



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief's Report

October, 2022

Incidents: We responded to 47 incidents during the month of October. Our average turnout time was a blazing 1:56 and our average response time was 9:25. We provided mutual aid 3 times, received mutual aid once, and had four overlapping calls.

Training: The AFDA recently cancelled the December 2nd training session for new board members and fire chiefs due to low enrollment. No word on a new date.

Apparatus Maintenance: The HAAS driver alert equipment arrived and Lone Mountain Communications will do the installs. Additionally, HAAS has provided a selection of social media ad copy and similar documents we will use to notify our residents of the new system. E171 required a new power steering pump and the repair work was completed by Elite Sales on November 21st. We haven't received an invoice yet, but I estimate the repairs to be approximately \$1,000.00.

Facility / Building Maintenance:

The first phase of the helipad project has been completed. The \$7,500.00 donated for this project was paid via the Warrant account, as we have no blank warrants for the Grant Fund. The balance of the funds were paid from the Reserve. The November 30 agenda includes board action to have the County transfer the \$7,500 from the Grant Fund to the O&M Account for reimbursement. The payment/transfer process was approved by the County Treasurer.

Mark Lee assisted with this project by donating his backhoe to help with removing the old telephone pole border surrounding the helipad. As suspected, the poles were rotten and broke apart when moved, creating a giant mess. Rapid Roll offs delivered a roll off dumpster and with the help of Dana Law donating his skid steer and grappling hook attachment we were able to gather up all the rest of the broken poles and dispose of them. As time permits, I've been working to clear years of built up dirt and gravel from the asphalt entry off J-6 Ranch Road to the helipad and apparatus barn. The goal is to reduce the amount of flying rocks and debris created by helicopters and remove the gravel that creates a slip/fall hazard for our personnel.

I also received a request for and submitted an invoice for the next \$5,000.00 installment from SSVEC, however; I do not anticipate receiving these funds before the first of the new year, when SSVEC's next fiscal year begins.

Billing: We've began providing fire/EMS standby for production companies using the Mescal Movie Set on as needed/as available basis for \$115.00 an hour. We are charging the same rate for apparatus as our State wildland contract, plus \$30.00 to cover FF wages. I recently sent out invoices totaling \$2,702.50.

Other:

Still no word on when the County Wide Dispatching system will go online, but I'm confident it won't be until the first of the year.

In regards to the Arizona Ombudsman's investigation of our refusal to provide detailed payroll information of our employees and volunteers: I am in discussions with our attorney. She will issue an official opinion for us at the end of the week. This will most likely require board action at the next board meeting.



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GoDaddy has finished transitioning our email accounts to their Microsoft Exchange email service. There are still a few folks who do not have all of their old emails showing up. I will attempt to determine what is going on once higher priority issues have been resolved.

Mrs. Joanne Ellsworth will be officially sworn in the morning of November 30 and will be here for the December Special Meeting, the date of which has yet to be determined.

Respectfully,
John Moran
Fire Chief