



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Report

May 2026

Presented at the June 24th, 2026, Board Meeting

Incidents: 4/1- 4/30/ --68 total; fire- 8; ems- 40 ; other-20

Total for 2026 - - 252 ; 2025---269; **17 less**

Mutual aid: given-5 , received-0 ; billable calls-2

Significant calls : Rescue out from Empirita area; I-10 multiple roll over

Hazard Mitigation Collections: \$120.00 for May

Still working on totaling \$14,000

Projects:

Strategic Plan: Continue to work on report. Will give report at July 29,2026 board meeting.

Policy Review:

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.

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.

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

I have secured a 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: Continue to communicate with HOA. Captain and crews went out to look and determine if they are correct tanks, and access. It has been determined that access is not available and it would not be money well spent.

Went to far north side to pick up trash pump and bring it back for servicing and crew training. It will be returned to property asap.

Potential Shared Services with St David Fire District:

Moving forward with documents requested. Fire Chiefs have discussed areas of commonality and the need for training together regardless of if merger happens.

Grant Activities:

100 Club: Ours is in, awaiting decision for turnouts to try and begin rotation of buying every year/other year so they don't all time-out concurrently.

We are actively working on the HRSA non-competitive grant for our rescue trucks and UTV. Due July 6.

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.

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. EOR