



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report

September, 2022

Incidents: We responded to 68 incidents the month of August, with an average turnout time of 2:32 and an average response time of 10:29.

Training: Chief Moran completed mandatory Criminal Justice Information Services Security Awareness Training required by AZ Department of Public Safety, and a Recruitment and Retention workshop hosted by Lexipol and a seminar on Electric Vehicle Battery Fires hosted by the International Fire Chiefs Association. The annual Arizona State Fire School was a success with two firefighters completing their Basic Firefighter Skills course and two completing the Rope Rescue course. I anticipate reimbursements for tuition and lodging to be received in the next month. Misc. shift training centered

Apparatus Maintenance: The Tahoe was removed from service today (9/26/2022) with dead batteries. The cores have been pulled and staff will purchase replacements today. I anticipate the unit will be back on the road tomorrow, September 27th.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Doug Nelson has rebuilt the stairs in the back of Admin and has placed the order for three heavy duty exterior doors for Admin. Nelco Transport is the only outfit I found interested in installing the corrugated metal pipe at Station 171 and will begin that project as soon as the materials are obtained.

Billing: Fire Recovery USA has just over \$2500 remaining to be collected. Nothing collected in the month of August.

Other:

- We received a refund from our workers compensation carrier of \$1,729.00, which represents a 33% reduction between our actual payroll numbers and our carriers estimation.
- 10-4 Medical, the organization that administers our physicals, just sent notice that they have lowered the cost of most of the services they offer. Pre-employment Physicals are \$700 instead of \$800, 10-panel drug tests are included as part of the baseline physical but used to cost \$56. Monitored stress test at \$600 are \$125.00 less. 10-4 Medical may be the only healthcare provider in the nation to lower costs to patients.
- AZDPS just finished a thorough review of our recordkeeping/reporting procedures as they apply to the criminal background checks we are required to obtain on all employees. No deficiencies were noted.
- I have tentatively scheduled some vacation time for myself for either the first and second or the second and third weeks of October. I will most likely check in at the office in the mornings and will be available at home during this time. I will let you know the actual dates once I have my schedule finalized.
- I attended today's Cochise County EMS/ Cochise County Fire Chiefs meetings via Zoom. SEACOM has four National Guard members, two of which have started dispatching with the other two finishing their training very soon. The station alerting project is moving along as planned. Balance of meeting unremarkable; many agencies absent from meeting.
- Firefighter Fuller has located some necessary radio equipment that it is hoped will solve, or at least improve, our intermittent communication issues. The equipment is used, perfectly serviceable, and at savings of 90% what we would expect to pay from a retailer.

Respectfully,

John Moran
Fire Chief