



## WHISPERING PINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Chiefs Report

December 14, 2011

### Operations:

Activity to date for 2011: 261

Activity since last report:

3 – Medical

1 – Mutual Aid to HMFD (structure fire)

1 – Vehicle Fire

EMS coverage November 2011: ALS (medic) coverage 720 hrs 100%

Operations activities have slowed significantly for the winter months. There were only five incidents during this reporting period.

### Training:

The one person we had in EMT class has finished the course and will be taking their National Registry exam in Phoenix tomorrow.

### Equipment:

All apparatus are in service at this time although we have had some challenges. With the early onset of really cold temperatures we have moved some equipment around to protect it from the cold. The temporary structure at Bonita Creek has taken a real beating from the wind and is currently unusable. E746 is now housed at station 71 until repairs can be made to the rollup door.

This current snow storm is also presenting some challenges with being able to navigate the roads in our communities and with electrical power availability.

We have received both the fit testing machine and the SCBA flow testing machine and I have completed the training on both instruments. Some testing has been accomplished on our equipment and I have contacted other fire departments in the area to let them know we can start testing some of their personnel and equipment.

### Administration:

Last winter we had some damage to the fire water tanks in Whispering Pines that caused the water supply to be inoperable (frozen and broken valves). This year I have solved the problem (as long as there is electrical power) by working out an agreement with Brookes Utilities to use electrical power from their facilities that are located adjacent to our tanks. These electrical connections provide power to heat tapes that have been installed on each of the three tanks. Other than the cost of material and manpower for the work detail, there is no ongoing cost to the District. Brookes is donating the cost of the electricity.

Submitted by:

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