

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last year the Fire Department responded to 137 calls including mutual aid to Beatty Vol. Fire Department and Southern Inyo Fire District, CA. We train on average of two – three days a month, on Tuesday nights and Saturday. The Fire Department also hosts a State Certification class. Departments that have trained here are Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue volunteers and Southern Inyo Fire District volunteers. In May we will host joint fire training with departments from Utah and Nevada National Security Site Fire & Rescue. All training is based on what our valley needs and how we can protect those living here and traveling on our local roads.

The next big step we are taking on is the Ambulance Service. This service is needed so we can respond locally for medical emergencies. For the past few years we have to rely on mutual aid ambulance for transportation. With that, the wait time is extremely long and in the past year we had 5 volunteers trained as Emergency Medical Responders. With training our volunteers we're able to provide some assistance while waiting for the ambulance. With us operating the ambulance service, we could treat the problem and be transporting in less time than it takes for mutual aid to arrive. At this time, we have 8 volunteers taking EMT training so we can better support our community. If you don't want to be an EMT we can always use drivers.

We are starting a Cadet Firefighter program for our youth here in the valley. Any male or female age 16-17 can join and can participate in training and other activities. The youth of this valley is the future of the department and we need you. Stop in and get information and take a tour of the station.

I expect this department to be called on for more mutual aid responses and our call volume to increase. All the training I've mentioned is free and so is the equipment. We need more VOLUNTEERS to meet the challenge a head. Join the Fire Department, get some great training and help protect your family, neighbors and the valley.

JOIN NOW, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!

Rich Flanagan, Fire Chief