



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

June 20, 2023

Operations:

Activity for 2023	54 Incidents
Activity since last report:	12 – EMS 1 – Special Duty 12 – Abandoned Campfires

With the weather warming it is bringing the normal influx of recreating public to our part of the State. With that increase in activity also comes an increase in our activity. On Saturday of Memorial Weekend we had three EMS calls nearly at the same time, all of which were brought to the fire station by family members of the injured parties.

Sue is still working on putting the data together for possible reimbursement of some of our Worker's Comp premiums as the result of the State receiving Federal ARPA funds as the result of the COVID pandemic. This is a long and tedious process and there is not a lot of instructions available to make this a smooth process.

Wildfire activities around the State continue to increase. There is only one fire right now in Arizona that is burning at greater than 1000 ac, located 10 miles west of Clints Well in the Coconino National Forest. This fire was started by lightning and is burning in a very remote area. The fire is being treated as a resource management fire which means they are allowing it to burn in a controlled manner for the best environmental benefit.

Tyler has just successfully completed his first paramedic refresher class. The class was held in Peoria and was taught by the same organization that taught his initial paramedic class.

Equipment / Facilities:

All equipment and apparatus are in service at this time except the Polaris Ranger. Annual DOT inspections and routine maintenance on all apparatus will begin in July with the start of the new fiscal year. A list of maintenance items for each vehicle has been sent to our mechanic so he can anticipate our needs.

The Polaris Ranger (UTV71) is out of service due to motor issues. We think we will need to replace the motor. The Ranger has over 11,000 miles which is very high for these vehicles.

I am happy to announce that E72 has been sold. A small volunteer fire department in the town of Grant, Oklahoma has purchased the truck for \$16,000. It will be picked up tomorrow.

Replaced the 4 rear tires on SQ71 yesterday.



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Administration:

We are still waiting to hear from FEMA regarding our 2021 AFG Grant request.

Remember the regular board meeting time will be changing with the next meeting on July 18th. The day of the month is not changing, only the starting time. It will be at 6:30 PM the third Tuesday of each month here at station 71. A letter notifying Gila County has been sent and the notice will also be posted on our website.

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmaier - Fire Chief