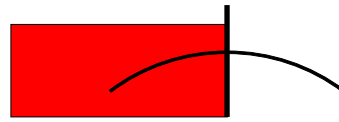


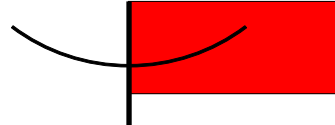


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President's Message

By Simon Davis, Green Valley Fire District

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AFDA Members:

Welcome to all current Association members and also to all the new Board Members that recently got elected. I'm sure your neighbors appreciate your time and commitment to serving your communities in the interest of health and safety. This is the time of year that is the calm before the storm. The legislature is not in session, budgets are not due for a while and all is well in the neighborhood! OK, that may be a little optimistic...but at least there's time to catch up on a few of those bottom of the pile projects.

If you're a newly elected Fire District Board member I highly recommend you review the AFDA 'Red Book.' It has lots of valuable information about open meeting laws, areas of responsibility and the statutes pertaining to Fire District law. Additionally, new board members (and everyone else) need to make a note on their calendars for the AFDA educational conference January 17th -19th in Laughlin. There are several classes planned just for newly elected board members to assist you both in getting started and throughout your term. I highly recommend attending if you can make the time. It is also a great opportunity to start networking with fellow Board members from around the state and learn more about what other districts are doing in their communities.

In addition to the elections, there are a couple of things to be aware of as we move towards the end of another calendar year. Arizona Department of Health Services is looking at revising re-certification requirements for state EMT's. Your AFDA Board has a couple of representatives in this process in order to ensure that the interests of the membership are

being heard as the planning continues.

Secondly, over the next two months the AFDA Board will be looking towards the upcoming legislative session that starts in January. Our focus early on is to educate and inform the legislators, especially all of the newly elected freshman, as to what fire districts do. There are always 'issues' out there, however, so if your District has any suggestions for possibly reforming of any of the current statutes or new legislation that will benefit district residents, we are interested in hearing from you! It takes considerable time and effort to craft bills and get motivated sponsors especially following a general election, so we need to start as early as possible.

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Simon David, Chief, Green Valley

Secretary

Rick Southey, Chief, Bullhead City

Area 1 Director

Bryan Savage, Chief, Lakeside

Rob Jarvis, Chief, Christopher Kohls

Area 3 Director

Chuck Buddle, Chief, Blue Ridge

Area 5 Director

Pat Moore, Chief, Northern Arizona Consolidated

Area 7 Director

Jerry Doerksen, Asst. Chief, Verde Valley

Ballots will be mailed to Area 1 districts only since none of the other positions are being contested.

New Wildland Type 6 Brush Truck for the Sun Lakes Fire District

By Paul S. Wilson, Fire Chief

The Sun Lakes Fire District, located southwest of Chandler AZ., recently placed a new Type 6 Brush Truck into service. Designed and assembled by a user committee of wildland firefighters and the fire mechanic, the new brush truck features a Ford F550 Quad-Cab chassis, a 300 gallon water tank and a Waterous compressed air foam system. The vehicle is equipped with 200 feet of reeled ready-line, fire-line hand tools, wildland gear / radios and L.E.D. emergency response and scene lighting.

The new Brush Truck was funded from a \$71,250.00 State Shared Revenue Grant from the Gila River Indian Community, Donations from the Code 3 Equipment Company & Oakwood Ladies Golf Association and District wildland revenues.

The Brush Truck is a fire protection resource, coordinated with regional fire departments in the Phoenix metropolitan area, the Pinal / Pima Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Central AZ. Wildland Response Team and the AZ. State Forestry Division

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Arizona City Fire District Secretary/Treasurer Retires

By Paul M. Sabel, Fire Chief

Arizona City Fire District announces the retirement of Secretary/Treasurer Mort Erickson after serving with the Fire District for the past 23 years. Mort joined the fire department in October of 1989 and in January of 1990 he attended EMT school and received his certification. Mort also received his fire fighter certification that same year.



I know that Mort enjoyed attending classes and was part of the administration group. Whenever he needed assistance on any matter he would send out an email and get answers back from many different people that were part of the administration group. I think he enjoyed attending those classes and meeting and being the only guy with the group.

A lot of good things have happened over the past 23 years that Mort was a part of our department and he was instrumental in a lot of the great happenings. He will be remembered for the hard work he has done to improve the District and his timeless dedication to serving the community of Arizona City. Mort has always wanted to try his hand at fly fishing, so we will wait for the invite to the fish fry.

During his tenure with ACFD Mort has served as a fire fighter, engineer, EMT and Safety officer. Mort often received the award for responding to the most EMS calls during a year. In 2004 Mort ran for the elected office of Secretary/Treasurer and won the election and again in 2008. Mort's term will end on November 30, 2012 and he will be retiring from the fire service after dedicating 23 years of service to the Arizona City Fire District and the community of Arizona City.

Now, Mort's job is not finished, he is training our new business manager, Hazel "Pepper" Corbin. The District has hired Hazel to keep the business end of the District running smoothly while w transition to a new 5 member Governing Board in December.

Mort was a part of the team that has brought Arizona City Fire District to be one of the best paid per call departments around. All of our apparatus has been upgraded and new equipment was added to all the apparatus for safety of our fire fighters and EMS personnel. During the good years when the assessed values were high, the District was able to pay off all the apparatus early and save the District interest charges. Our equipment is state of the art and our training program has been improved to train our personnel and keep them safe.



We welcome Hazel on board and are looking forward to working with her as she learns the ins and outs of the Fire service.

From all of us at the Arizona City Fire District and the community of Arizona City, we wish Mort the best in the coming years.

In January of 1990 Mort and I attended our first AFDA conference. Even though the District had been members for years no one had ever attended any conferences. Mort remembers how much information that we gained from our first conference and what great networking opportunities were gained. Mort attended every AFDA conference since ending with the conference in Tucson in June of 2012.

Bouse Volunteer Fire District News

By John Novak - Fire Chief

The Bouse Volunteer Fire District has received its first Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of a 7/9. The 7 rating is for properties within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant; the 9 rating is for properties beyond 1000 feet of a fire hydrant, but within 5 miles of the fire station. This grading was obtained under the leadership of Fire Chief John Novak and his officer team.

The Bouse Volunteer Fire District was formed in 2007. When Chief Novak was hired December of 2009, the fire board listed one of its top goals was to obtain an ISO rating. Chief Novak has worked steadily towards that goal by outright purchasing and receiving grants for equipment, and requesting apparatus donations. Riverside County, CA Fire Department and Rural/Metro Corporation each donated a fire engine, which replaced engines taken out of service due to significant age and that were beyond economical repair.

The Bouse Volunteer Fire District currently has half of its members certified to the Firefighter I & II level. Additionally, several members are EMTs and 2 are Paramedics.



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AzAA Elections - Gene McDaniel

By Rebecca Haro, AFDA Board EMS Representative

AFDA is encouraging all AZ Ambulance Association members to please get out the vote for the AzAA Board elections to be held this January. It is more important than ever that fire-based EMS have a strong voice at the table when it comes to matters that impact ambulance service in AZ. Gene McDaniel is running for the office of President of AzAA. He comes from a strong background in fire-based EMS delivery and has been active in guiding the legislative and educational components of EMS here in AZ.

My name is Gene McDaniel and I am asking for your support for the position of President of the AZ Ambulance Association. I am committed to bring better representation of fire based EMS systems to the association; and to work with and represent all aspects of EMS in Arizona. Our industry faces many challenges and opportunities in the future. But, I believe together we can build a strong future and continue to develop a viable EMS system in this state, and ensure that fire based EMS service delivery systems continue to provide public safety services to our communities including ambulance transportation.

All of the various sectors of the EMS system in Arizona play an important role in maintaining the health and safety of the communities in this state. If I am successful in this election I will work diligently to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to discuss issues and problems, and to find solutions that work in the best interest of Arizona's EMS system. Thank you.

Gene McDaniel has been continuously certified as an EMS provider in Arizona since 1983 with experience in both private and municipal services. Currently he is a Captain Paramedic with the City of Phoenix Fire Department and the program manager for the Paramedic Education Program. Gene is retired residential faculty from Phoenix College where he served as Department Chair managing and instructing EMS and Fire Science programs. Gene also served as Chair for the Maricopa Community College District Instructional Council Chair for EMS/ Fire Science Programs and served on the Chancellors Executive Sub- Committee for instructional design and degree pathways.

Gene received his Bachelor of Science degree, with honors distinction, in Organizational Leadership from Charter Oak State College. Gene also has over 18 years of experience in training and education in professional workforce development with an emphasis in emergency response and operations for the emergency services industry, and presented at national conferences and programs of instruction as a guest lecturer. Gene has been a contributing author to EMS textbooks and other educational literature and has participated in peer reviewing a variety of EMS educational materials and program development.

Below are some highlights of professional activities:

- Faculty Arizona State Supreme Court
- Training Staff Phoenix Fire Department
- Guest Presentation Arizona State Fire Marshal School
- Guest Presentation Va. Chapter ACEP, EMS Conference
- Guest Presentation Va. State EMS Symposium
- Resident Faculty and Program Manager EMS education; Phoenix College
- Past Department Chair EMS, Fire Science and Disaster Preparedness and Response programs
- Past Chair Maricopa Community College District Instructional Council for EMS and Fire Science programs
- Adjunct faculty Louisiana State University, National Center for Biomedical Research and Counter Terrorism Training
- Staff instructor Texas Engineering and Extension Service, a division Of Texas A&M University
- Past Member Maricopa County Community College District, Chancellors Executive Subcommittee
- Program Manager/Lead Captain Phoenix Fire Department, EMS Division
- Program Manager Representative to the Valley Central Life Safety Committee
- Educational Director to the Valley Regional EMS Managers
- Member National Association of EMS Physicians Emergency Response Committee
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Bureau of EMS & Trauma System News

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The need for Arizona's Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCT's) to visit the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System's (BEMSTS) office to apply for initial certification and recertification will soon be a thing of the past. In September 2013 (keep your fingers crossed), the BEMSTS will launch the Online Certification and Recertification Program.

In addition to the online application process, the online program will also enable current and prospective employers, as well as the general public to verify the current and active certification status of an EMCT.

AZ DISPATCHER- ASSISTED CPR: MAXIMIZING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL

Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) is a major public health problem in the US, with estimates of EMS-assessed OHCA's at 383,000 per year. These events result in death in all but 7.6% of cases, but a 500% regional variation in survival suggests EMS system factors play a pivotal role in OHCA survival with good neurological outcome.

The likelihood of OHCA victim survival decreases by 7%-10% per minute, and EMS typically requires 10-15 minutes to reach and assess victims, making the need for bystander CPR self-evident. Studies show bystander CPR can yield a two to three-fold increase in survival. Bystander CPR provides essential blood flow to the heart and brain, extending the period of ventricular fibrillation that often presents in OHCA. This increases the time interval for professional rescuers to defibrillate the heart into its normal rhythm. Yet only about a third of OHCA patients receive bystander CPR in the United States.

911 Dispatchers represent a tremendous opportunity to increase rates of bystander CPR – their "just-in-time" instructions can transform bystanders into lay rescuers and save thousands of lives from OHCA.

The Save Hearts in Arizona Registry and Education (SHARE) Program's TARGET (Telephone-Assisted Resuscitation Gains Essential Time) initiative aims to get bystander CPR started as quickly and frequently as possible to increase OHCA survival in Arizona. TARGET provides Arizona 911 dispatch centers with vital resources and guidance to implement the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for telephone-assisted CPR. The Guidelines call for no less than a paradigm shift on potential OHCA calls. One such shift is for 911 dispatchers to assume an OHCA is in progress until the call proves otherwise, rather than assume an OHCA is not in progress.

TARGET is a HIPAA-exempt effort to engage partners in a continuous Quality Improvement (QI) initiative to measure and enhance the delivery of telephone CPR instructions. Agencies receive QI reports that present key time intervals such as time elapsed from call receipt to dispatcher recognition for CPR, time to start of CPR instructions, and time to start of first compression. The reports provide strategies that agencies can use in their QI efforts and provide a baseline to measure improvements in survival. TARGET provides training and QI resources tailored to individual 911 center profiles. Centers can thus launch long-term, sustainable programs suited to their needs and resources. See <http://9-1-1CPRDispatch.azshare.gov>.

TARGET's first partnering agency administered a SHARE-sponsored, 3-hour course in October 2011 to train dispatchers and call-takers in telephone-assisted CPR, with 120 staffers trained in techniques and protocol revisions advanced by the AHA for CPR pre-arrival instructions. Significant gains were seen in time reduction from call-receipt to start of compressions of more than 90 seconds– an improvement that may result in a 10%-15% increase in SCA survivorship in the agency's service area. For more information on TARGET, contact Micah Panczyk at (602) 364-2846 or Micah.Panczyk@azdhs.gov.

Area 2 Report - Serving Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham & Greenlee

Bill Miller, Fry Fire District

Hello from Area #2

We have some great news from Fry Fire District. The State Compensation Fund of Arizona (SCF) has recognized us as being in the 1% of the very best in the state for high quality efforts in safety for a second year in a row receiving the "Tucson Best of the Best" award in September. We're very proud to receive such an honor and we thank all of our employees for their safety efforts throughout the year.

Fry Fire District along with the Sierra Vista Fire Department are looking into entering an agreement with PHI Air or otherwise known as "AirEvac" to provide paramedics services for a second air medical transport helicopter in Sierra Vista. As of this writing we are still working on the contracts. Our employees are looking forward to the additional training opportunities.

The Cochise County EMS Council along with the Cochise County Fire Chief's Associations has donated \$2,500 to the Arizona Firefighter Fund created by the Arizona State Fire Training Committee to help Rural Firefighters of Arizona attend fire service training at the annual Arizona Fire School. Both associations were recognized as Charter members at fire school. For more information contact the Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence. 623-333-6500.

We have a new Volunteer Fire Department that is struggling and is looking for anything from protective gear to apparatus. The department name is Chiricahua Trails located in rural Cochise County. The contact person is Al Levine and his number is 520-253-0039. They are also in the process of forming as a 501c3 non-for-profit organization.

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Green Valley Fire District Wins 2012 Fire Corps Award of Excellence

From Fire Corps News/August 16, 2012 edition

Fire Corps and the International Fire Service Training Association/ Fire Protection Publications (IFSTA/FPP) are pleased to announce that the Green Valley Fire District (GVFD) in Green Valley, AZ, has been selected as the 2012 Fire Corps Award of Excellence winner! Honorable mentions were given to the Sun City West Fire District (AZ) and the Layton City Fire Department (UT).

Sponsored by IFSTA/FPP, the Award of Excellence annually honors a Fire Corps program whose remarkable achievements in the fire and emergency services and the community exemplify outstanding performance. Representatives from the GVFD will attend the upcoming Fire Corps National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting near Washington, DC, to receive their award and present their program's accomplishments. The NAC, which consists of representatives from nearly every major fire and emergency service organization across the U.S., provides valuable input and guidance to Fire Corps.

"The GVFD is an exceptional program," said Mike Wieder, FPP Associate Director and IFSTA Executive Director. "We are excited to have their representatives attend the meeting to inform the NAC of all their hard work and accomplishments, and also to share this model program with others looking to start or enhance their Fire Corps initiatives."

About the GVFD Fire Corps Program

The GVFD Fire Corps was established in late 2006 with 11 initial members. The program has grown tremendously since then and now includes over 50 members who provide vital services for the District and community.

During the past year, the GVFD Fire Corps supplemented their regular 30-hour new member training program by adding an on-the-job training component to identify job responsibilities to members earlier and allow members to get any necessary certifications much sooner. To bolster recruitment efforts even further, the GVFD Fire Corps sends their Public Information Team to attend many of the over 70 homeowner association meetings in the area to spread the word about the role of the Fire Corps and seek prospective new members.

In the past year, the District formed a Fire Corps Steering Committee which meets monthly and includes Fire Corps officers who act much like a board of directors. They also added a shift duty officer who is available to deal with complex issues arising during day-to-day Fire Corps shifts. Finally, in order to maintain effective support and communication, they established a Fire Corps Leadership Team made of selected Fire Corps officers and Executive Management staff from the Fire District.

The members of the Green Valley Fire Corp are divided into two categories – Field Operations Volunteers and Administrative Volunteers.

Field Operations Volunteers work in two person crews for two five-hour

shifts six days each week. Additional shifts have been added that specialize entirely in smoke alarm battery changes and lock box installations.

About the Impact

The GVFD Fire Corps team has made major inroads to relieve the firefighters of their non-operational duties so that they are now more available for emergency calls, training and study, equipment and vehicle maintenance, and other critical functions. Last year alone, Fire Corps members logged 9,200 hours of work. This represents the equivalent of almost five full-time paid positions to perform the responsibilities now taken care of by the Fire Corps. The value of this contribution is estimated to be a minimum of \$185,000 based on the suggested value of volunteer work.

Furthermore, the Fire Corps team has handled an average of four dispatched assistance calls daily (such as smoke alarm problems and desert pest removal), which would otherwise interrupt essential firefighter duties. Additional relief has resulted from the other services such as mail deliveries, moving of supplies, hydrant area maintenance, etc. Likewise, the Fire Corps members have assumed many of the administrative support responsibilities for the District.

Overall, the GVFD Fire Corps program has added valuable assistance and increased the public's perception of the customer service provided by the District. "We are very proud of the contributions that Fire Corps has made to our department" says Division Chief Chuck Wunder, who helped start the program six years ago. "These men and women take great pride in serving our community and have really made a significant impact on our operations. In addition, it's great to have members of our community who have such a strong understanding of our mission and goals. These volunteers are great advocates for our department and spread the word about all the good things happening in our organization."

Congratulations to the Green Valley Fire District – its Fire Corps members, leaders, and residents – for your remarkable program. Learn more about the GVFD at <http://www.gvfire.org/>.

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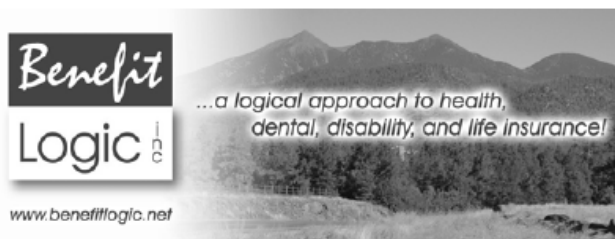
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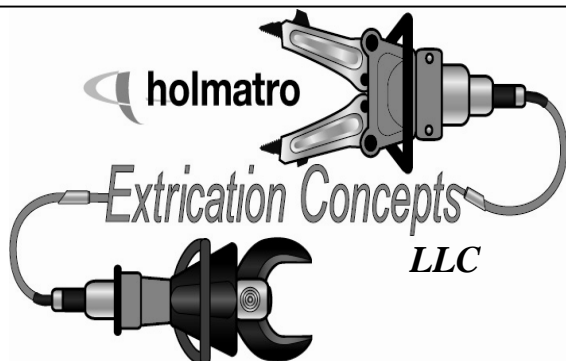


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