



MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Report

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Presented at September 2025 Board Meeting

Incidents: 8/1- 8/31/25: 44 total 9 fire; 25 ems; 10 other. Mutual aid: given-0, received-1; billable calls-5.

Total for 2025 – 442; 2024-396– **up 46 calls. 10% increase.**

Fires: The “Pecan” fire

Hazard Mitigation Collections: Aug \$3,156.20. Still working on over \$19K. I’ve sent one to collections as it’s a large one over \$7,000.

Apparatus: No repairs for the month. We will have a couple in September.

I was informed that the application I put in for a BLM Type-VI brush truck was accepted and is one of a group of other districts who have expressed interest. I wrote that letter last November, but BLM had to wait to get their new Type VI before they could officially open it. I have had contact with two other individuals that I know in the WL business, and they are putting a good word in for us. It will be difficult, but we really need to replace our brush truck.

Projects: Strategic Plan Rollout: Continue to begin to slowly work with individuals to sit on committees. Right now, we have the beginnings of a fundraising committee, an operations communications committee, and an external communications committee. If you are interested in serving or know of someone who would like to, please have them contact me.

IT: Able to get the separation of Starlink for computer, Wi-Fi, printers and Bluespan for phones. This has made a big difference in reliability.

Repeater: Numbers sent from equipment donated to MJ6FD by Mr. Zappia, to TEP as requested. More to come. Nothing new. Chief to ask Chris from Bluespan to make a phone call to his contact at TEP.

Activities:

I Taught at State Fire School September 4-7. Three of our FF attended classes:

Josh Olander- initial fire investigations

Darren Markley- extrication

Ben Brewer- basic firefighting

I was able to secure scholarships, so our cost was reduced by \$1200 and my attendance, room, food was covered by State Training Committee.

Grant Activities:

GOHS- Received pre-funding paperwork, that has been filled out and a record of receipt by GOHS has been completed. We should then receive our money: electric spreaders, cutters, and extension tips with battery charger and batteries will be purchased.

Dispersal of funds to begin in October. Unknown exactly when we will receive ours, but we have worked with vendor Amkus, to ship our order as soon as we have the funds.

HRFSA- wrote for two pickup trucks, fully loaded with EMS, rescue and other safety equipment. This will improve safety, ensure we have at least one truck in service and have capabilities to get back into tight spaces with new ATV rescue. GREAT NEWS! WE'VE MADE IT PASSED THE SECOND CUT! NO GUARANTEES, BUT IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO BE! Update: We have now made it through and are part of the actual bill the Senators and Congressmen are requesting be funded at the national level! One more step forward! Decisions are not likely till December, 2025.

AFG- Suppression helmets, boots, gloves, not open yet

SAFER- we cannot afford to write for it due to matching %.

Frank Antenori- We have received our check from County BOS awarding us \$3000 towards our much-needed hose and a specialized nozzle that utilizes a straight stream on a fan pattern. Together with our F-500 additive, we know we will be able to penetrate the seat of fire faster. This should result in a quicker fire knockdown, giving us time for rescue and/or a reduction in overall loss. Of course, there are many factors that lead to this, but we are doing the things we can to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

FPS- Wrote for community risk reduction evaluation, \$11,650. We will not do it unless we get grant. No word yet on this.

Railroad- a bit of phone tag with their community rep, but we're continuing to try. We have worked out a simple plan of calling the emergency number, then selecting a number on phone to get correct information.

I have been working with SEAGO and they have developed an overall plan for the construction of the community center and fire station. It is a start, and they have done a tremendous amount of work for free!

Arizona 1st. will be utilizing them hopefully for portions of the plan.

I, the landowner and our potential donor met regarding property purchase for new community center/fire station. It was very productive. There are many questions that need to be answered, so we are working on those.