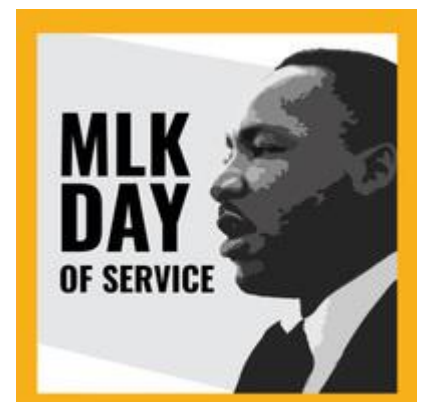




Fire Chief's Weekly Update – January 13, 2023

Activities and significant events:

- ❖ Captains' testing went very well this week. We appreciate Coatimundi Middle School providing classrooms for the testing process. Chief interviews will be next week, with an announcement shortly after regarding the three new Captains. The evaluators this week commented on the compassion and kindness displayed by all our candidates throughout the process. They were very impressed with our staff.
- ❖ Contractors from Canyon State Wireless visited Station #1 this week to determine the radio equipment we will need for the new tower. AT&T will be building a new tower at Station #1 in the northeast corner of the property. The tower will be approximately 85' higher so that we are able to improve our radio communications to the northern portion of our fire district (Amado-area). Now that the Montessori School is located in Amado it is important for us to address the increased life safety risk and ensure our radio communications are clear to the county line. Once we determine our future radio needs AT&T will be able to apply for permitting. AT&T has assured us first position on the tower, which guarantees we will be able to install our equipment where it will be the most effective. A contract and board approval regarding this project are pending.
- ❖ The Fire Board selected Rich Bohman to fill the interim board position. Rich is a long-time resident of Tubac. Welcome to the board Rich!
- ❖ The Fire Board appointed Deputy Chief Guerrero as Interim Fire Chief upon Chief Horvath's retirement in February. Chief Horvath will begin transitioning duties to Chief Guerrero. Please congratulate Chief Guerrero and support his efforts to lead Tubac Fire District!
- ❖ Tubac Fire District will be hosting the Santa Cruz County Fire Chiefs meeting next Wednesday at Station #2.
- ❖ The Administration offices will be closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- ❖ Update from Chief Rivera:
 - DC Rivera attended Fire Apparatus, specification, Maintenance and fleet Management Conference.
 - #1042- still out for repairs



- #1053 returning today still has small oil leak parts on order with no lead time.
- #1046 will be going to the shop for tire balance issue.
- Working with Chamber on The Festival in February.

❖ Update from Chief Guerrero:

- Captains Assessment Center Testing on Monday and Tuesday
- ALS/BLS Skills lab is Scheduled for February 6, 8, and 10th at RRMFD station 3
- ATV/UTV & trailer training will be scheduled for 02/20 - 02/25 at our station 2.
- Handtevy training is scheduled for January 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Location to be determined for the 25th.
- Blue Card sim lab is scheduled for January 25th, 26th, and 27th at our station 4.
- C- shift responded to a possible stroke call that was flown out to UMC main.
- We hosted the Fire Academy and assisted them with skills labs on Thursday.

❖ Update from FF Alvarez – Public Education:

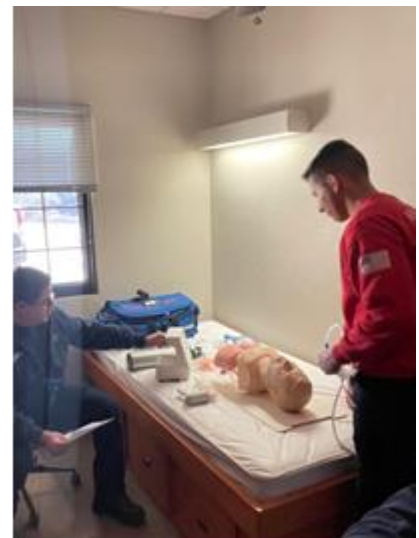
- There is a fire extinguisher class on January 26th at 1630 at Station 2. The class is for a non-profit organization.
- There will be a CPR class on January 28th. The 4 CPR instructor candidates will observe Charlie and will then have to group teach another class to be signed off.
- Public Education materials are being sorted to prepare for the Tubac Arts Festival.

❖ Update from FF Zamora - Wildland

- Pack test starts this month and needs to be completed by no later than March 15th email Zamora to schedule. Chief Guerrero is requesting everyone on shift to complete the test this year.
- Rio Rico borrowed the sand table from station 2 and will drop if off when done.
- We have had a good response on ideas for the upcoming wildland refresher, class please continue to send ideas.
- The Cooperator equipment ordering form has been sent for approval for those that need Wildland PPE.

❖ Update from FF Sanchez – SCC EMT/FF Recruit Academy

- Week 7 is coming to an end. We will be done with the didactic portion 1/30/23.
- We will be shifting our focus to practical skills and Fisdap testing in preparation for National Registry testing in mid-February. We are looking for assistance with the skills stations. The plan is to schedule skill stations for the remainder of the month M-F 1300-1700 (with the exception of MLK day on 1/16) If anyone is interested in helping out please let me know.



- Ride alongs have begun, recruits are being scheduled for 12 hours shifts at Tubac stations 1,2, & 4. The schedules are being sent out a week in advance. Our intentions are to rotate everyone through TFD, RRMFD, and NFD. Please keep in mind that all basic skills have been covered, however, they do need practice and the repetition of real life



- scenarios for it to stick. The recruits have been advised to ask for help when necessary and familiarize themselves with the equipment as each department varies.
- We will be sending out evaluation forms for the Captains to fill out for feedback after every shift.
 - Thanks to B shift for helping on Wednesday and C shift for helping on Thursday. The on-duty crew for C shift has offered to help again on 1/19. The academy will be meeting at TFD ST 2 at 1300.
 - The recruits are making great progress and are eager to be on the trucks. We have a little over a month left for this portion of the academy and the instructors as well as recruits are extremely appreciative of all the support we have received.

“Be curious, not judgmental.”

Ted Lasso