



## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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JAN LESHER  
County Administrator

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
U.S. Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Honorable Senator Kelly,

**RE: Northwest Fire District FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Request**

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Due to population growth, Northwest Fire District has experienced a seven percent increase in EMS call volume over the last three years. Not only has call volume increased, but demands for hospital emergency room services have increased resulting in delayed patient transfer time from the EMS transport to the hospital. The Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) issues a Certificate of Necessity (CON) which authorizes emergency transport services. The District's CON requires an EMS response within 10 minutes or less to 90% of calls received. NWFD's jurisdictional boundaries encompass over 156 square miles creating geographical challenges, along with the increase in calls and patient transfer time, the CON requirements are becoming increasingly difficult for the NWFD to fulfill. There are areas within the Districts jurisdictional boundaries where NWFD is the only EMS transport provider. Unless additional ambulances are placed into in service, response times will continue to increase as the demand for EMS transport service increases. This would negatively impact our community.

I am requesting your consideration of this valuable project that will provide additional and much needed EMS transport capacity to our community. AZDHS stipulates that ambulance service cannot be funded from property tax revenues. Without appropriation funding, NWFD will be unable to purchase the necessary equipment until sufficient ambulance revenue can be generated.

Sincerely,

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Jan Leshner  
County Administrator



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Terry S. Rozema  
Town Manager

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Respectfully,



Carlos Flores  
Fire Chief of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe/Pascua Pueblo Fire Department  
President of the National Native American Fire Chiefs Association