



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

November 21, 2023

Operations:

Activity for 2023 141 - Incidents

Activity since last report: 9 – EMS
4– Special Duty

Good news for the staffing. Since the end of October, we have hired two FF/paramedics and one FF/EMT as well as one part-time employee who is currently in EMT training. As these new employees come on line the amount of training that is required for each one will vary based upon their levels of experience and previous training. Some that have been doing this job for a long period of time do not need much training other than to get familiar with the communities and our equipment, while others require more extensive training before they can function independently.

We have entered into a regional agreement with other Fire District and Fire Departments in Gila County to utilize a new resource to administer and track various types of work related training. This software tool will allow us to track an individual's training progress and career development. It will also provide shared data between agencies, since many of our employees work at other agencies, the training an employee receives at one organization can be credited to another agency via this shared database.

Equipment / Facilities:

We have received the replacement generator for E71 and are awaiting the installation by our mechanic later this month. The water tank on E71 has been repaired under warranty by the tank manufacturer and the truck is in service.

Our annual ladder testing will take place tomorrow at station 21 in Star Valley.

The Chase Brush Pit ended the 2023 operational season on October 22nd and has been pushed in preparation for the FS to burn when conditions are right for them. Donations to help cover the maintenance of the pit during this season were \$1204.00 and expenses were \$1540.00. We thank all of the participants for their generous contributions to ensure this valuable community resource can continue to operate for the benefit of our property owners.

We are still waiting on the repairs to be completed on the water leak at station 74 in Bonita Creek. Access to the leak inside the wall has proven to be challenging for the plumbers making the repairs.

The accidental fuel spill that occurred a couple months ago next to the fire station has been cleaned up and the area restored.



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Administration:

The State of Arizona minimum wage increases effective January 1, 2024 to \$14.35 per hour. This will affect two of our employees.

With changes in Board Members and administrative staff of the District, there will be many changes moving forward over the next couple months as the new folks move into these vacated positions.

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmaier - Fire Chief