



# THE REVIEW

Central Arizona Fire and Medical - 8603 E. Eastridge Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 – **May 3, 2019**

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### Quote of the Week

“Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.”

Brad Henry

PRESCOTT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FINDLAY TOYOTA PRESENT

**FOOD • FUN** MAY 9-12

**PRESCOTT VALLEY DAYS 2019**

**RANCH to Table**  
*a local culinary event*  
 MAY 9, 2019 • 5:30PM

**FRIDAY MAY 10TH**  
**Fiesta Del Pueblo**  
 BROUGHT TO YOU BY AZTECA MARKET

**SOUTH OF WINSLOW**  
 PERFORMING SAT. AT 8PM & 9:30PM

**THURS. MAY 9**  
 5PM - Sun Valley Rides Carnival Opens  
 5:30PM - Ranch to Table Ticketed Event

**FRI. MAY 10**  
 12PM - Vendors  
 4PM - Live Remote by JUAN 107.1FM/JACK 94.7FM  
 5PM - Carnival Opens  
 5PM - Beer & Beverage Garden Opens  
 5:30PM - Fiesta Del Pueblo - Main Stage (Sponsored by Azteca Market)  
 Folkloric dancers, street fairs, music and dancing  
 9PM - Matchstick Rush Fire Show  
 9:30PM - More Music & Dancing

**SAT. MAY 11**  
 9AM - Parade "Building Our Future"  
 10:30AM - Bear Dash 5K - Starting Line at Findlay Toyota Center  
 11AM - Carnival Opens  
 11AM - Food & Market Vendors Open  
 11AM - Youth Entertainment - Main Stage  
 1-3PM - Dunk Tank (Sponsored by BMHS Student Council)  
 2:30PM - Beer & Beverage Garden Opens  
 3PM - Wild Wing Eating Contest - Main Stage (Sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings)  
 4PM - Live Remote by KKID 95.9FM The Cloud  
 4:57PM - DJ Anthony Sotelo - Karaoke & Dancing - Main Stage  
 8PM - South of Winslow - An Eagles Tribute Band  
 9PM - Matchstick Rush Fire Show  
 9:30PM - South of Winslow - An Eagles Tribute Band

**SUN. MAY 12**  
 11AM - Prescott Valley Farmers Market  
 Noon - Carnival Opens

For more information contact Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce  
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**Carnival Pre-Sale**  
**All Day Ride**  
**Tickets are now available**  
**\$20 Cash only**  
**Prescott Valley Chamber of**  
**Commerce office**  
**\$30 day Carnival opens!**

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## The Chief's Desk



I sat with a friend recently for coffee discussing world events as well as local issues. As our conversations generally do, we eventually turned to the philosophy of leadership as it relates to organizational and individual development. While my level of intellect and maturity relates more closely with Saturday morning cartoons, his is one that is more well-read, and is hands down far more mature.

As part of an illustration, he relayed a Shakespearian speech given in the play Henry V. Don't worry; I'm not going too deep into Shakespeare in this. However, I do believe that the point is important. The speech, known as the St. Crispin's Day Speech, was relayed by Henry V, in the play, as he and his forces were fighting in France while working their way back to England. Heavily outnumbered, low on provisions, and looking for a route out of France Henry's troops were forced to face the enemy. It stands to reason that morale in the English ranks may have been a bit low at this point.

Henry V stood before his troops and rallied their spirit of patriotism and loyalty to spur them on to a seemingly impossible victory. My version of the story would be considered a dumbed down version of Shakespeare for Dummies, but it's how I understand things.

The right words can truly rally a sense of duty, honor, and loyalty in the moment. Unfortunately, in the real world moments can be fleeting. There are times in moments of crisis where we as a fire department family (brotherhood/sisterhood) ban together forgetting our differences and move forward as one. We witnessed it last year with Nathan Rendl, and again with Jack Dale. Then, when the moment has passed, we're back to the daily grind and the internal strife that exists when you get more than one person involved in anything.

During the Partners Academy last Saturday, I briefly discussed the fire department family with those in attendance. However, this time I approached the subject a little differently than my normal glowing endorsement of all that is great and wonderful in our fire service world.

Let's be real folks, the fire department family is alive and well! That said it is not rainbows and unicorns flying around with chocolate waterfalls – although the waterfall thing would be cool. No, we are a family in the normal functionally dysfunctional sense. We have that goofy aunt, the overbearing in-law, the idiot brother, etc. We simply do not like each other 24/7. There are disagreements, gossip, poor decision making, and questioning of mom and/or dad's ability to make sound decisions. Yet, when needed all of that is put aside and we are one. Continued on page 5

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### Upcoming Events:

May 6 – Senior Staff Meeting, Budget Meeting  
May 7 – L/M meeting, Ambulance Meeting  
May 8 – SOG Meeting  
May 9 – AFSI Phoenix, Afternoon Meeting Phoenix, Ranch to Table

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### Board Meeting:

May 23rd Administration

CVFD – 1600-1630  
CYFD – 1630-1700  
CAFMA – 1700-1830



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## \*\*\*\*\*OPEN ENROLLMENT\*\*\*\*\*

By: Patty Brookins



Hi all. It's time for Open Enrollment for our health insurance benefits. Please read the following VERY CAREFULLY so that you do not miss this window to make changes to your plan selections.

Please **READ** your email.

1. Our new insurance plan year begins on July 1.
2. Open enrollment is from **May 1 through May 17**. These dates are firm, and this will be the only time you can make changes for the upcoming plan year that begins on July 1 (barring a qualified mid-year "change of status" event, such as a birth or a marriage.) **You will not be allowed to make open enrollment plan changes after May 17, so please take care of this promptly to avoid disappointment.**
3. On May 1, you will all receive an email from Kairos/Benefit Starter to your district email account. (If you don't receive this email on May 1, call me immediately!!) That email will contain instructions on how to access the Benefit Starter portal. You will need to set up a user name and password. If you did this last year (and very few of you did) you'll need to use that user name/password combination. There is a "forgot" button that you can click if you don't remember. If you're still having trouble getting in, please contact me and I'll talk you through it. Once in, follow the directions on the screen to take you through the pages to make plan selections.
4. If you're not making any changes to your plan selections, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. Your benefit selections from last year will roll over to the new year. You may want to still go in to Benefit Starter and look at what benefits you currently have, just to ensure you don't want to change anything.

5. You will receive a new Blue Cross Blue Shield card that will include the MaxorPlus claim information. PLEASE DESTROY YOUR OLD BCBS CARD WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE NEW ONE. It will no longer be valid. Also, please destroy your CVS Caremark care after July 1, as it will also no longer be valid.
6. You will NOT receive a new Delta Dental card. Please hang on to the one you have.
7. You do not have a card for our vision plan, VSP. Please destroy your Avesis card – that was from the 2017-18 plan year. When you see a provider for vision services, just tell them you are in VSP and they will look you up based on your SSN.
8. You can also add or drop any of the ancillary benefits, which are supplemental life insurance, short term disability, prepaid legal services, worksite benefits (hospital indemnity, critical illness and accident), identity theft protection, and pet insurance.
9. If you currently have elected coverage for supplemental life insurance, short term disability, or critical illness, please note that the rates are based in part on your age at the beginning of the plan year. The rates change every 5 years, so if your age ends in “0” or “5” as of July 1, your rate will go up.

Again, **no changes will be allowed after May 17**. Please review this information carefully, watch for your email on May 1, and ensure that you have the benefits you want for the coming year. As always, if you have questions please let me know.

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## Fleet Report

By: Fleet Manager Domenic Scaife



**Update from Fleet Maintenance:** Recently we had E-61, E-62 and E-53 in for routine services and repairs. Fleet installed an Opticom system on E-62 and from what we hear it is working well. E-53 crews had been complaining of excessive coolant odor in the cab of their truck, so the interior was stripped and ALL silicone coolant hose was removed. We found years ago that silicone hose lasted for the life of a truck and it also had superior resistance to heat. Through the years we found that it also allows coolant vapors to sweat through and cause odor problems. Though our coolant hose specification has changed, at times we still get trucks with silicone hose. We also had Haz Mat 1 in for its annual service. This truck does not see enough mileage to strictly fall into the 5000 mile maintenance that we normally use. So we bring it in on an annual basis. Some have asked why we perform the maintenance when this is a shared unit with the City of Prescott? This was part of our agreement when we built this truck. 50% of all expenses for fleet maintenance are reimbursed by the city. While this truck was here we installed a remote weather station kit. The display is inside the cab and the receiver/transmitter is mounted on a pole on the left rear of the body. When not in use the unit slips out of the mounting tube and is stored in the #1 compartment on the Captain side.

**Outside agency repair:** We had Mayer Fire bring in a type three for repairs to the Foam Pro system and also to modify the primer system on the pneumax CAFS system.

**Update on the new apparatus order:** The final reassignment of vehicles is now finished. After moving the Chiefs into new Impalas their SUV's were passed to the Prevention division. Prevention then passed on two Ford F150 trucks. One unit had higher miles and was placed in a reserve spot for I.T. Comm and warehouse to share. The lower mile unit was outfitted with lights and siren, it will now serve as a Line medic response unit/ back-up B-6 unit.

**Next on our fleet list:**

- E-57 service/repairs
- E-59 service/repairs
- E-58 motor repairs
- WT-51 pump work
- E-63 A/C compressor
- WT-51 pump work
- Pt-54 Pt-53 pump upgrade



**Rosenbauer:** I recently attended pre-construction meetings for two type one pumpers and a Utility truck. The utility will be for battalion 6 and the type ones are tentatively scheduled to go to stations 58 and 61. With that in mind I had Engineers Mike McFadden and Justin Postula accompany me. As they can tell you there is a lot more time and energy involved in this process than most realize. Both of these guys brought great ideas to the table and hopefully we will be able to incorporate them into these builds. They were also exposed to the freezing Sioux Falls weather... a pleasant 68 to 74 degrees. They got to see some European firefighting equipment and some of Rosenbauer's newest apparatus.

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## **National Interagency Fire Center calls for busy wildfire season on West Coast**

**By: Nicholas K. Geranios Associated Press**

Most of the country can expect a normal wildfire season but residents along the West Coast of the United States should be ready for another busy season, the National Interagency Fire Center said Wednesday.

California experienced its deadliest and largest wildfires in the past two years, including a fire in the northern part of the state last year that destroyed the town of Paradise, killing more than 80 people. It was the nation's worst death toll from a wildfire in a century.

The Boise, Idaho-based center said a heavy crop of grasses and fine fuels has developed across California and should elevate fire potential as it dries through the summer.

The terms "normal" or "above normal" refer to a formula that involves drought, precipitation and fuel conditions in each region, projected on a 10-year average, said Jennifer Smith of the fire center.

The Pacific Northwest has entered a period of moderate drought, which could mean an early fire season in the Cascade Range and the Okanogan region. The potential for significant wildfires is above normal west of the Cascade crest in Washington and Oregon through August, the report said.

## [Fire Rescue 1](#)

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### **Chief's Desk Continued**

Idealistically, we have the unicorns and rainbows; I mean that's how we describe it to others outside the fire service. The reality is that most other professions do not even come close the family environment we enjoy in the fire service. And what's even better is that in the fire service, family is not limited to operations. If you work for the fire department, you are part of the fire department family and part of the fire department culture period – for better or worse.

Sometimes we get frustrated feeling like the commitment to the fire service family is lost simply because of some disagreement, feeling like there is a lack of support, or we have someone make poor choices. We tend to hold the unrealistic expectation that the commitment we have in battle will carry through the doldrums of hydrant testing and inspections. It doesn't, and while frustrating, we have to understand the reality.

We enjoy rich tradition, the trust of those we serve, and the pride of working in the fire service. We don't always have to get along, but we should be proud of what we do, and support one another.

It would be great if everyone was moving in the same direction at all times, and that everyone got along all the time. Think about it, we could sit in circles, sing Kumbaya, and hug one another – we have to run the hug thing by our HR manager Patty. There would be rainbows and unicorns! Chief Tharp would be soooo happy 😊



I've heard this before, and I think it bears stating in the context of this writing - We are closer to the person we like the least in the fire service, than we are to some we hold dear outside the fire service. Why? Because when you signed up to be a firefighter, you agreed to put your life on the line for each person you work with on the fire department – like them or not, you have agreed to die for them. Yes, a bit overly dramatic, but think about it for a minute..... Dramatic, but not incorrect.

We have a fantastic profession, and we are family no matter how dysfunctional we may be at times. I know we all take pride in what we do as part of the fire department, and we should. Think of the kids

that look up to you as you drive down the street, or the police officers that look at you wishing they had scored 10 points higher so they could be firefighters😊

The fire service is family; we just have to be okay with the fact that it's a real family. We should be proud of our family, frustrated with our family, and willing to love each other just the same. Personally, I appreciate the way we come together for the greater good especially in times of crisis. At the same time, I recognize that not everyone is going to buy in to our philosophies all the time, or appreciate each other every moment of every day. It doesn't mean that we are not a family - it means that we are.

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