



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

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Operations:

Activity for 2023 3 Incidents

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

2023 seems to be off to a slow start for the District. Although we have experienced a couple moderate winter weather events they have not generated any emergency responses for us. We always try to anticipate our needs and compensate by double staffing for some of the weather related events. This has been a valuable attribute for some of the weather related events in the past. This is something we are doing on the major holiday weekends during the summer months unless the forest is closed.

I have been working with the Town of Payson Water Department, Native Air, and a tower lighting vendor in the valley to see if we can get some sort of lighting on the tower at the CC Cragin Hydro Facility to improve the safety of that helicopter landing pad for night-time medical helicopter operations.

Equipment / Facilities:

E71 motor replacement is complete and the truck is back in service. The total cost was about \$15K. The remaining facilities and equipment are all in service at this time.

Administration:

We are still waiting to hear from FEMA regarding our 2021 AFG Grant request. Grant awards continue to be announced. I have submitted a Grant Request to the Mogollon Health Alliance for the purchase of some medical equipment for the District in the amount of \$1,089.00. We are still waiting on the appraisal for station 72 so the sales transaction can be completed. Fire Station 72 is officially closed as a fire station. We still have supplies stored in the building.

It is once again budget season. We have received our Net Assessed Valuation numbers from the Gila County Assessor's Office. Our District Assessed Value increased by 3.56% from last year to \$15,099.073 for the up coming tax year. I will be presenting a DRAFT 2023-2024 Budget at the next Board Meeting in March for discussion and input from the Board.

The State Legislature is back in session. There are several bills that have been introduced that could affect Fire Districts. I have provided each of you with a summary of the ones that could have an impact on our future operations.

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmanier - Fire Chief