



WHISPERING PINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Chiefs Report

September 19, 2011

Operations:

Activity for 2011: 235 incidents (one more than our total for last year)

Activity for August 2011:

- 7 – Abandoned / illegal campfires
- 14 – Fire Patrols
- 4 – EMS
- 1 – Mutual Aid to Payson (structure fire)
- 1 – Swift Water Rescue
- 1 – Public Service
- 1 - Propane Leak

EMS coverage August 2011:

ALS (paramedic) coverage	744 hrs	100%
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August total of 29 responses.

Responses dropped off for then month of August, 11 less than July. There is one more month of Fire Patrol this summer and we are looking forward to a busy Labor Day Weekend. There were no significant incidents during the month of August in our area however on August 19th a very active thunderstorm moved through Payson and two homes were struck by lightning and set on fire. In addition there was a fire alarm at one of the senior apartment complexes in town. All of this activity prompted a mutual aid call to Houston Mesa, Beaver Valley, Whispering Pines and Hellsgate Fire Districts to provide assistance to the Town of Payson FD.

Training:

We have one individual attending Basic EMT Training classes in Star Valley at Hellsgate FD station 21. Classes are twice a week with an occasional Saturday for skills practice. This class will conclude in early December. I am working with the Northern Gila County Fire Chiefs and their Training Officers with getting a Fire Officer I training and certification program put together for the FDs in the area. Classes are tentatively set to begin in October and will be spread through next summer. There is also a possible Command Officers class this fall in Pine and an Engineers class at Houston Mesa this fall as well.

Administration:

Sue and I will be taking a vacation at the end of September and beginning of October. We will be leaving on September 27th and returning on October 5th.

The annual Volunteer Firefighter of the year award banquet is tentatively set for Saturday November 19th.

Submitted by:
Chief Sattelmaier