



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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2025 Five-Year Plan

The Mescal-J6 Fire District Governing Board has identified several projects, capital expenditures and other major improvements that, when realized, will best serve the needs of our community well into the future.

Priority for major projects has been established as:

1. Increasing the number of both volunteer and career firefighters;
2. Purchasing mission specific vehicles/apparatus.
3. Purchasing equipment, training props and safety gear.
4. Increase community outreach efforts.
5. Construction of a new fire station.

Fiscal Year 2025

Facilities:

- Explore financing options, including the possibility of obtaining grants and donations in addition to construction/building loans for the construction of new fire station.
- ADA compliant parking area at the MJFD Administration Building.
- Acquire funds and evaluate repairs, maintenance and modifications (including expansion, if necessary) of the pole barn at Station 172 to better serve district needs.

Staffing:

- Increase staffing levels to three career Firefighter/EMT's supported by a diverse group of volunteer firefighters and support personnel.

Equipment:

- Purchase a set of battery operated hydraulic extrication tools.
- Investigate available options and expenses associated with relocating our existing radio tower to a location that would provide better coverage.

Apparatus:

- Purchase a 4x4 Side by Side or similar all terrain vehicle capable of efficient off-road operation in rough country.

Training

- Partner with community colleges and/or area instructors in an effort to provide fire suppression and emergency medical technician certification that is thorough in scope and accessible by volunteers in the evenings and weekends.
- Construct/purchase additional training materials and props.

Outreach

- Host movie nights, open houses and other family oriented events with the goal of attracting local residents who would become volunteer firefighters and support personnel.
- Maintain website.
- Use of reserve funds for legal representation as necessary
- Provide District representation at Cochise County EMS and Cochise County Fire Chief's Association meetings and funnel relevant information to the board.



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Fiscal Year 2026

Facilities:

- Establish minimum square feet necessary for apparatus storage, crew quarters, public meeting spaces, training props, etc.
- Obtain architectural assistance for building design.
- Purchase real property for future fire station and evaluate current properties for possible sale.

Staffing:

- Investigate available options for third party record management services.

Equipment:

- Purchase a drone capable of thermal imaging, night vision and additional features that will support future search and rescue endeavors, as well as wildland and structural firefighting and other relative tasks.

Fiscal Year 2027

Facilities:

- Finalize funding for building construction

Staffing:

- Increase staffing according to the availability of funds
- Determine feasibility of training / staffing paramedics with anticipation of providing a higher level of service for EMS and MVA calls.

Equipment:

- Purchase Technical Rescue equipment and training props

Apparatus:

- Purchase a Type III Fire Engine

Outreach

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Fiscal Year 2028

Facilities:

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Staffing:

- Increase staffing according to the availability of funds

Equipment:

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Apparatus:

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Outreach

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Fiscal Year 2029

Facilities:

- Construction of new fire station completed

Staffing:

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Equipment:

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Apparatus:

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Outreach:



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The following list represents ongoing projects that carry over from year to year

- A. Continue working with J-6 Ranch Subdivision developers to insure the sub-division is fire code compliant and structures are defensible in case of fire or other emergencies.
- B. Identify and correct maintenance issues with facilities and equipment in a timely manner.
- C. Develop vehicle/equipment procurement, rehabilitation and replacement schedule. Begin funding and acquiring as soon as fiscally possible. Examples: brush truck, engine, tender, etc.
- D. Evaluate calls for service to establish patterns and implement program to staff trained personnel at peak call times.
- E. Continue sending representatives to AFDA conferences.
- F. Fire Chief to present annual "State of the District" update each January.