



THE REVIEW

Central Arizona Fire and Medical - 8603 E. Eastridge Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 – April 12, 2024

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"You cannot see your reflection in boiling water, Similarly, you cannot see the truth in a state of anger. When the waters calm, clarity comes.."

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REWARD

\$10,000 Reward for Information in Prescott Valley Fires

- April 1, 2024 and April 4, 2024, fires at the Legado apartment complex and Bradshaw Mountain High School West campus.
- ATF is offering up to \$10,000, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.
- Those with information can call 1-888-283-8477 or Crime Stoppers at (928)772-5666 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1-800-932-3232.

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The Chief's Desk

We pulled the last unit and personnel from the Legado scene Monday morning this week. Because this remains an on-going criminal investigation some of our photos, and our drone footage cannot be released. That said, the investigative team consisting of CAFMA, PVPD, and the ATF have determined that the fire was incendiary. To that end, the suspect will be charged with arson under Arizona statute – once apprehended.

As of this writing, PVPD and the ATF are following up on leads from the community. The ATF has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect. Yavapai County Silent Witness has offered a \$35,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction as well, and the parent company of the Daily Courier has added an additional \$5000.

The police have tied the suspect to additional vandalism and graffiti of other area businesses as well as Bradshaw Mountain High School. People who run in the graffiti crowd usually know a person by their work. We're hoping that's the case here and that they can get a good lead.

Until that happens, I'd remind you to keep your eyes open and head on a swivel. We know the incidents usually occur sometime between midnight and 0430. Any alarm soundings, or structure fires in the area should be treated as suspicious until proven otherwise.

We have not discussed how we want to approach the AAR as everyone's been a little busy since April 1st. I'll get with Chief Feddema and ask that he get with Chief Lucas to develop a plan. Chief Durre and I would like to see something done in person at a larger venue. However, I understand that we may need to have a virtual option given the number of people that need to be involved.

Chief Durre and I are planning to schedule times to speak at the Prescott City Council meeting, Prescott Valley Town Council meeting, Chino Valley Town Council meeting, and the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors meeting. Our intent is to share with each elected body our collective response to Legado, the importance of our joint training, how training has been adjusted to address mid-rise buildings, and what our needs are as we look to the future. Not a long presentation, but enough to ensure they all know just how hard you all trained to be ready for an incident of this magnitude.

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Upcoming Events:

April 15: Chief on vacation Jen's Family Reunion
April 16: Accreditation Discussion, Yavapai County Chiefs Meeting
April 17: Coyote Crisis Collaborative Meeting, Western Fire Chiefs Meeting, Promotion and Retirement Ceremony at CARTA
April 18: Chief on Vacation St. Louis

Board Meeting:

Board Meeting: April 22
CAFMA – 1700-1830

6 Impressive Ways to Lead Without the Title

By: Lolly Daskal

No matter what position you have, leadership skills are valuable. Smart people know that to survive you have to lead, even if you don't have the title (yet). The truth is, during the span of your career, you will not always have the title, but if you learn and acquire the following skills, they should give your leadership career the jump start it needs:

Cultivate a great mindset.

Having a good attitude is a great skill. If you can show enthusiasm and positivity no matter what your job is, people will notice. On any given day, many things can go wrong, but it's the person who stays above the fray that is appreciated and respected.

Consistently be supportive.

When it comes to showcasing your inner leadership, teamwork is essential. If you insist on having your own way or controlling others, your career will run into a wall. The people who are supportive, adding value, always looking to serve others, those are the leaders who are indispensable. Always try to have the attitude of, "What can I do for you?"

Learn to be flexible.

If you want to stand out, make a great impression and work to become a person who is agile and flexible. It's often the stubborn individuals who cost themselves advancement. If you want to succeed, be influential, but learn to be flexible.

Let people know they can count on you.

When people know you are accountable, it will give you credibility. When they know you stand by others, they respect you. Letting others know you trust them and showing them they can trust you back makes for a very impressive reputation.

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Chief's Desk Cont.

In addition, we're planning a series of podcasts regarding Legado. The basic plan is as follows:

1. Chief Merrill and Captain Bushman will be on to discuss what they saw and did as the first in engine and first in command officer as well as their perspective of the overall response.
2. Chief Merrill will be on to discuss how training has changed over the last couple of years in response to the build out of mid-rise buildings in our communities.
3. Chief Rose will be on to discuss the important role of the Planning and Logistics Division on a major incident like this one.
4. At some point we will discuss the investigation, but I don't know when that will be.
5. Chief Durre and I will be on to discuss the importance of joint training, automatic aid, and what we believe our needs will be going forward.

There could be more added to the list once Kathy is back to work or reads this and sees my plan – which she will likely scrap for a plan she comes up with that, as usual, will be better than my ideas. 😊 Since she's currently out recuperating, I'm free to let my creative thoughts run wild! Or, as they pointed out at our CPSE training on Tuesday, filling gaps in our agency with my brilliant ideas!! LOL 😊 That may not be the way my ideas are described by senior staff, division managers, my wife, etc.... You get the picture.

The Bureau of EMS reached out and invited me to participate in their strategic planning summit along with other chiefs and private EMS agencies. I spent most of the day Wednesday of this week in Phoenix at their office.

We had our budget work study session with the board on Monday this week. We've made the request to increase the rate by 2.5 to 3 cents above what we initially discussed. As you are aware, we had proposed to reduce the number of new firefighter positions by five in next year's budget to accommodate year one of the market adjustments. The plan was/is to submit a SAFER grant to add the five positions after January of 2025. That grant was submitted this week. Because we were not successful in the last grant cycle, and because Legado clearly shows we must stick with the plan, we've asked for the additional monies to ensure we can hire the five whether the grant is successful or not.

Additionally, we've added an agenda item to the April board meeting asking for permission to purchase a second aerial apparatus prior to July, if an appropriate demo becomes available from Pierce. If not, the unit will be added into the capitol budget for next fiscal. We've discussed, or I've simply talked about the need for a second ladder given the growth of our area, and the increased number of mid-rise buildings, apartment complexes, and assisted living facilities.

ISO mentioned in our last review that we do not have a second ladder, or even a reserve should T50 be out of service. Again, the Legado fire demonstrated the need for us to make the purchase sooner rather than later. Fain Signature, to my knowledge, plans to clear the ash and move forward with their original building plans. At the same time Legado is rising out of the ground for the second time, three hotels, additional apartments, new assisted living facilities, possibly a hospital project, and numerous housing developments will be under construction. Ladies and gentlemen, it's time for us to bite the bullet and purchase the needed equipment.

We've been conservative for years trying to be good stewards of the tax dollars we receive. I'd say we've done a pretty good job of balancing the needs of the community and our revenue. That said, hindsight being what it is, we should have started raising the tax rate as we had planned when COVID hit. Those monies were meant to start hiring needed staff three years ago, but because of the pandemic the financial future of our communities was largely uncertain, so we punted the tax hikes. It's time to rip the band aid off and move forward hiring much needed firefighters, and non-ops positions. Unfortunately, we only have one way to raise the needed funds i.e., property taxes. Not popular, but it's the only option we have since Prop 310 failed.

All in all, I think we're on a good path, with the support of our board as well as our communities. Stay safe out there and watch out for each other as well as our law enforcement partners that will be responding with you.



March Response Report - 2024

Land Area: 369 sq. miles Population: ≈106,500 Fire Stations: 10 Full-Staffed

Responses in District

TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS	8
STRUCTURE FIRE	0
STRUCTURE FIRE; CONFINED	2
MOBILE HOME/PORTABLE BLDG	2
VEHICLE FIRE	1
BRUSH/GRASS/WILDLAND FIRE	2
TRASH FIRE/OTHER	1

Fire is 0.72% of call volume

TOTAL RESCUE & EMS	769
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EMS is 68.97% of call volume

OVERPRESSURE / OVERHEAT	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	11
SERVICE CALL	202
GOOD INTENT	86
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	39

Other is 30.31% of call volume

TOTAL INCIDENTS IN DISTRICT	1,115
INCIDENT RESPONSES BY CAFMA	1,235
TYPE-1 UNIT RESPONSES BY CAFMA	1,321

Fire Loss Summary

Residential Fire Loss	\$311,200
Commercial Fire Loss	\$0
Vehicle Fire Loss	\$16,000

Top 5 Call Types

699	EMS
118	Assist Invalid
52	Cancelled en Route
46	Public Service
29	Vehicle Accident w/Injuries

Average total # of calls per day	35.97
Average fire calls per day	0.26
Average EMS calls per day	24.81
Average all other calls per day	10.90

Call Volume at PRCC

	Month	Year-to-Date
PFD	850	2,471
CAFMA	1,115	3,660
GCFD	13	29
OD	13	30
WKFD	4	7

Unit Responses

Unit	District	Total	Move Up
E50	139	149	1
E51	32	170	1
E53	193	196	0
E540	30	32	20
E54	142	142	1
E57	44	44	2
E58	150	152	2
E59	144	151	1
E61	88	89	1
E62	121	129	0
E63	59	62	1
TR50	2	3	0
B3	37	41	0
B6	19	22	0
Rescues	0	0	0

TYPE-1 ENGINES

Calls by Municipality

Calls in Town of Chino Valley	148
Calls in Town of Prescott Valley	598
Calls in Town of Dewey-Humboldt	45
Calls in District, Unincorporated Areas	324
Calls Out of District	8

Aid Agreement Summary

Aid Given to Prescott	133
Aid Received from Prescott	56
Aid Given to WVFD	0
Aid Received from WVFD	3
Mutual Aid Given	0
Mutual Aid Received	0