



Northwest Fire District Governing Board

13535 North Marana Main Street
Marana, Arizona

SCHEDULED

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Date: September 24, 2024
To: Governing Board
From: Scott Draper, Assistant Chief
Department: Operational Services
Agenda Item Operational Services Board Report

ACTIVITIES:

Deputy Chief, Brian Keeley, Preparedness

Prevention Services – Division Chief Collin Wyckoff

The following is a report on activities in the Prevention Division:

- The Prevention Division reviewed 131 plan submittals (In-District -113, Rincon Valley Fire District (RVFD) – 18) and billed **\$118,636.28** in permitting fees fiscal year-to-date
- NWFD Inspectors conducted 427 inspections and mitigated 115 Fire Code Violations
- NWFD responded and investigated 11 fires, saving **\$3,494,801** in property value, with one (1) civilian casualty
- Attended Leadership Committee meeting
- Attended General Staff meeting
- Attended Managers/Division Chiefs meeting

Training

- One (1) member attended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Advanced Arson and Courtroom Testimony class
- One (1) member is attending the NWFD Captain Certification Program (CCP)

Outside Agency Engagement

- Met with the Town of Marana Water Department relative to strategic water
- Completed the NWFD Center for Public Safety Excellence Annual Compliance Report review
- The Prevention Division provided guest instruction at the University of Arizona, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute regarding the community's adopted fire code
- Participated in the Santa Rita Fire District Captains testing process
- Attended a meeting with Shamrock Farms regarding the NWFD Prevention processes and potential parcel development
- Attended a joint fire investigation team meeting with area partners from Golder Ranch Fire District and Marana Police Department

Training – Division Chief Ian Cassidy

The following is a report on activities in the Training Division in the month of August 2024:

Jeff Piechura NWFD Training Center – Hours of Utilization

- Total Hours of Utilization: 0
- Formal Training Class Hours: 0
- Community Partners & Outside Contracted Hours: 0
- Drop-in Training Hours: 0

*Due to construction, the Jeff Piechura NWFD Training center is currently shut down. No hours of utilization will be recorded until the center is reopened. Expected reopening is October 2024.

Training Request Tickets Received/Completed (Help Desk)

- Number of Tickets Received This Month: 22
- Number of Tickets Completed: 22
- Total Tickets Received YTD: 78

Formal Training Completed/In-Progress (Mandatory)

- Third Quarter Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training
 - Hose management utilizing new Pump Pod
 - High-rise fires
 - Fire dynamics
 - Crashing patients

Training Opportunity Requests Issued (Optional)

- Greater Tucson Fire Foundation Annual Safety Conference
- Driver-Operator (DO) Course
- Rope Rescue Operations & Technician Course

Training Memos Written/Released

- Advanced Topics in EMS Live Continuing Education (CE) Opportunity

Professional Development Completed/In-Progress

- Captain Certification Program 2024 began July 9, 2024, and will graduate September 25, 2024. There are currently twelve (12) students enrolled.

Percentage of Annual Training Credential Completion

- Credential completions year-to-date (YTD)
 - Fire Fit-Physical Fitness: 51%
 - Special Operations Annual Refresher: 38%
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Compliance: 34%
 - Insurance Services Office (ISO) Facilities: 44%
 - ISO Company Training: 54%
 - ISO Hazmat: 59%
 - ISO Driver/Operator: 39%
 - ISO Fire Officer: 83%

Training Development & Updates

Captain Owen (Suppression):

- Continued final preparations and syllabus updates for Recruit Academy 24-01 along with Pima Community College (PCC) credits

- Assisted with third quarter training package delivery - Fire & EMS

Captain Simmons (EMS):

- Updated and implemented the Captain Certification Program update. Class began on July 9, 2024.
- Assisted with third quarter training package delivery - Fire & EMS

Captain Medlen (Special Operations):

- Assisted with third quarter training package delivery - Fire & EMS

Paramedic Pierpont (EMS):

- Assisted with third quarter training package delivery - Fire & EMS
- Continued to work on all training mannequins, ensuring all are functional and made repairs to bring each to serviceable levels
- Continued writing an Intradepartmental Procedure on EMS mannequin maintenance
- Continued work on EMS training supply room inventory and organization

Engineer Emans (Suppression/Driver Training):

- Completed work on the Driver-Operator Program update and finalized all work for delivery of class in October
- Developed and finalized Engineer CE for delivery in September
- Assisted with third quarter training package delivery - Fire & EMS

AA II Ortiz (Support):

- Supported multiple Training Opportunity Requests, class registrations and hotel bookings for external training
- Responded to training ticket requests which required scheduling of Training rooms
- Continued writing Intradepartmental Procedures for the Administrative Assistant of Training's position

Division Chief Cassidy (Support):

- Assisted with development of Recruit Class 24-01 curriculum
- Initiated multiple requisitions in support of EMT class, Recruit Academy 24-01, DO class and Special Operations Training
- Initiated memos from the Training Division regarding training programs and other offerings from the Division
- Continued work on a re-write of the Battalion Chief Certification Program, to be delivered in 2025
- Assisted in Firefighter Recruit uniform sizing
- Continued work with Community Relations and Logistics to create a new Uniform Manual as well as a video on proper wear
- Finalized work for the Fall Leadership CE being held on September 16th and 17th
- Attended multiple meetings in support of NWFD operations

Internal Meetings Attended/Hosted

- EMS QA/QI Compliance Meetings (bi-weekly): Admin
- Training Staff meetings (bi-weekly): Logistics
- Operations meeting: Station 338
- Equipment Work Group meeting: Station 338
- Leadership Committee meeting: Admin

- Awards Work Group meeting: Admin

External Meetings Hosted

- Countryside Village HOA Meeting: Moved to Station 338

Medical Services – Division Chief Shawn Twilling

- NWFD performed 383 ALS (Advanced Life Support) transports for February, along with the QA/QI for each ambulance transport, 491 transfer of care to other providers, and QA of 359 Patient Refusals.
- Attended weekly communications meetings with Tucson Fire Department (TFD) and Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD)
- Attended EMS & Finance Meetings regarding Medicare Ground Ambulance Data
- Attended Quarterly PSCD, Southern Arizona Fire and Emergency Response Consortium (SAFERC), and TFD meeting
- Attended National Fire Operations Reporting System (NFORS) shared workspace meeting with the City of Tucson and regional partners
- Daily/Weekly communications with Northwest Hospital (NWH) regarding offload times
- Attended a meeting with Community Affairs and the Health Department to discuss a drowning reporting protocol
- EMS weekly check in with sponsored medic students enrolled in the Pima Paramedic Program
- Monthly controlled substance audit
- Attended Southeastern Arizona Emergency Medical Services (SAEMS) Medical Directors meeting
- Attended bi-weekly EMS and Division meetings
- Attended monthly Digitech/James Vincent Group (JVG) meetings
- Assisted with multiple user access for CompX (electronic access to apparatus drug boxes) and UCAPIT machines
- Assisted with various records release requests
- Assisted with monthly map rollout
- Attended SAEMS provider meetings
- Attended SAEMS Protocol Development and Review (PDR) monthly meeting
- Attended EMS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee meeting
- Hosted Silverbell Fire to discuss Silverbell Fire Joining SAFER-C for dispatch services
- Attended Imagetrend meeting
- Met with various Captain Class students for assistance on their research paper project
- Attended a meeting with Hinckley Medical
- Attended monthly Operations meeting
- Attended 311 engagement meeting
- Attended Tucson First Due meeting
- Attended Northwest Healthcare EMS quarterly meeting
- Attended Division Chiefs/Managers meeting
- Attended NWFD/American Medical Response follow up meeting

Deputy Chief Roger Moore, Response

Division Chief of Response – Dave Resnick

Operational Trainings and Meetings:

- Initiated Kronos migration to Google Cloud service
- Assisted with Pascua Yaqui revenue sharing application preparation
- Attended monthly Southern Arizona Regional Technical Rescue Group (SARTRG) meeting
- Attended the Marana Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon
- Attended monthly I-10 construction meeting
- Continued to work on completion of Battalion to Division responsibilities

Special Operations

TRAINING

- 8/27, 8/28, 8/29 - Regional Hazmat Training – Sampling & 8-step identification (TFD Station 1)

MAJOR INCIDENTS

- 8/3 - Hiker Rescue - 12330 N Oracle
- 8/5 - Rollover – Ina & Camino De Oeste
- 8/10 - Hiker Rescue – 11570 N Oracle (Stokes pt. from Romero Pools)
- 8/14 - Car Fire – Twin Peaks & Marana Center Dr (Semi-truck fire)
- 8/17 - MVA, Semi vs. Car – 5100 N I10
- 8/23 - Wire Down – Linda Vista & Hartman
- 8/22 - Apartment Fire – 9777 N Thornydale (extinguished battery fire)
- 8/29 - House Fire – 10200 N Orange Ranch Rd

Ceremonial Unit - Captain Matt Storms, Ceremonial Unit Leader

- 8/24 – Pipes and Drums (P&D) hosted a killing ceremony for Thomas Gilbert and his indoctrination as a bagpiper
- 8/23-8/29 - Ceremonial Unit aided the region as part of a voluntary Honor Watch for the Rural/Metro Fire Cadet that passed away, Cody Treach
- 8/27 - Honor Guard participated in the procession of Rural/Metro Fire Cadet Cody Treach from Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) to Marana Mortuary

Wildland – Captain Scott Peru, Wildland Coordinator

- There were three (3) deployments for the month of August
- NWFD sent a Type 3 engine to the Y-Bar Fire in Maricopa AZ, then assigned to the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) Task Force
- NWFD sent a single resource as a Task Force Leader to the Rail Ridge Fire in Grant, OR
- NWFD sent a Type 3 engine to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District in Yucca Valley, CA for fire support
- Updated Wildland Team members' red cards and position task books in the DFFM IQSweb system
- Worked with Arizona Dispatch Interagency Center on new contact information
- Worked with DFFM and Finance on new lodging and per diem rates issued by the state of AZ

- Worked with Pinal County Wildland Team (PCWT) on planning training classes for the upcoming wildland training winter session
- Worked on Wildland equipment order for FY24/25
- Worked on Wildland Team members' availability for August
- Worked with Tucson Interagency Fire Center on nighttime dispatch staffing
- Worked with Finance on Wildland Team members' reimbursement
- Worked with Pinal County Wildland Team as a Regional Duty Officer

Community Assistance Program (CAP)

Total Monthly CAP Responses:

- In-District Responses – 43
- Out of District Responses – 31
- Total Monthly Responses - 74

Total Annual CAP Responses – 130

CAP Community Engagement

- Animal Cruelty Task Force meeting
- Pima County Third Quarter Crisis System meeting

CAP Training and Events

- What to Expect as Dementia Progresses
- Understanding Executive Functioning in Dementia
- Four (4) Common Dementia Caregiver Mistakes
- Ten (10) Warning Signs of Dementia
- Five (5) Changes Caregivers Face After a Dementia Diagnosis
- Ask Me Anything: Managing the Younger Generation

Health And Safety – Division Chief Robert Corbell

- Attended Regional Wellness/Cancer prevention and Safety Committee with Safety Officers valley wide
- Attended Leadership Committee meeting
- Attended internal Safety Officers meeting
- Attended Saffire meeting via Teams for the University of Arizona Sleep Study.
- Attended General Staff meeting
- Attended the Electric Vehicle (EV) Fire Response Committee meeting at Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD)
- Attended meeting with Chief Wuerfel from TFD on safety related issues between TFD and NWFD - looking at better alignment between agencies
- Attended monthly Operations meeting
- Attended Lithium-Ion meeting with City of Mesa, Phoenix, and GRFD and TFD Safety Officers. Discussion centered on response, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Pre and Post testing for heavy metals, and other topics surrounding EV fire response and training.
- Coordinated blood draws for the University of Arizona cancer research study and NWFD participants

- Completed arrangements for the NWFD's first Struggle Well class. Class will be held November 4th through the 8th
- Worked with Human Resource Services (HRS) to post the Peer Support Coordinator Internal Assignment Request (IAR)
- Worked with District Attorney Thomas Benavidez to clarify language and internal processes for employee use of the Craig Tiger Act
- Facilitated the annual physicals for the District's group three employees and 1582

Safety Officers Report – Cpt. D. Braswell, Cpt. R. Fult, Cpt. J. Webb

- Completed annual and semi-annual turnout cleaning and inspection notifications
- Attended Health and Safety Division meeting
- Attended National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training course
- Assisted Battalion Chiefs with BlueCard Certification evaluations
- Assisted with teaching in the Captain Certification Class
- Conducted research for Wet Bulb Globe Monitors to assist with meeting new state and federal heat injury and illness requirements

Peer Support Team – Inspector Marcela Hammond – Peer Support Team Coordinator

- Inspector Hammond retired this month, and a process was held to determine her replacement.
- Firefighter Damien Vrbanic will be assuming the role of the Peer Support Team Coordinator

Peer Fitness Team – Cpt. J. Lebrun

- Provided over 770 contact hours for Pre-Academy boot camp
- Provided 50 contact hours for in-house NWFD member physical fitness training
- Completed one (1) return to work – job hardening program

GOALS:

To save lives, protect property, and care for our community.

Attachments

Operations Statistics

Prevention Statistics

August 2024 CAP Statistics