



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

March 28, 2023

Operations:

Activity for 2023 19 Incidents

Activity since last report: 7 – EMS
8 – Special Duty

Responses for emergencies have increased back to a normal level for this time of year with most of the Special Duty responses being weather related.

I have received the quote from the lighting vendor for putting an infrared warning light on the tower at the CC Cragin Hydro Facility in Rim Trail. The quote came in at more than \$19,000, which is much greater than I had anticipated. I have forwarded the quote to the Town of Payson Water Department (owner of the tower), Banner Air and Air Methods (the two air ambulance providers in Payson). If the cost were to have been more reasonable perhaps the Fire District could have cost shared this project, but since the quote is so very high, the District can not participate in any cost share. At this point no decision by the other parties has been made.

Dan Green recently completed his EMT refresher training in Tonto Basin, so he is certified for another two years. Tyler Hamilton and Andrew Ellis just completed a CPR Instructor class this past Saturday at PFD. Once they complete teaching a class successfully they will be certified for a two year period. This will give the District three CPR Instructors.

During the last heavy snow storm one of our employees sustained a minor injury which required medical attention at the emergency room at the hospital. The injury was diagnosed as a minor sprain to the wrist and is our first Workers Comp claim in more than 5 years. The employee did not suffer any lost days of work.

Equipment / Facilities:

The water tank on E71 has been repaired by the manufacturer. The tank has a lifetime warranty and was repaired under that warranty. We have also discovered a voltage regulator issue with the generator on this truck and are working on getting this repaired or replaced. If replacement is necessary it will be under next fiscal year's fiscal budget.

Administration:

We are still waiting to hear from FEMA regarding our 2021 AFG Grant request. Grant awards continue to be announced. We are still waiting to hear from MHA about our grant request for medical equipment. We did receive a donation of \$1,200 from the WWFMD Auxiliary which was used to purchase a new EZ-IO drill and needles.



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Last Thursday I received the final appraisal document from the appraiser for fire station 72 in Rim Trail. The appraised value for the property came in at a value which will allow us to sell it to the owner of the property directly behind the fire station. The final payment has been made to the appraisal company for the work they performed for the District. I have notified the title company that we are ready to proceed with the process of closing the sale of the property.

There is still a lot of prep work to be done on the 2023-2024 Budget as we move forward. The DRAFT budget is being distributed to each of you along with a copy of the current budget to have an opportunity for you to study and comment at upcoming meetings. Once the sale of station 72 is complete we will need to amend the current 2022-2023 budget to reflect this sale along with a couple other financial transactions that were not in the original approved 2022-2023 budget.

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmater - Fire Chief