



# THE REVIEW

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## Quote of the Week

"We cannot predict the future, but we can create it." Jim Collins

### First Annual Partners Academy Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 8-4 CARTA

Has your spouse ever asked about your insurance or retirement benefits? For our newer employees, do they understand the life you live away from home at the Fire Department? Have them sign up for our first ever partners academy! Topics include:

- ❖ Health, cancer insurance and EAP (Employee Assistance Program)
- ❖ PSPRS benefits and additional retirement options
- ❖ Station tour and hands-on equipment demonstrations
- ❖ Critical Incident stress management tools and information

**ALL PARTNERS OF CAFMA EMPLOYEES ARE INVITED. SEATING IS LIMITED – YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND**

RSVP by contacting either:

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## The Chief's Desk

I had the privilege of attending the Prescott Area Leadership Man, Woman, Youth of the Year Banquet Wednesday night. Our very own Director Jeff Wasowicz was a finalist for Man of the Year. While he didn't win, he certainly made a good showing and is worthy of such a title. Congratulations Jeff and thank you for all you do for our community, and our organization!

The event also served as a good time to catch up with a number of elected and business leaders in the community. I am always humbled by the support expressed for our organization by so many who recognize our efforts. By the way, they all said to thank you for what you all do.

Last week Friday I attended the first ever Heroes Night dinner sponsored by the Prescott Chamber and hosted by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). This was the first year and I wasn't sure what to expect so was a little behind the curve not realizing I had to give a 5 minute presentation, but I managed to come up with something 😊 For better or worse, you all know I'm not usually at a loss for words..... It was a great event that recognized both the military and emergency responders. They plan on holding the event again next year and expanding the list of attendees. Just a heads up, I will be taking some of you with me. Cont. on Page 4

### Upcoming Events:

April 16 – Special CAFMA Meeting  
April 17 – PRCC Liaison Meeting  
April 18 – Central Arizona Partnership, PVEDF, PV Citizens Academy  
April 19 – Basin Ops, PRCC Chiefs Meeting, CAFMA/PFD Meeting, PV Town Council  
April 20 – Prescott Area Leadership Class  
April 21 – Partners Academy

### Board Meetings

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Chino Town Hall  
1600 CVFD  
1630 CAFMA  
1830 CYFD

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## Fire Ops 101

### Fire Ops Coordinator/Captain Brian Burch

Chief Freitag has asked me to provide some information and an update regarding the Fire Ops 101 Program. Fire Ops 101 was developed by the IAFF over a decade ago. In 2006 the IAFF officially launched a web site to assist affiliates in planning and conducting the program. Fire Ops 101 provides an opportunity for local and state decision makers, along with the media and other community partners



to participate in hands-on scenarios under the supervision of professional firefighters. The intent is to share the challenges we face as firefighters serving and protecting our communities.

IAFF Locals across the nation host Fire Ops 101 Programs annually. It is by far the best opportunity we have to share the reality of what firefighting is really like. From the "participants"

perspective it is a true eye opener. They walk away with a greater understanding and a new found respect for the physical demands, and associated dangers.

Below are some takeaways voiced by participants from our own program, overall program feedback has been very positive:

1. Firefighters/emergency responders must make quick, complex, and effective decisions when dealing with emergencies.
2. Effective firefighting/emergency response is complicated and takes a substantial commitment to training and equipment.
3. Firefighting is hard physical work.
4. After going through the EMS station, Senator Fann said she finally understood why the fire truck responds with the ambulance for medical calls.

Although these takeaways are simple in appearance they require a significant commitment to training and preparedness on our part.

Our program is jointly operated with Prescott Fire, Local 3066, and CAFMA Firefighter Charities. This is our fourth year hosting the program, and it is gaining interest area wide. It will be hosted on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> this year.

Additionally, if you have an interest in assisting with the annual planning process please let me know.

Don't forget to volunteer to help with this year's Fire Ops program!

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## **Fleet Update**

### **Fleet Manager Domenic Scaife**

**Update from month of March:** Engines 62, 54, 50 and 551 were in for service as well as WT-63 and numerous staff vehicles. Please see your email for specifics on the work performed on each of these. Pt-59 was also brought in for repair to the pump bearing and shaft. This unit showed obvious signs of overheating the pump. The packing was baked on to the shaft. This is due to running the pump and not flowing water to keep it cool. Please remember that when a pump is engaged, water must be flowed. This can be as simple as cracking open the tank-fill line. Pt-59 also received the new Toyo tires that we have been placing on the patrols. Please note that the Type 1 four wheel drive engine has been taken out of service from 63. They will remain on a reserve truck until the new units are in service. Also note that engine 50 was sent to Phoenix for reseat of the front inner timing cover. This is being performed by Cummins under warranty.

**Outside agency repair:** Work for Copper Canyon has been



completed. They had an intermittent foam system and foam/water gauges not working. As of right now, we have slowed down on outside repairs so we can focus on the Central Arizona fleet.

**Update on the new apparatus order:** Pre-delivery inspections on the Ladder truck and type three have been completed. The ladder came out great with little to no real changes. We hope to see it make its way to Arizona soon. The Type 3 shouldn't be far behind. There are some modifications needed on the upper compartment area, but other than that, the change orders were minimal. Both trucks are very similar to the units currently in the fleet, however the chassis are different based on their respective years.



**Next on our fleet list:**

- LADDER testing
- E-58
- T-50 ladder testing and repairs
- P-62 Pump replacement from Cascade to Darley
- Equipment inventory and order for new engines
- In service work for new trucks

**Annual Ladder Testing:** Ladder Testing is done on an annual basis at CAFMA. Charlie Reyes heads up the program and Chris Peckham is working closely as his assistant. We utilize an independent third party to perform the testing. Each ladder in the district is tested. The ladders are fully extended across supports and measured from the center point to the ground. A stack of weight in the amount of 500lbs is then placed on the very center of the ladder. The weight remains there for a set amount of time and is then removed. The measurement of the center point to the ground is taken again and there must be less than a ½ inch variation between that and the first measurement. Any more than a ½ inch the ladder is replaced. Heat indicators are checked and replaced as needed. Inventory is also verified. The truck company gets its own test consisting of the same ladder tests, but also a full aerial inspection as well. The aerial is torqued to spec and then electronically checked for cracking. All outriggers and related equipment on the aerial are also inspected. The full report is then given to us so we can make any needed repairs. Other items tested by our third party inspector are: Forklifts, shop lifts, and the shops overhead crane.

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**Chiefs Desk Continued**

I'd like to thank B-Shift Station 57 for their hospitality on Tuesday – it was good to catch up. I enjoyed catching up with 51 B-Shift for a bit as well. I'm trying to get out when I can, which is not as often as I'd like so please be patient with me.

We, the fire service, have been fairly successful in getting some bills passed this session, and others killed – more than once I might add, some of these things are like zombies. One bill still haunting us is SB1268 which would reclassify properties for only a certain class of citizens and significantly reduce their rates. There is already a law that allows those eligible over the age of 65 to freeze rates and reduce what they have to pay. This bill would reclassify the property at half the rate and will include properties north of a million dollars in value. Districts across the State along with the Professional Fire Fighters Association (PFFA), municipalities, and even Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) oppose the bill. The loss of revenue for already struggling agencies could have a dramatic impact on services, which could impact the mutual aid system as well. There remains some question as to the constitutionality of the bill which, if passed, could lead to a lawsuit – think PSPRS. We’re hoping the Speaker Pro Tem will continue to hold the bill.

I attended the Arizona Fire Service Institute (AFSI) meeting Thursday morning in Phoenix. We had a significant discussion concerning school safety and what that might look like as we move forward. Some in the group had recently taken part in round table type discussions with psychologists, police officials, school officials and others. The takeaways were nothing short of varied. One concept that was clear is that we have a cultural issue in the United States. We can have robust debates about what exactly that means, but at some point there has to be an acceptance of responsibility as parents, as educators, as responders and as communities. Until we can be honest about the issues, we’re not going to fix it. (The previous statements are my opinion only) That said we decided it best to have another meeting to focus more directly on our response to these types of incidents.

Chief Kazian with Sedona Fire, Chief Krushak with Phoenix fire and I met after the AFSI meeting to discuss the updates we’re working on for the Statewide Mutual Aid Plan. There is a committee chaired by Chief Kazian that includes multiple sub-groups working on updating different portions of the plan. Chief Kazian has done an outstanding job as chair keeping our group on track (not an easy task with a bunch of chiefs). The plan is to provide an overview of the updates at the July conference. I’ll be reworking and adding a couple things to the plan document Monday before sending it off to Chief Krushak for some final clean up. We have another meeting of the entire committee sometime this month to bring all the pieces together.

I will be headed to Casa Grande this morning, Friday, to attend the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) quarterly meeting. Registration for the Arizona Fire Chiefs and Arizona Fire Districts July Conference should be open in the coming weeks.