



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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OCTOBER 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented November 29, 2023

	October	Year to Date
Incidents	42	443
Turnout Time	2:54	2:43
Response Time	9:48	8:52
Mutual Aid Provided	1	18
Mutual Aid Received	1	6
% Overlapping Incidents	6 (14.3%)	37 (8.35%)

Two recent fires worth noting are a room and contents fire, ignited by a candle and extinguished by the occupant with a garden hose. The second was the total loss of a 5th wheel toy hauler. The cause was due to it being plugged into shore power with a too small of an extension cord.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Captain Olander on his recent code save. What started as a routine EMS call took a turn when the patient suddenly went into arrest. Captain Olander diverted an air ambulance to a location near the Mescal Movie Set and with the assistance of HCI and Lifeline they were able to save their patient. The patient coded again, was brought back again and airlifted to Tucson.

Training: October's training consisted of new hire training (HIPAA for First Responders, Bloodborne Pathogens, Sexual Harassment Avoidance, etc.) continuing education for EMT's and rope rescue training.

Apparatus Maintenance: No deficiencies at this time.

Facility / Building Maintenance: RFP #2023-002 has been finalized and public notices are being published in the Sierra Vista Herald and Tucson's Arizona Daily Star. Our attorney questioned the amount of time available to prospective bidders; as a result, the bid opening is set for the December 20th regular board meeting.

Billing: Unremarkable.

Other:

- The bid opening for RFP#2023-001 Legal Services was also changed to December 20th. The recent holiday, combined with the publishers confusion as to how many public notices I wanted to run resulted in the notice for this RFP having different publishing dates.
- We are scheduled to host the February 28th, 2024 CCEMS/CCFCA meeting. Unfortunately, these meetings occur on the last Wednesday of the month. Look for an agenda item in December that will change the date of the February 28th, 2024 board meeting.
- Walker & Armstrong has finished the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Review. Time constraints prohibited this being an agenda item tonight, so Lisa Parke will present their findings at the December 20th board meeting.
- We have two separate grant applications at the Federal level. The first is an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) requesting financial assistance for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The second is a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant requesting financial assistance to hire three paid firefighters.



It is confirmed today that FY2022 SAFER and AFSG grants have been awarded. Technical difficulties prevented the Feds from sending notices in October as planned, but they are set to be mailed within the next few days. I will let you all know the results the moment we are notified.

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