, appropriation is dead. This bill would have provided grant money for, among other things, fire station construction and remodeling.
- Reminder: we have a work session scheduled for June 7th and the Special Meeting/Public Hearing regarding budget adoption is scheduled for June 14th. As always, both meetings are open to the public.
- Scott Sherwood, our most recent non-op support addition, has decided to really retire.. this time in Utah. I spoke with him earlier today to wish him luck and tell him to keep an eye out for something from us in the mail.
- Low staffing is still an issue but there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon, for Pima Community College is finishing up an academy which has already resulted in several inquiries.