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Fire Chief's Report

We ran 6 calls for the month of September.

I have updated the Activity Report and Training Report.

The Activity Report is the forms used to document each call. This updated report will ensure all necessary information is gathered on a scene, so that a bill may be generated, if appropriate. Additionally, it classifies calls in a way which will allow a more efficient way of extracting data for the purposes of grant applications.

The Training Report was updated to ensure that, in addition to training being properly documented, it is properly classified so that ISO will be able to give the fire district proper credit during an ISO grading.

The basic firefighting skills in-house class has begun. The last day will be on October 29th.

We had a semi truck fire last week in which a section of 1 ¾" and 2 ½" hose was rendered out of service. It is my recommendation that we bill for damaged/destroyed equipment from a scene, as well as bill for gallons of foam used on a fire, in addition to the vehicle and personnel rates.

I have added our apparatus to the Cooperator's Fire Resource Agreement (CFRA) with State Forestry. This shows the state which vehicles we have available to respond to wildland fires. We are assigned 2 different hourly rates: One is for apparatus and one is for personnel. We should have that approved from the state by the end of October. This will get is paid for out of district wildland fire responses.

The San Simon Water District donated an air conditioner/heat pump to the fire district. Chuck Fickett donated his time to install it.

The bay air compressor was found to be so low in compressor oil that it was taken out of service. Chuck Fickett changed the oil in the compressor and it is back in service. Chuck also plumbed a remote drain valve on the compressor so that it is now easier to drain the condensation. We still need to add an air/water separator and air dryer to the system.

9 Acres has donated 10 cases of bottled water to the fire district. They also donated an ice cream freezer which they no longer were using, so that we could have bags of ice on hand, so that we can have cold bottled water to drink at scenes. They further donated 10 bags of ice to the fire district. They advised us to let them know when we need more, so bottled water and bags of ice will be an on-going donations from them. A big thank you to Michelle Larned for coordination the donations.

The loaner cardiac monitor and AED have arrived and been placed on the vehicles. Our units have been sent back for servicing.

IMD will be here on the 22nd of October at 1100 to do an orientation for fire district personnel. I will be posting a work session so that current board members may attend, meet Nathan Lewis, and ask any questions. I am recommending that Fernie and Patti attend as well, since they are in-coming board members.

Brian has concluded his apparatus inspections. He rebuilt some ball valves on shop 56232, Engine 2503. He also diagnosed the foam system on shop 35988, Brush 2501. Brian also conducted a complimentary inspection on shop 19444, Utility 2501, which is the green pickup parked in the bullpen outside. He determined the transmission shifting cable needs to be replaced. Kevin Wilstead found me one online that is reasonably priced and Chuck Fickett stated he would install it at no cost to the fire district.

The new (to us) engine arrived safely and is in service. We also now have use of a second full set of JAWS of Life, as well as a combination cutter/spreader unit. We also have use of a set of ram supports and rescue struts, which the fire district did not have. There aren't a lot of volunteer fire districts that have the amount of extrication capacity that San Simon has. If we have enough personnel on scene, we could perform two major extrications simultaneously.

We have invoiced \$15,245.00 for calls on the interstate, in the last 30 days.

It is my recommendation that we split our interstate invoices 50% and allocate 50% of accounts received to making balloon payments on the fire apparatus and equipment loan, and 50% will go into the reserve/capital improvement account.

I was unable to attend the grant presentation today due to it conflicting with the board meeting. It was held at Cochise College in Sierra Vista and started at 4:00 pm. I spoke with the folks at the Arizona Community Foundation, and they understood why I couldn't make it. They stated they would mail out the check tomorrow and asked that we apply next year as well so they could assist us again.

I met with Kari Wade, the San Simon School Superintendent last week. She will be scheduling a safety walk-through of the school grounds so we can identify any safety related issues. I presented the idea of creating a JTED program for EMT, which she liked. We will be exploring that in detail in January 2023.