



## WHISPERING PINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Chiefs Report

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## Operations:

Activity for 2011: 271  
Activity since last report:  
10 – Medical  
1 – Structure Fire  
1 – Transformer Fire  
4 – Special Duty  
2 – Vehicle Accidents

EMS coverage December 2011: ALS (medic) coverage 744 hrs 100%

Operations activities increased significantly since the last meeting with 18 incidents. The greatest increase was in EMS incidents. Yearly total incidents increased from 231 in 2010 to 271 for the 2011 calendar year.

We have added a new member to the department since the last meeting. Ryen Helzer from Bonita Creek has joined the department. He is a qualified wildland firefighter and will be testing soon to get certified as an EMT. His parents own a cabin in Bonita Creek and he is a seasonal wildland firefighter with the Blue Ridge Ranger District in the Coconino National Forest.

## Training:

Mark King has completed his EMT training and has also been Nationally and State Certified as a new EMT. Congratulations to Mark. Three Board members, the Deputy Chief and myself attended the AFDA Conference and training in Laughlin last week. From my perspective the classes I attended were very informative and there was a great deal of networking done with other District Chiefs and Board Members.

As we approach wildland fire season again, there are several opportunities for wildland firefighter training coming to the Rim Country. We have a couple personnel that will be taking the Basic Wildland Fire Fighter training in March as well as several currently qualified personnel will be taking the annual required wildland refresher class.

## Equipment:

All apparatus are in service at this time. Some minor repairs were needed to E726 and it returned to service today. This fiscal year we have had some significant maintenance issues with our apparatus, most notably the repairs to E711's pump.

Station 74 remains unusable at this time, so E746 remains temporarily housed at station 71.

## Administration:

We have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the State Forestry Division to purchase equipment, and training materials. This is a 50-50 grant. Much of the equipment and materials have been purchased.

Submitted by:  
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