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# Peeples Valley Fire District July 17, 2024, Board of Directors Operations Report

## **Chief Shawn Bomar**

Good Morning, Peeples Valley Fire District Board of Directors.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are still in place due to the lack of seasonal precipitation. Please refer to the PVFD website for clarifications. June's call volume indeed showed an increase in activity. The staff has met this increase with a consistent approach and professionalism. We did receive notification that the equipment donation from the Bureau of Land Management is moving forward. This 2016 F550 unit will serve as a first due Rescue to the District. The Two units that Daisy Mountain Fire provided us are being made ready to go into service. The large tanker pumper unit, now referred to as Daisy, will serve as a second-due Rescue and a Mutual Aid first-out due to its multitasking capabilities. The Type 6 unit referred to as the General will now be known as the Goat. Its size and offroad capabilities will undoubtedly be an asset in some of our most remote response areas within the District. The wildfire season has taken off this month, with our wildland and operations staff responding to several incidents. We currently have T81 on assignment in California.

# A Shift Report for July 17, 2024 Duty Officer John Ross.

## Responses

- Unknown Odor Inside Residence:
  - Description: A report of an unknown odor inside a residence was investigated. No emergency was found, and the situation was resolved without incident.
- Wellness Check and At-Home Medical Equipment Inspection:
  - Description: A wellness check and an inspection of at-home medical equipment were conducted. No emergency was found, and the equipment was confirmed to be in working order.
- Sick Person:
  - Description: A call for a sick person was received, but Lifeline canceled the unit on the scene. The patient had walked up to Lifeline and staged at Mountainair, requesting assistance.

## Mutual Aid Request - Skull Valley:

- Unit Dispatched: Tender 81
- Description: A-Shift was called in for a mutual aid request with Skull Valley. Tender 81 was dispatched but was canceled en route as no emergency was found.

## Smoke Check - Possible Lightning Strike:

- Location: Buckhorn Loop
- Units Dispatched: Brush 81 and Prevention 81
- Description: Brush 81 was dispatched for a smoke check on a possible lightning strike. Brush 81 and Prevention 81 investigated the report; no emergency was found.

### Smoke Check:

- Location: Pioneer Ave
- Units Dispatched: Squad 281 and Brush 81
- Description: Squad 281 and Brush 81 were dispatched for a smoke check. Both units investigated the report, and no emergency was found.

## 2. Summary:

- Total Calls for Service: 6
  - Unknown Odor Inside Residence: 1
  - Wellness Check and At-Home Medical Equipment Inspection: 1
  - Sick Person: 1
  - Mutual Aid Request: 1
  - Smoke Checks: 2

## Dispatch and Radio Communications:

 All radio and dispatch communications functioned effectively during the month of June 2024, with no reported issues.

## Assistance from Supporting Agencies:

 All assistance from supporting agencies was prompt, professional, and without concern. This ensured efficient incident handling and contributed to the safety and well-being of the community.

#### 3. Conclusion:

 A-Shift effectively managed all calls for service during June 2024. Despite several incidents being non-emergent upon investigation, the team's responsiveness and thoroughness ensured all reports were addressed promptly.

# B Shift Report for July 17, 2024 Duty Officer Jacob Loaiza.

## Responses

#### 19 June

#### **Chest Pain**

Successful cooperation between PVFD and LLA. A BLS and ALS units arrived on the scene and confirmed the crew's initial assessment. Signed patient refusal of transport; traveled POV with the help of family.

## 27 June

## Fall, non-injury

The patient was assisted and assessed, and the patient's refusal of transport was signed.

#### 27 June

## Altered Level of Consciousness (ALOC)

The patient was assessed, but the root cause could not be determined in the field. The patient was transported via LLA.

## 7 July

Difficulty Breathing (During shift change)

The patient had gone to the ED via POV earlier in the week for a fall injury. 911 was not utilized or involved in the initial fall. Other injuries were discovered during this assessment, and the patient was transported via LLA.

## 10 July

Service Call

A community member was assisted in scheduling a non-emergency transport via LLA for scheduled emergency surgery.

#### **Brush Fire/Mutual Aid/Hillside Fire**

Brush81 and Tender82 responded to Congres's mutual aid call for a brush fire. Crews supported burning operations to stop the fire's forward progress and protect at-risk values. Pleased with the crew's performance, B81 remained on the scene overnight for night operations patrol. B81 was released the following morning at the briefing. T82 remained assigned to the fire under DFFM. Apparatus was staffed by Operations and Wildland personnel in a seamless effort to support our neighbors of the Weaver Mountains Communities.

#### 12 July

#### MVA

They were canceled en route. YCSO reported that nothing was found. Units patrolled the district's stretch of State Route 89 to ensure no mistake was made.

# Programs

## Supply

A complete order of hoses has arrived for the "Crosslays" on Rescue 81 and Engine 81, as well as new nozzles for E81. These have replaced expired hoses. The new nozzles reflect NFPA standards for gallons per minute (GPM) capabilities when conducting fire suppression. Requests will soon be made for tools to make R81 fully functional for our own needs and ready to respond to other areas as a capable Type-1 Engine.

## **Training**

Upcoming Training includes SCBA mask fitting (an annual requirement), the academic portion of VFIS Driver Training, and a make-up day for department photos.

Personnel are already being trained on hose deployments, hose management, and nozzle techniques using the new equipment mentioned in the Supply report.

New Probationary Task Books have been implemented. This is a collaborative effort of the duty officers, spearheaded by D.O. Dwiggins. The task books will allow reserves to be evaluated on their progress, provide a rubric by which duty officers guide their learning, and set expectations for the reserves themselves.

# C Shift Report for July 17, 2024 Duty Officer Britteny Dwiggins. Responses

Nine calls

1 Motor vehicle accident (vehicle vs deer)

6 Medical

1 Smoke check

One mutual aid request for Possible structure fire

We are currently staffed with seven reserve EMTs, all continuing to float shifts to allow for more training with each officer and exposure to different leadership and teaching styles.

#### **EMS**

Our membership is set to be renewed with NAEMS, which has allowed a few great schooling opportunities and grant funding.

Lifeline Ambulance is doing a fantastic job keeping crews posted throughout the Weaver Mountains community. Thank you all for making the crew feel welcome in the area. Grants and funding: I am still looking for more grants and funding to help support the never-ending evolution of upgrading medical equipment every few years. We are looking to upgrade monitors again, and we are continuing to work on quotes for those and quotes for other equipment and needs so we can be prepared and plan for those future costs.

The previous programs I brought to the community are still being utilized, and I am working on more programs to offer the community.

Weaver Mountains Fire Wise Communities Strategic Planning Committee Reports For July 17, 2024 Captain Raymond Paiz

### **Fire Prevention:**

- 1. Enrolled in and began EMT class through Granite Mountain Training.
- 2. Presented a proposal to the Yarnell School Board of Directors requesting the adoption of our Fire Department Mini Muster Program to be implemented this coming Fire Prevention Week.
- 3. In conjunction with County Code Enforcement, we conducted Fire Prevention and Safety Inspections on 135 parcels in the Unknown Mexican to John Fry neighborhoods. 58 Notices to Comply were issued to residences requiring remediation and scheduled reinspections on previous actions for early August.

- 4. Continued research and development of the Fire Code adoption process.
- 5. The District Board of Directors was presented with a presentation on the potential adoption of the International Fire Code and IWUIC.

## Weaver Mountains Firewise® USA Programs:

1. Continued outreach to Yarnell communities to create Firewise® Communities in that area. Made contact with two residents inquiring about mitigation. Completed two Healthy Forest Initiative 2024 Grant applications directed at completing fuel breaks on the west boundary of Peeples Valley and developing evacuation routes and fuel breaks in Ruger Ranch. Having completed the Home Ignition Zone Assessor course, Firewise® Coordinator Lew Theokas is now a certified Firewise Communities Assessor. This allows him to survey properties and recommend to the owner the mitigation needed to reduce fire risks and protect structures. Our grant application to HFI for two \$100,000 reimbursement programs has been submitted. If awarded, these grants will allow residents to request up to 90% reimbursement to mitigate their property. This grant request will cover the cost of completing a fuel break on the west boundary of our community bordering state lands.

Regarding other mitigation work, under the grant program, committees can receive credit for work done to remove hazards and lower risks. This is helpful when it comes time to renew our certifications and additional grant applications. So, if you or your neighbors are clearing brush, cutting grasses, trimming trees, etc., log in the dates and times spent and send it to your coordinators to add to our community mitigation logs. Before and after photos are also encouraged with this submission. Finally, Our Peeples Valley Firewise Community signs have arrived and should be up shortly.

If you wish to join the Peeples Valley Firewise Community Committee, please contact us at 623-910-0339 or litheokas@gmail.com.

- 2. Completed agreement with Peeples Valley Fire Department Auxiliary to manage grant opportunity finances.
- 3. We have opened the Grant Application portal for Lever for Change, requesting funding for facility construction and a regional fire protection system.

## Strategic Planning Committee:

- 1. Completed Priority #3 Personnel and #4 Staffing.
- 2. Held preparatory discussions on Priority #5, Financial Accountability, and #6 PR and Outreach.

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