



# THE REVIEW

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“The problem is not that people are uneducated. The problem is that they are educated just enough to believe what they’ve been taught. And not educated enough to question what they’ve been taught.” Unk



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## The Chief's Desk

Its Labor Day weekend – the end of summer. I think we can agree, this summer has been a total bust anyways so good riddance! That said, if you go out this weekend, please ensure you designate a driver, or use one of the car services in the area. Wear your seatbelts in whatever you are driving including UTV's. Even a short trip can turn deadly so be careful.

I am back from vacation and ready to go! Unfortunately, given the current state of things I have very few places to go unless it's virtual. I'm not sure about you, but I'm ready to move on. That said, we have not allowed grass to grow under our feet. Rather, we have made the conscious choice to continue pushing forward by finding new ways to accomplish our tasks.

Eric and Andrew finished their work on the studio room at 53, and Jonah along with his folks are nearly done with setting up the technical side of things. We should be there in the next week or so to dial in the lights, camera angles, and sound. The plan is to start slow with shorter Podcasts that will include a review of The Review, as well as a variety of other topics. These may only be 5-10 minutes in length. We will record longer Podcasts with guests as we improve our production abilities, but will want to have four or five of those produced prior to releasing the first one.

As some of you may have heard, the Bureau Chief of EMS for the State Department of Health Services (DHS), Terry Mullins, has submitted his resignation. He has accepted a position in Montana. The state is currently conducting a nationwide search for his replacement. The Bureau did send out an email yesterday reviving the rules update process related to CON's. We will be involved in that process. Updated rules will not fix some of the core issues within the state regarding EMS. To that end, we are still looking at some legislative remedies.

The NFPA 1403 class in partnership with ISFSI kicks off next Tuesday with a class of 25 students. This may end up being the only class offered in the United States this year. It is an important program for training officers who must adhere to strict guidelines on the training grounds regarding live fire training.

Our Engineer's Academy begins September 14. Again, it is good to see us continue to progress despite COVID. We have been very successful throughout this entire year in providing a safe, in person training environment. It's not that we are ignoring COVID, it's just that we are working within the common sense guidelines that CAFMA has created. Living in fear is not living, and not training is not an option in our profession. Onward and upward as they say.

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### Upcoming Events:

Sept 7 – Labor Day – offices closed  
Sept 8 – MAC Meeting, Prevention Interviews  
Sept 9 – SOG Meeting, NextGen Planning Meeting, AFCA Mutual Aid Meeting  
Sept 10 – AFSI Zoom Meeting, PV Council  
Sept 11 – Zoom Meeting with DHS, Healing Fields

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### Board Meetings:

September 28  
CAFMA – 1700-1830

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## **Fire engineers: 12 rookie mistakes**

**By: Jim Spell**

Call it chauffeur, engineer, technician or driver; if you come from a small to mid-size department, the guaranteed next career step for a firefighter is to pump, raise ladders, swing buckets and drive every rig in the department.

For many firefighters, shortening their firefighting time to drive and operate vehicles is an unwelcome career step. For others, the change is met with curiosity and enthusiasm. Either way, becoming an engineer is a tough and often underappreciated job, but one you must take seriously.

Tagged by many officers as the most responsible job on the crew, an engineer must provide safe passage for the crew and guarantee that all equipment will be operating properly upon arrival. And this is in addition to getting water to the fire or hydraulics to the crash.

They are the problem solvers. Their experience puts the right tools in the right place and anticipates both.

During critical times between alarm and overhaul, all decisions run through the apparatus and its operator, regardless of which on-scene officer is making them. As one engineer puts it, "When the truck is sitting still — it's the officers, but when it's idling or rolling down the road — it's mine."

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## **The Company Officer: Mentoring, Motivating and Molding New-Gen Firefighters**

**By: Dr. Brett Ellis**

Many of you had a conversation with someone who you really admired about that promotional process that didn't work out for you. Or a tailboard talk that shaped, impacted and/or propelled you to a place of confidence and increased understanding.

The majority of my such experiences involved company officers or battalion chiefs who worked alongside me, believed in me, held me accountable, encouraged me—and, ultimately, recognized that their role was to mentor me. As I moved on, I would take their knowledge and gift of mentorship and pay it forward.

The responsibility of scene management is just the tip of the smooth bore. First-line supervisors are counselors, teachers, coaches, advocates, salespeople, investigators, pastors, disciplinarians, and, yes, even pseudo-parents at times for their people. You see, leadership is responsible for creating, fostering and encouraging a communicative environment. This increases transparent platforms, fosters healthy relationships, and aligns with organizational policy and procedures that can require tough choices.

The company officer is the most influential leader in the department. His/her daily effect on members is an aggregate for greatness and inspiration, as firefighters develop a sense of “self” as a maturing professional. I’m going to guess that many of you who are reading this article have someone in your past and/or present—and, hopefully, will in your future—who poured into you, listened to you, guided you, held you accountable or challenged you to be the best version of yourself that the fire service needs. So how do company officers mentor, motivate and mold a newer generation of firefighter? How do you accommodate communicative disconnects that can complicate how we understand each other? It’s about actively listening, learning about generational differences, and embracing openness with fervor and fortitude.

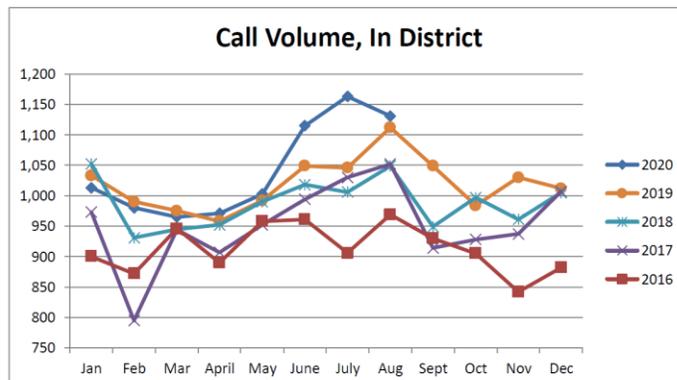
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## August Call Statistics

By: GIS/Statistician Michael Freeman

CALL VOLUME HISTORY  
(IN-DISTRICT INCIDENTS; INCLUDING AID-RECEIVED)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020
Jan	900	973	<b>1,052</b>	1,033	1,013	1,099
Feb	872	795	931	990	980	1,073
Mar	946	944	945	975	965	1,058
April	890	907	952	958	971	1,060
May	958	952	990	992	1,003	1,107
June	961	994	1,018	1,049	1,115	1,208
July	906	1,030	1,006	1,046	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,282</b>
Aug	<b>969</b>	<b>1,052</b>	1,049	<b>1,112</b>	1,131	1,239
Sept	930	914	949	1,049		
Oct	905	928	997	984		
Nov	842	937	961	1,030		
Dec	882	1,007	1,005	1,012		
AVG	913	953	988	1,019	1,043	1,141
TOTAL	<b>10,961</b>	<b>11,433</b>	<b>11,855</b>	<b>12,230</b>	<b>8,341</b>	<b>9,126</b>





# August Response Report - 2020

Land Area: 369 sq. miles    Population: ≈100,000    Fire Stations: 10 Full-Staffed

## Responses in District

TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS	16
STRUCTURE FIRE	2
STRUCTURE FIRE; CONFINED	6
MOBILE HOME/PORTABLE BLDG	0
VEHICLE FIRE	1
BRUSH/GRASS/WILDLAND FIRE	6
OTHER/TRASH FIRE	1

**Fire is 1.41% of call volume**

TOTAL RESCUE & EMS	753
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**EMS is 66.58% of call volume**

OVERPRESSURE / OVERHEAT	1
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	10
SERVICE CALL	232
GOOD INTENT	88
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	31

**Other is 32.01% of call volume**

TOTAL INCIDENTS IN DISTRICT	1,131
INCIDENT RESPONSES BY CAFMA	1,239

Residential Fire Loss	\$368,700
Commercial Fire Loss	\$0
Vehicle Fire Loss	\$100

Calls in Town of Chino Valley	166
Calls in Town of Prescott Valley	610
Calls in Town of Dewey-Humboldt	51
Calls in District, Unincorporated Areas	304
Calls Out of District	10

Average total # of calls per day	36.48
Average fire calls per day	0.52
Average EMS calls per day	24.29
Average all other calls per day	11.68

Aid Given to Prescott	114
Aid Received from Prescott	56
Mutual Aid Given	1
Mutual Aid Received	0

## Unit Responses

	In District	Total
E50	125	135
E51	34	147
E53	196	198
E540	33	36
E54	129	134
E57	44	45
E58	190	192
E59	158	166
E61	94	95
E62	125	129
E63	50	53
T50	6	8
B3	33	40
B6	35	41

## Call Volume at PRCC

	MONTH	YTD
PFD	887	6,080
CAFMA	1,131	8,341
GCFD	10	80
OD	11	65
WKFD	3	36

## Top 5 Call Types

697	EMS
110	Assist Invalid
49	Public Service
41	Cancelled en Route
31	Assist Police/Gov't Agency

## Move Ups by Station

50:	47	57:	3
51:	60	61:	14
53:	16	62:	3
54:	2	63:	26
58:	1	540:	6
59:	1	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>179</b>

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## **Chief's Desk Continued**

The Battalion Chief Academy is a go for 2020 starting in October. It will be hosted at the Tempe Fire Department. Again, all appropriate precautions will be utilized during the program. If you are looking to promote in the next few years as our current Battalion Chief Core retires, I would highly recommend you consider attending the academy.

We interviewed two people for the Training Tech position yesterday. Ivonne Gardea was the successful candidate. Patty will be working with her to finalize paperwork and set a start date. Some of you may be familiar with Ivonne from her work with the Firefighter 1 and 2 program as well as the EMT program through Yavapai College. Others may remember her as their physical therapy tech. We will be interviewing for the two open prevention positions next week Tuesday, Sept 8.

I will be speaking at the Blessing of the Field this Saturday. As you know, the blessing kicks of the opening of the Healing Field in Prescott Valley honoring all of those lost on September 11, 2001. I was told that my words should remind people why we have the Healing Field and what it means. I've struggled a bit with my words this year as I believe the Healing Field of 2020 has a much deeper meaning given the current state of things in our country, and quite frankly our state. In my opinion, we need to be reminded of what life and sacrifice truly mean. I believe we need to be reminded of what our flag stands for, what freedom means, and why no one has ever broken our resolve as Americans. What is happening today harkens back to much darker days in world history when fear was used as a weapon to hurt commerce, and turn family and friends against one another. It is about time we stand up, pay attention, and take our lives back. To that end, below are the remarks I will share with those who attend Saturday's event.

### **Blessing of the Field Ceremony:**

#### **Chief Scott Freitag**

We are gathered here today to honor the 3000 lives lost on September 11, 2001. We are also here to honor all those who have lost their lives since that day protecting our freedoms. The men and women who serve our nation in our military, our law enforcement officers, and our firefighters. Finally, we are here to remember. We are here to remember how we as the American people turned the fear our enemy tried to instill in us into resolve. How we fought back and did not give in! We are here to remember how we came together as a nation to honor all those we lost that day to include – 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel who gave their lives while selflessly trying to save others – they are represented on this field by 470 pairs of boots. Finally, we are here to honor our flag and our country.

We did not allow the terrorists on 9/11 to win, we did not allow them to divide us as a nation, and we did not allow them to scare us into submission. Never in our history has this country bowed to outside forces who have attacked our way of life trying to use fear as a weapon to divide us. Yet, sadly, today we

are allowing inside forces to do just that. Within our own country elected officials, the media, “experts” are all using fear as a weapon and WE are allowing it!!

The people represented by our flag on this field and all those lost fighting for our freedom did not - have not died so we could tear ourselves limb from limb with our own hands. We do not honor their memory by allowing ourselves to be divided nor do we honor them by living in fear. This week, spend some time on this field remembering what their lives meant to their families and to our country. Spend some time on this field remembering what our flag stands for. And, spend some time this week remembering that on September 11, 2001 the sleeping giant awoke and we fought back! It is time for the sleeping giant to awake again – the sleeping giant is us, the silent majority who need to stand up against tyranny, illogical decision making, and those perpetuating fear that is being used to divide us. We, as a country, need to have a frank and honest discussion delving into the root of the problems we face as a nation, NOT an argument over superficial mantras and media headlines meant to instill fear as well as anger! We are not perfect as humans or as a country, but we are proud Americans!

Ladies and Gentlemen, look at this field – look at our flag moving majestically with the wind. Remember what that flag stands for. There is a reason we honor those lost on 9/11 with a flag – it’s a symbol of freedom, of honor, and of our resolve as a nation. Respect those who lost their lives that day whether they were working on the 72<sup>nd</sup> floor at an accounting firm, or they were the firefighters or law enforcement officers who selflessly entered the towers. There are heroes whose stories will never be heard - those who tried to shield or guide to safety friends and co-workers. According to John 15:13 “there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Stand up, stand together, and remember that our freedom means something and it is not FREE - we ARE one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Do not forget that today, do not forget that tomorrow, do not forget that ever, and do not kneel in the presence of our flag.

Thank you, and have a wonderful evening.....