



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Report

June 2026

Presented at the July 29th, 2026, Board Meeting

Incidents: 6/1- 6/30/ -68 - total; fire- 9; EMS- 39; other-20

Total for 2026 - -320 ; 2025---323; **3 less**

Mutual aid: given-6, received-3 ; billable calls-4

Significant calls : Double fatality I-10; semi fire; brush fire endangering structure

Hazard Mitigation Collections: \$ for June

Still working on totaling \$17,000

Consortium credit card quarterly earnings \$141.62

Projects:

Strategic Plan: Presenting update tonight

Policy Review:

Revised Policy on selling of surplus items. Other Policies--I will continue to evaluate and bring forward. Some JPRs are changing and we don't want to repeat the process too soon. Capt Olander and Lt. Peralta are attending Officer I&2 training. Part of their homework is to look at policies and procedures as they pertain to JPR's. We'll be utilizing this work to revisit our SOP's and SOG's.

Repeater:

Follow up has been made --TEP and ASLD have agreed to the placement of our repeater. Awaiting final signatures. Should take less than 2 months.

Connex box in place. Crews working on it to allow it to function as we need. All turnouts except for those on duty now placed in box, effectively reducing their exposure to diesel, etc, which prevents our FF from exposure. A big step forward in the safety, health and survival of our FF.

Activities:

Will be beginning to train other FDs on use of extrication equipment.

Tender 171 had normal fluid replacement and lubrication. Found a few gasket leaks as well. Also, first set of dual tires needed replacement, safety issue.
R171 Solenoid gear frozen, no damage because crews understood issue immediately and shut it down. Fixed.

New to us brush truck received new DPF system which will extend the life of the vehicle.

We have taken delivery of our new-to-us Type III WL engine for use from DFFM in perpetuity. They will not take from us unless they upgrade us. This is a big deal as it will have capacity we don't have even with the new brush truck. Sundance Fire has DONATED almost all equipment to initially outfit, saving the district 10's of thousands of dollars. NO MONEY WAS EXCHANGED. I have been working with PCOEM/WL to secure remaining equipment for free. It's looking good that we may be able to do everything for free. We may have to spend a few dollars, but I'm working so we don't have to.

Cumaro Valley: Awaiting date to meet with residents from President.

Grant Activities:

100 Club: Received notification of award for 3 complete turnout ensembles. Working through paperwork. This is a pay-then receive grant, so we will be asking for reserve account monies to pay by check, then reimbursement will come back in check, making a transparent and easy to see transaction. Total will be \$17,625.15 or less.

We submitted the HRSA non-competitive grant for our rescue trucks and UTV. We did this a week early so if any adjustments had to be made, they could be. We received email confirmation that it passed initial review. A second message was received that it has been given and received by agency responsible for reviewing. We are hopeful it will pass this committee, and we await further direction on next steps.

Received email from Senators Gallego and Kelly that we made cut to go forward on CDS for station. Not a done deal, but we beat out hundreds of others and it's a great first step. No further update so far.

Consequently, we had a representative from Senator Kelly's team come and do a tour of all our facilities. We feel this went extremely well and we're hopeful the Senator and Senate Appropriations Committee will include us in the next bill. This is the CDS to fund \$5M for new fire station. When I first spoke of this during May meeting, a member of the attendees stated, "That means our taxes will go up!" This is not true. This is a grant given to us free of charge. It has nothing to do with our residents' taxes.

AFG-Submitted-- asked for 6 turnout ensembles.

FP&S- Submitted-- this will pay for our third-party Community Risk Assessment and subsequent Plan. This is one of our “pillars” in our Strategic Plan and we are excited for the results so we can put a comprehensive risk reduction plan into place.

We have purchased two K9 and two 18” chainsaws that are electric but have the same capabilities. We have been moving in this direction slowly so as many of our power equipment, lights, saws, etc operate on the same battery platform. We have been in contact with our mutual aid partners, and they are on board with moving in this direction also. This results in a more efficient and effective fireground, as well as uniformity which leads to better outcomes. We still need lighting and are awaiting the GOHS on our grant for extrication equipment that will augment our current battery-operated jaws and cutters. This shows the ability to come together and be more efficient overall, which leads to reduced extrication time and better patient outcomes.

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