



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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NOVEMBER 2023 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented December 20, 2023

	NOVEMBER 2023	Year to Date
Incidents	40	504
Turnout Time	3:17	2:41
Response Time	10:31	8:57
Mutual Aid Provided	3	21
Mutual Aid Received	3	9
Overlapping Incidents	2 (5%)	45 (8.9%)

Training: Chief Moran is currently enrolled in the IAFC course "Transitioning from Volunteer to Combination Department". Firefighter Christopher Peralta graduated from his Arizona Firefighter II Academy on December 6th. New hire training continues. Additional firefighter training consists of leadership and EMT re-certification skills.

Apparatus Maintenance: Unremarkable for apparatus maintenance; however, our annual ladder testing was recently conducted. Allied Testing failed one 14' roof ladder. The ladder has been removed from service and replaced with a spare until a new one purchased.

Facility / Building Maintenance: Two bids received for the roof project.

Billing: Unremarkable

Other:

- MJFD joined with neighboring fire departments to support the Benson Food Pantry's canned food drive during Benson's Annual Christmas event.
- As of this evening we have received only two entries for our Christmas Lights decorating contest. The judging is scheduled for December 22. Considering the level of interest I suggest we cancel the event and save the contest prizes for a future event.
- SEACOM's paging system, G2, is now linked to Benson Police Dispatch center, allowing for shared responsibilities and communication between the two dispatch centers. The system went officially online on Monday, December 18th. Mapping revisions related to dispatching the appropriate agency for 911 calls now denotes our unofficial "provisional" response areas in addition to our official boundaries for Cochise County; the same mapping updates for Pima County have been initiated but will likely not be complete for a couple of months. Complexities beyond local/County control at the State level prevent provisional mapping in the current system used by AZDPS; this will continue to present dispatch challenges on I-10, but only when DPS officers initiate a request for fire/ems assistance.
- This coming semester's EMT certification program at Cochise College's Benson location is in danger of being cancelled entirely. As of this afternoon there is only one student signed up; they need eight. The college has attempted to provide this course in Benson for several years in a row now, but low enrollment has continually prevented them from doing so.



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- In addition to the additional information provided by the G2 dispatching service, Captain Olander and myself will soon have mobile access to Spillman, the dispatching software utilized by both BPD and SEACOM. This will allow us to view the real time location of ambulances and neighboring fire apparatus. Eventually, every MJFD firefighter will be given secure access to Spillman and tablets/devices can be installed in individual apparatus.
- We received no bids for legal services.