



Northwest Fire District Governing Board

13535 North Marana Main Street
Marana, Arizona

SCHEDULED

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Date: June 25, 2024
To: Governing Board
From: Alejandro Sepulveda, 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:

Activity:

- The Prevention Division reviewed 110 plan submittals (In-District -89, Rincon Valley Fire District (RVFD) – 21) and billed **\$413,798.88** in permitting fees fiscal year-to-date
- NWFD Inspectors conducted 392 occupancy inspections and mitigated 117 Fire Code Violations
- NWFD responded and investigated 17 fires, saving **\$175,859** in property value, with zero (0) civilian casualties
- Completed Probationary Firefighter Prevention ride-a-longs
- Inspected the Mountain View High School graduation fireworks shoot
- Completed Station 334's annual safety and prevention inspection
- Attended the NWFD Safety Committee meeting

Training

- A member completed the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Arson 4
- A member attended Arizona Building Officials Spring Institute for Inspector continuing education

Outside Agency Engagement

- A member attended the Arizona Fire Chief's Association (AFCA) 2024 Woman's Leadership Conference in Phoenix.
- Attended setup meetings for FirstDue software solution for response pre-incident planning
- Staff attended the Southern Arizona Fire Marshal's meeting
- NWFD hosted the Southern Arizona Fire Investigations meeting
- Attended multiple development pre-application meetings with the Town of Marana

Training – Division Chief Ian Cassidy

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

- NWFD Training Center had no hours of utilization during the month of May. Training staff was moved out to logistics for the duration of construction.
- Drop-in Training Completed
 - No drop in training conducted due to the Training center shut down
- Internal Meetings & Training Sessions/Courses
 - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) QA/QI Compliance Meetings (bi-weekly)
 - Training Staff meetings (bi-weekly)
 - Wildland/Technical Rescue Team (TRT)/Hazmat Refresher Program
 - Probationary Firefighter Final Exam 23-01
 - Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Orientation and Practice Tests Academy 24-01
 - Operations Meeting Station 338
 - Equipment Work Group Meeting Station 338
- External Meetings & Training Sessions/Courses
 - Countryside Village HOA Meeting moved to Station 338

Medical Services – Division Chief Shawn Twilling

- NWFD performed 424 Advanced Life Support (ALS) transports for February, along with the QA/QI for each ambulance transport, and QA of 298 Patient refusals
- Attended weekly communications meetings with Tucson Fire and Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD)
- Attended National Emergency Response Information Systems (NERIS) webinar data framework and development update
- Attended Quarterly PSCD, Southern Arizona Fire and Emergency Response Consortium (SAFERC), and Tucson Fire Department (TFD) meeting
- Daily/Weekly communications with Northwest Hospital (NWH) regarding offload times
- Monthly controlled substance audit
- Attended Strategic Planning Development meeting (internal stakeholders)
- 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
- Attended Spring 2024 Fire Science (FSC)-EMS Advisory Committee Meeting
- Attended US Digital Designs (USDD)/Honeywell PSCD Tour
- Assisted with external EMS complaint(unjustified)
- Attended Code Save coin presentation for Auto-Aid with Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) at Station 380
- 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 Provider of the Year Awards Ceremony at the U of A College of Medicine, recognizing Firefighter Jeremiah Enriquez
- Attended EMS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee meeting
- Attended multiple meetings with GRFD assisting with Imagetrend implementation
- Attended Pima County Pediatric Death Review
- Attended meeting with Human Resource Services (HRS) in reference to Geographic Information System (GIS) Senior Analyst job description discussion
- Attended meeting with American Medical Response (AMR) management and NWFD leadership team
- Attended PSCD meeting for an After-Action Review (AAR) on a recent computer aided dispatch (CAD) down incident
- Attended NWFD Monthly Board meeting to present three (3) Civilian Lifesaving plaques

Deputy Chief Roger Moore, Response

Significant Emergency Incidents

- See attached report

Division Chief of Response – Josh Zent

Operations Performance Measures:

- Total In-District Incident Count: 1378
- Total Out of District Incident Count: 139
- 90th Percentile EMS Turnout Time: 97.7 seconds
- 90th Percentile Fire Turnout Time: 106.6 seconds
- 90th Percentile EMS Total Response Time: 9.9 minutes
- 90th Percentile Fire Total Response Time: 12.81 minutes

Operational Trainings and Meetings

- Attended Labor-Management Committee meeting
- Met with Tucson Interagency Dispatch Center to discuss and deploy staffing options as a collaborative effort between NWFD and State fire agencies
- Attended National Emergency Response Incident Reporting System webinar to forecast future program needs and align NWFD reporting with new system with implementation in 2025
- Assisted with District wide rebid, supporting Local 3572 efforts to offer seniority-based bid selections
- Performed proficiency skill evaluations with Companies
- Conducted final planning meeting for upcoming exercise June 24th
- Attended Operations meeting
- Attended Safety Committee meeting
- Attended meeting with American Medical Response staff to discuss current response agreements

Special Operations

TRAINING

- 04/29 – 05/3 NWFD was lead on teaching the Pima Regional Emergency Building Shoring class that took place at the Public Safety Academy (PSA). NWFD had two (2) students in the class and provided four (4) instructors.
- 05/14 – 05/16 Regional swift water rescue training at the Rillito Wash and Camino De La Tierra. NWFD was lead on the training. Training centered on a lesson learned rescue that occurred a couple of years back in the same location.
- 05/29 – 05/31 Regional Hazmat Training. The region is looking at replacing the Muli Rae gas meter. Regional partners evaluated several gas meters on site at Drexel Heights Fire District to determine the make and model that the region would like to switch to.

EQUIPMENT

- The District is still working on getting surplus hazmat equipment to the region. In an effort to assist the Equipment Services Center (ESC) and Warehouse, the equipment was inventoried and provided to the Warehouse to expedite the process.

MAJOR INCIDENTS

- 5/5 Hiker Catalina State Park
- 5/7 Hiker Rescue Linda Vista Trail Head

Ceremonial Unit - Captain Matt Storms, Ceremonial Unit Leader

- Honor Guard (HG) assisted the region with two graduations
 - Pima College Medic Class on 5/9
 - Pima College Fire Academy Graduation 5/20
- Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona (PFFA) Convention at Star Pass on 5/30. Pipes and Drums also attended the Convention and conducted several practices this month.

Wildland – Engineer Scott Peru, Wildland Coordinator

- 3 out of District Deployments supporting Department of Forestry:
 - BR335 to Flying Bucket Fire May 7-12
 - BR336 to Toyo Fire, May 12-16
 - BR335 to Gopher, Rocky, and Simmons Fire May 18-June 04
- NWFD provided a night dispatcher for the Tucson Interagency Dispatch Center for 17 shifts, equaling 221 hours
- Worked with Equipment Services Center on ordering Wildland equipment
- Worked with Pinal County Wildland Team on resource availability
- Completed a week of Resource Duty Officer (RDO) responsibilities for the Pinal County Wildland Team resources
- Completed a 14-day assignment on a Type VI engine to the Gopher Springs Fire, The Rocky Fire, and the Simmons Fire south of Globe, Arizona
- Worked with Tucson City Communication Captain and the Arizona Interagency Dispatch Center on Wildland resource availability
- Worked on personnel availability for the Wildland Team resource assignments
- Worked with Labor and Department of Forestry and Fire Management on the new Holiday Policy for Wildland assignments and reimbursement

- Worked on updating and inputting records for Wildland Team Members in incident qualifications status wildland website

Community Assistance Program (CAP)

Total Monthly CAP Responses:

- In-District Responses – 43
- Out of District Responses – 26
- Total Monthly Responses - 69

Total Annual CAP Responses – 777

CAP Community Engagement

- Reached out to Teen Lifeline to work on scheduling a learning session with them- Teenage Suicide Prevention Program
- Spoke with high school Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes
- Pima County second quarter crisis system meeting
- CAP arranged Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) autopsy observation with NWFD Paramedics (PMs) and Pima County Sheriffs Department (PCSD)
- Meet with Elana from Serve Pro Fire

CAP Training and Events

- Presented to Golder Ranch Paramedic Jumpstart Program
- EMS Training
- Empathy in the Workplace
- Methods and Education on Dementia for Family Caregivers
- Domestic Violence in Native Communities
- Responding in a Mental Health Emergency
- Golder Ranch 377 CAP Review

Health And Safety – Division Chief Robert Corbell

- Attended the Labor-Management Committee meeting
- Attended the Sleep Assistance For FIREfighters (SAFFIRE) Internal Facilitator meeting – This is a Firefighter (FF) Sleep Study that the U Of A is conducting.
- Facilitated an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standings review with Human Resource Services (HRS)
- Completed an inpatient mental health facility review in Costa Mesa, CA
- Attended the Strategic Planning Development meeting
- Completed the Gore Manufacturing event with ESC Supervisor – event sponsored by Gore to have end user feedback on their product
- Attended Peer Support quarterly meeting
- Chaired Safety Committee meeting
- Attended Operations meeting
- Worked with HRS to develop the Craig Tiger Act Traumatic Event Reporting page. Page available to Firefighters to document exposure to traumatic events and the

availability of resources to help process the events. The page is in relation to the Arizona State ARS 38-672 and 38-673.

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

- District's Chemical Safety Data Sheet (SDS) library was updated to reflect current agents found in all Stations
- Completed FF Safety Standdown items
- Attended training for recruit FF interviews
- Assisted with crew efficiency drills
- Participated in AAR for different calls
- Completed annual personal protective equipment (PPE) scheduling for May
- Attended Labor-Management Committee, Uniform Workgroup, and Apparatus Workgroup meetings
- TFT Health air quality tests at Station 333
- Completed annual physical requirements

Peer Support Team – Fire Investigator Marcela Hammond – Peer Support Team Coordinator

- Quarterly Peer Support training
- There was a total of 16 contacts; 11 with NWFD employees and five (5) civilian contacts

Peer Fitness Team – Cpt. J. Lebrun

- Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Orientation completed with over 200 participants
- Two (2) Return-to-Work programs completed
- Station fitness equipment ordered and received for Station 338
- Completed Safety Standdown items
- Total contact hours for CPAT and return to work related items 1420 hours

GOALS:

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

Attachments

May 2024 Significant Incidents

Operations Statistics

Prevention Statistics

May 2024 CAP Statistics