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## Peeples Valley Fire District August 21, 2024, Board of Directors Operations Report

### Chief Shawn Bomar

Good Morning, Peeples Valley Fire District Board of Directors.

Due to the increase in seasonal precipitation, the number of fire restrictions has been reduced. No burn permits are being issued, and all cooking or warming fires must be in an established device with a screened cover. The Wildland Division will perform burns as appropriate weather conditions allow. All yard mitigation activity has had the time-of-day constraints removed. The call volume within this month's report signifies that the danger of wildfires still exists, and we must remain vigilant as a community to prevent unnecessary risk. As you will read in the Duty Officers report, we continue solidifying our working relationship with Life Line Ambulance. This alliance has undoubtedly improved our capability of serving our communities' medical needs. Lastly, you will see mention of the establishment of the Weaver Mountains Fire Corps. This program will increase our service to the community as a Fire and EMS provider; it will evolve with an additional branch called CERT. This acronym is for Community Emergency Response Team. We are excited to establish this new capability to serve the Weaver Mountains Communities and will provide updates as we progress.

### Duty Officers Report

**August 21, 2024**

#### Incidents

#### **C SHIFT 8/19 EMS Backpain**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Life Line Ambulance (LLA)

**B SHIFT 8/18 Smoke Investigation**

Determined to be PVFD Wildland and Fuels burning operations.

**B SHIFT 8/17 Smoke Investigation**

Determined to be the Lookout Fire in the PNF, East of Wilhoit, becoming active with the afternoon increase in temperatures and winds.

**A SHIFT 8/15 Smoke Investigation**

Battalion 9 requested that PVFD check smoke in an area north of Willhoit. The investigation showed that the smoke was caused by a controlled burn operation by the Prescott National Forest staff.

**C SHIFT 8/13 EMS Sick Person**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Life Line Ambulance (LLA).

**B SHIFT 8/11 EMS Chest Pain**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Native Air 4

**A SHIFT 8/10 Brush Fire**

The Arizona Department of Fire and Forestry Management requested that the Wildland Division respond to the Clair Fire incident with a Type 2 Support Tender. The crew was released Monday evening, 8/12.

**A SHIFT 8/9 EMS Hemorrhage**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Life Line Ambulance (LLA).

**C SHIFT 8/8 EMS Abdominal Pain**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Life Line Ambulance (LLA).

**C SHIFT 8/8 Brush Fire**

The Arizona Department of Fire and Forestry Management requested that the Wildland Division respond to the Farm Fire incident with a Type 6 Engine and a Tactical Tender. The crews remained on assignment and were released Sunday evening, 8/11.

**C SHIFT 8/7 Brush Fire**

Smoke was reported near mile marker 284 and State Highway 89. A lightning strike caused a 1.5-acre brush fire on Parker Mesa. The rain stopped the fire's forward progress, and the area was under monitor status.

**C SHIFT 8/7 Smoke Investigation**

Smoke was reported in the area. An investigation revealed a possible lightning strike, but no fire activity was found.

**B SHIFT 8/05 EMS Unconscious Person**

No additional information will be provided for privacy purposes.

**PREVENTION 8/1 Property Compliance Review****B SHIFT 8/01 EMS Difficulty Breathing**

Effective patient care from on-scene crews with a successful turnover of patient care and transport via Life Line Ambulance (LLA).

### **B SHIFT 7/31 Snake Removal**

The response was within the community but outside district boundaries. While we are happy to serve our community regardless of district boundaries, we want to be responsible stewards of this district and reduce interruptions in service to homeowners within it. Let's be proactive and encourage our neighbors "on the fence" to annex into The District.

### **A SHIFT Psychiatric/Abnormal Behavior**

No additional information will be provided for privacy purposes.

### **A SHIFT 7/22 Public Assist**

The property owner requested to check a downed tree.

### **B SHIFT 7/18 EMS Chest Pain**

A true Cardiac emergency. The success of this patient outcome is a direct result of the successful collaboration of Peoples Valley and Life Line Ambulance (LLA). LLA and PVFD crews arrived simultaneously and rendered Advanced Life Support (ALS) care thanks to the LLA Paramedic. The patient outcome could have been very different if LLA had not been posted in the area. To drive home the successful collaboration between PVFD and LLA, a PVFD staff rode in the ambulance to support the paramedic with patient care while en route to a hospital. This is known as a "Fire rider". Additional PVFD Staff remained in the district for coverage while a volunteer recovered the PVFD "Fire rider" via chase vehicle.

## **Programs**

### **Supply**

Orders continue to go out to support PVFD Engine Operations. We have one candidate who—having passed the requirements per the existing SAFER Grant—will be fitted for a custom set of firefighting turnouts paid for by the grant. This helps PVFD serve the community by allowing us to issue turnouts sized correctly to personnel and satisfy NFPA requirements that protect our firefighters in performing their duties.

Electrical components, recently received, will be outfitted on Rescue 81, our apparatus from DMFM. These components will allow our extrication tools ("jaws of life") to be powered and utilized by both Engine 81 and Rescue 81. To reiterate a previous sentiment, this reserve apparatus will be able to support E81 in virtually every mission set and render aid to neighboring communities without leaving our community unprotected.

### **Training**

SCBA mask fit testing at July training was successful. Personnel satisfied the annual requirement to be tested for proper fitment of their SCBA masks. SCBA air packs and masks were also inspected and recertified for another year. VFIS Academic was also successful. This satisfies the requirements set out by our insurance (VFIS).

August training included the announcement of the Fire Corps. This exciting new program is open to the whole community and neighboring communities. Other training items for August included a presentation by IMD, our Medical Direction. Finally, hands-on skills included using equipment for moving/carrying patients, such as stretchers,

backboards, stair chairs, etc. The Life Line Ambulance (LLA) crew in the PV-Yarnell area also joined us for training. Working with LLA in a training environment fosters teamwork and trust, making us efficient partners in an emergency setting.

## **Board Report for Fire Prevention, Weaver Mountains Firewise Communities and Strategic Planning Committee August 21, 2024**

### **Fire Prevention:**

We have developed an Inspection Log to track inspections and ensure compliance through documentation and follow-on inspections.

We developed a complaint/Referral log to document Fire Prevention Citizen complaints and vendor referrals for meeting compliance.

1. The Yarnell School District Board of Directors approved our Fire Department Mini Muster Program, which will be implemented during Fire Prevention Week this October.
2. In conjunction with County Code Enforcement, we conducted Fire Prevention and Safety Inspections on approximately 200 parcels in Peoples Valley. Notices to Comply were issued to residences requiring remediation. We scheduled reinspection on previous actions for early August and early September. We have a high level of compliance.
3. Continued research and development of the Fire Code adoption process. Held discussions with the Yavapai County Department of Elections and Voter Registration for adoption criteria.
4. Continued public interactions related to fire code complaints and requests for support and services.
5. Inspected multiple sites for compliance with Fire Restrictions.

### **Weaver Mountains Firewise® USA Programs:**

1. Two grant request proposals were submitted to the Peoples Valley Fire Department Auxiliary for the Title III grant Opportunity to develop a Chipper slash mower program and the Del E. Webb Grant Opportunity to purchase three cardiac monitors.
2. Withdrew from the 100 & Change Grant application process.
3. Provided presentations to Skull Valley Elementary School and Congress Elementary School Districts Staff and Administration for the proposed Fire Mini Muster Program and received approval.

### **Peoples Valley Firewise Community Report**

A Grant Application has been submitted as Peoples Valley Phase One. This Grant, if awarded, will continue to develop a fuel break Model Creek Road to Sorrell's Ranch Road, predominantly along the State Trust Land boundary, protecting the community of Peoples Valley from wildfire threats from the west. Peoples Valley Phase Two grant application will be submitted when the Notice

of Funding is released, and we anticipate that it will be sometime this fall or early winter. This application would provide grant participation opportunities covering the residential areas of the remainder of Peeples Valley and Model Creek. Many new homes are being built in our community. We are pleased to note that almost all use fire-resistive materials such as metal or tile roofing, stucco or composite siding and decking materials, and proper ventilation. We call this hardening the structure. Also, many residents and property owners proactively maintain their properties and vacant lots. Every bit helps. Residents performing mitigation work on their properties are encouraged to take before and after photos of the work to keep track of hours and dollars spent. This will be helpful with grant requests and certification renewals in the future. We are recording this information for inclusion in our renewal application for Firewise® USA Recognition.

The district has pre-positioned portable water supplies in the form of pumpkin tanks on Fire property on Hayes Ranch Road. These tanks are being kept filled as an available water source in the event of a fire or another water system problem.

The Peeples Valley Firewise Community continues to be proactive in its efforts to reduce our fire risk.

### **Strategic Planning Committee:**

1. In a collaborative fashion, in our final meeting, the Strategic Planning Development Committee completed the Strategic Plan Draft as requested by the Board of Directors. Prepared for presentation to the Board of Directors.