



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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FY2023 FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The Mescal J6 Fire District was created in 2009 to provide reliable emergency services to residents of the District including fire suppression, emergency medical services, motor vehicle accident support and any other emergency services as necessary to serve the community. The District does not provide law enforcement but supports law enforcement officials as requested. The District's sole purpose for existence is to serve the community. The Mescal J6 Fire District Five Year Plan identifies administrative tasks, goals, objectives and anticipated capital item purchases necessary to carry out the mission of the Fire District. Some administrative tasks and objectives are continual and ongoing, The Five Year Plan is a joint effort between Operational Staff, the Governing Board and the community. Upon approved by the Governing Board, the plan is implemented by the Fire Chief. From time to time the Board Chair or the Board Clerk may request the Fire Chief to provide a report regarding progress in achieving the goals set forth in the plan..

Fiscal Year 2023

1. Acquire funds and construct/purchase additional training materials and props.
2. Maintain website. Identify and implement improvements to live streaming capabilities.
3. Investigate the feasibility of a fire suppression subscription policy for homeowners residing outside District limits; implement if beneficial to the District.
4. Install culvert in drainage easement north of Station 171 to eliminate the open ditch and associated hazards.
5. Acquire funds and evaluate repairs, maintenance and modifications (including expansion, if necessary) of the pole barn at Station 172 to better serve district needs.
6. Acquire additional funds and improve the helipad at Station 172 as necessary to keep it safe, functional and operational.
7. Acquire funds for landscaping and an ADA compliant parking area at the MJFD Administration Building.
8. Evaluate communication/dispatch system and identify areas needing improvement with the goal of receiving 100% of calls in our service area.
9. Use of reserve funds for legal representation of the District as necessary.
10. Evaluate staffing needs and associated costs with goal of increasing staffing levels.
11. Provide District representation at Cochise County EMS and Cochise County Fire Chief's Association meetings and funnel relevant information to the board.

Fiscal Year 2024

1. Items not completed in FY2023 will roll into the FY2024 plan.
2. Maintain, update and expand Standard Operating Guidelines and administrative policies and procedures. Implement financial policies and procedures.
3. Continue to develop the staffing program with goal of staffing a minimum of two personnel 24 hours a day, with a minimum of at least one EMT each shift. Reduce average response time within district.
4. Improve community outreach program through community partnerships and other means such as yard sales, fireman's ball, BBQ's, etc.
5. Obtain funds for response vehicle that meets District needs (such as a Type III Pumper)



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Fiscal Year 2025

1. Any items not completed in FY2024 will be automatically included in the FY2025 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Continue to develop community outreach services including free blood pressure checks, website, fire prevention services, first aid station and other services.
3. Determine feasibility of training / staffing paramedics with anticipation of providing a higher level of service for EMS and MVA calls.
4. Investigate feasibility of utilizing current property for the construction of a new, modern fire station.

Fiscal Year 2026

1. Any items not completed in FY2025 will be automatically included in the FY2026 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Continue contracting with State fire agencies, ~~Forest Service and BLM~~ to generate additional revenue for the district.
3. Maintain line of communication with neighboring entities such as ADOT, AZDPS, CCSO, Union Pacific, Kinder-Morgan, Southwest Gas, etc.
4. Develop community emergency planning in connection with faith based organizations in the community. Identify evacuation plans and safe areas where people can be cared for in case of emergency.

Fiscal Year 2027

1. Any items not completed in FY2026 will be automatically included in the FY2027 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Explore grant writing resources through Lexipol, AFDA, etc. and engage as applicable.

Fiscal Year 2028

1. Any items not completed in FY2027 will be automatically included in the FY2028 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Implement minimum 24/7 staffing of two personnel trained to the AZ Firefighter II and National Registry EMT-B levels.

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. Acquire funds and make payments on Water Tender 171. Evaluate feasibility of retiring the debt as soon as fiscally possible.
- C. Acquire funds and evaluate need to purchase additional property suitable for training areas, sleeping quarters, classrooms, and office space as the district grows and needs increase.
- D. Acquire funds, identify and correct maintenance issues with facilities and equipment in a timely manner.
- E. Develop vehicle/equipment procurement, rehabilitation and replacement schedule. Begin funding and acquiring as soon as fiscally possible. Examples: brush truck, engine, tender, etc.



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Ongoing Projects, Continued

- F. Evaluate calls for service to establish patterns and implement program to staff trained personnel at peak call times. Goal is to staff at least one EMT on all shifts.
- G. Continue sending representatives to AFDA conferences.
- H. Fire Chief to present annual "State of the District" update each January.