



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Report

September 2026

Presented at October 28th, 2026, Board Meeting

Incidents: 9/1- 9/30 - -71 total; fire- 7; EMS-32 ; other-32

Total for 2026-- 527; 2025---;498 **increase of 29 or 10% which is high**

Mutual aid: given-4, received-0 ; billable calls-2

Significant calls:

Hazard Mitigation Collections: \$481.00 for July

Still working on 22 claims totaling \$33,029.25

Projects:

WL Plan

I have created and distributed to the Board, the 6-Phase Wildland Plan. It involves everything from educational sessions to legal agreements for MJFD, to, in an emergency, if warranted, refill tanks from individually owned water tanks.

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. As part of their Officer I and II training, Capt Olander and Lt. Peralta are looking at some policies and procedures as they pertain to JPR's. We'll be utilizing this work to revisit our SOP's and SOG's.

Repeater:

Awaiting instructions on access. We will need to have coordination meeting prior to install to ensure radio coverage, etc through process. Once that is done and we have access, we will install.

Activities:

Our annual mandatory training for Infection Control, HIPAA, and Sexual Harassment is underway. Total of 4 hours.

Been working on mandatory continuing education for the recertification of my Paramedic.

Grant Activities:

Got our 4th quarter GOHS reporting in on time and we have not received an email with any corrections, etc.

2027 GOHS grant for stabilization equipment is signed and on its way to Phoenix. Once the Director signs, we can order the equipment. It will initially come out of Reserve, and then be reimbursed by GOHS once received, recorded and entered into our equipment inventory.

We submitted a grant for Hazardous Materials monitors. These monitors “sniff” for the bad stuff as well as oxygen levels. This will enhance the safety of our personnel and better scene management.

100 Club: We’ve gotten everyone sized, now we work towards getting them built and distributed. This could take up to 90 days. We are working closely with the vendor to ensure good information and process is in order. Latest bid shows we will come in below amount granted.

We have received confirmation of the HRSA non-competitive grant for our rescue trucks and UTV. Awaiting word on next step. This is a no-match grant. Fire Station (should we get it). The reason is it is part of a CDS and not just a HUD grant. This means, according to Senator Kelly’s office and paperwork received, that it is not a grant...it’s a CDS, that is monitored by a non-competitive “grant”, so there is accountability.

FF/Paramedic Kearney has been working hard with IMD, our Medical Direction Team on the new DEA requirements, training for EMT-IV, and Quality Assurance. We are no longer being replaced for disposable equipment we’ve used from NCE, therefore, we must find it within our budget so we can offer these services to our citizens. This was unanticipated, so it will take some time to iron out.

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.

AFG-Submitted-- asked for 6 turnout ensembles. Awaiting word.

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.

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