



# **WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT**

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## **Chief's Report**

**March 19th, 2024**

### **Operations:**

Activity for 2024 30 - Incidents

Activity since last report:  
6 – EMS  
2– Special Duty  
1 – Wildfire

### February Update:

In February, we welcomed another reserve member to our team, Tom Cheatham, who brings valuable experience as a local EMT. We've also been proactive in seeking funding opportunities, such as applying for the AFG Federal Grant to acquire essential equipment like SCBA's, Turnouts, and a new SCBA Fill station/Cascade to ensure the safety and efficiency of our operations.

Training remains a primary focus for our new firefighters, with emphasis on mastering apparatus and procedures. Additionally, we've reached out to numerous companies for donations to meet the various needs of our district, and the response has been encouraging. Accu Temp AZ has generously donated central AC for the station, enhancing our working environment. They are also working on installing ventilation and a swamp cooler on the Bay.

Continuing our efforts to improve facilities, we're in discussions with Home Depot regarding a station remodel, with a projected start date of April 15th. Furthermore, we're grateful to Bisbee PD for their donation of three vehicles, two of which will serve as staff vehicles, and one designated for training purposes. We plan to consider selling the training vehicle once its purpose is fulfilled.

The total value of donations received thus far is approximately \$60,000. Among these donations are valuable contributions from Nightride (Thermal imaging mounted to a response vehicle), Bob's Furniture, American Home Furnishing, Best Technology Lighting (updated lightbars), and Southwest Emergency Products (mattresses and staff radio).



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Finally, the Water Wheel Fire Auxiliary has allocated \$2,500 for the update of Fire Uniforms, further enhancing the safety and professionalism of our team. We express our sincere gratitude to all donors, and we remain committed to seeking additional support to bolster our capabilities going forward.

### **Equipment / Facilities:**

Sq 71 has been repaired and back in service.

E71 Generator has been repaired and is also back in-service

Beaver Valley Bladder Tank had a valve left on it and broke releasing 50,000 gallons of water, we drafted from the pond to refill and fixed the valve.

Respectfully submitted;

*Cris Lecher - Fire Chief*