

WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

October 18, 2022

Operations:

Activity for 2022 104 Incidents

Activity since last report: 8 - EMS

5 - Special Duty

1 - First Alarm assist to HFD

We responded to 14 calls since our last meeting which is 12 more than a year ago, a 12% increase.

We continue to expand our emergency medical service capabilities by utilizing Specialty Training opportunities allowed by AZDHS for our basic EMTs. Over the past couple years we have added certifications for IVs, nebulized medication administration, 12-lead acquisition, capnography acquisition and interpretation, supraglottic airway devices (i-gel), and most recently Intra-muscular injections of epinephrine for anaphylactic shock. All of these new skills are important additions to their patient treatment abilities and the most recent IM epinephrine is a potentially life saving intervention. This skill replaces the use of epi-pen auto injectors which are extremely expensive and they are a one time use device.

Our annual Awards Banquet will be held Wednesday December 14th at 5PM, here at station 71.

Equipment / Facilities:

All apparatus and facilities are in service. BR746 was returned to service last Monday following extensive repairs. The entire fuel system from fuel tank to fuel injectors required replacement at a total cost of just over \$10,000.

Liquidation of WT72 has been completed. It was sold to an animal sanctuary in Colorado. E73 has not been sold and has been removed from the brokers sales listing. We received no inquiries about this truck in the 2 months it was listed.

Annual maintenance of the two waste water treatment systems at station 72 and 74 have been completed. These are alternative septic systems that require annual maintenance to assure they remain in proper operating condition.

Administration:

The grant application that was submitted to the Mogollon Health Alliance for the purchase of two EZ-IO drill kits for intraosseous IV access on trauma and cardiac arrest patients in the amount of \$2,170 has been denied. The reason for the denial was that we missed their fiscal year for grants. I will resubmit the request again at a later date. FEMA AFG grant awards continue to be posted, however we have not been notified. There was an announcement last week that FEMA has increase the total funding for AFG Grants this cycle by \$90 million so there is still a chance for us to have a grant award.



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We continue to move forward with the process of liquidating fire station 72 in Rim Trail. There is an agenda item at this meeting for discussion regarding the process and the status of the ongoing efforts. This liquidation of assets will require us to amend our current budget for fiscal 2022-2023 as will the passage of PROP 310 if it is successful. We will begin this process in December 2022.

The Fire District winter conference is being held back in Laughlin Nevada January 11, 12, 13 of 2023. Details are not yet available but new Board Members are required to take 6 hours of mandatory training within one year of election or appointment. This includes any Board Member that is re-elected or re-appointed. More information will be forthcoming.

Election day is November 8th. Please ask your friends and family to support PROP 310 at the polls this year. This proposition is critical to each of the 144 Fire Districts in the State of Arizona. All new Board Members take office December 1st so we will need to have a special meeting to elect new officers at that time.

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmaier - Fire Chief