

# COACHELLA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2021



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ADMINISTRATION  
1377 SIXTH STREET  
COACHELLA, CA 92236  
(760) 398-8895

1. Battalion Chief – Bonifacio De La Cruz
2. Administrative Assistant – Marisa Duran

STATION 79  
1377 SIXTH STREET  
COACHELLA, CA 92236  
(760) 398-8895

Engine Company 79

1. Fire Captain – Johnny Garcia
2. Fire Captain – Rodrigo Vega
3. Fire Captain – Juan Arroyo
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Tommy Lemus
5. Firefighter Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic – Vacant
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Michael Gonzales
7. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Joshua Brann
8. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Fredy Cruz

TRUCK 86  
46-990 JACKSON ST.  
INDIO, CA 92201  
(760) 347-0726

Truck Company

1. Fire Captain – Darrel Anderson
2. Fire Captain – Luis Alvarez
3. Fire Captain – Mark Greenway
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Noah Dimuccio
5. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Bryan Rowe
6. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Alfonso Moreno
7. Firefighter II – Beau Clevenger
8. Firefighter II – Tyler Mentges
9. Firefighter II – Jesus Ortega
10. Firefighter II/PM – Kyle Wilmore
11. Firefighter II/PM – Andrew Barbosa
12. Firefighter II/PM – Sean Mc Chesney

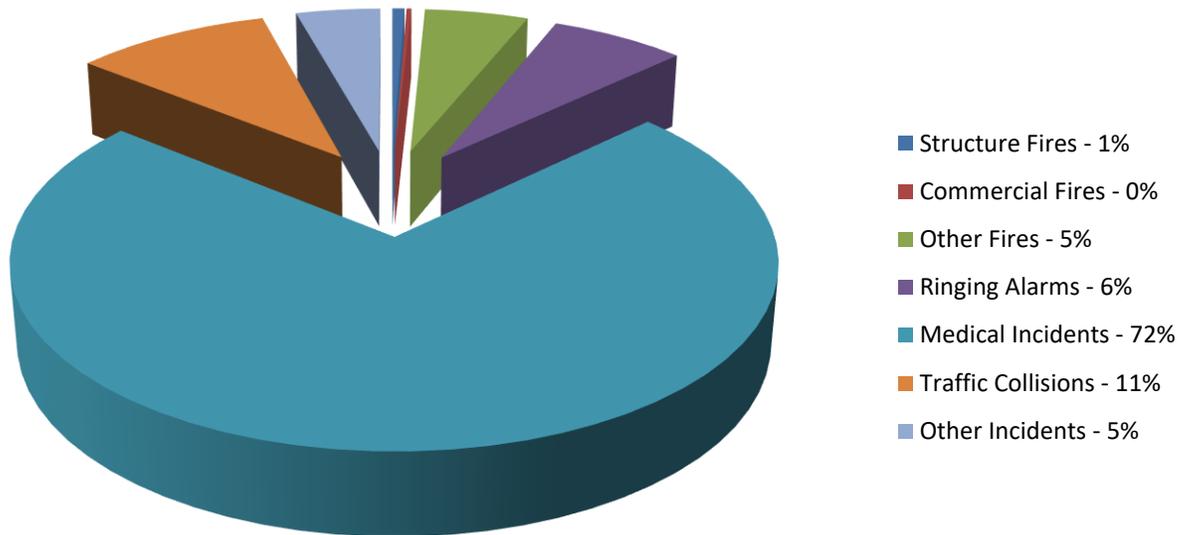
**YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT**  
**JANUARY 1, 2021 – MARCH 31, 2021**

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
STRUCTURE FIRES	0	2	3	5
COMMERCIAL FIRES	1	0	1	2
OTHER FIRES	8	14	21	43
RINGING/FALSE ALARMS	21	21	14	56
MEDICAL INCIDENTS	235	175	183	593
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	23	31	27	81
OTHER INCIDENTS	11	4	12	27
TOTAL	299	247	261	807

**RESPONSE TIMES**

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES (MINUTES)	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.2
% OF CALLS ON SCENE IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS	76%	74%	71%	74%

**Coachella Fire Department Response Totals  
January - March 2021  
Total of 807**



**SIGNIFICANT EVENT**

1/28/21 – Fire units from Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, Mecca, Palm Desert, and Thousand Palms responded to a residential structure fire at the Desert Palm Apartment Complex in the City of Coachella. The first arriving Engine Company reported a two-story multi-family apartment building with heavy smoke coming from the second floor. Firefighters made access to the second floor and determined the fire was in the common attic space centered above four top floor units. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and confine it to the top four units of the building with minor water damage to the lower four units. The fire displaced a total of 8 occupants and all 8 denied the assistance of The American Red Cross. No injuries reported. Total Lost: \$100,000.00 Total Saved: \$8000,000.00

2/20/21 – Fire units were dispatched to a vegetation fire along northbound Highway 86, south of Dillon Road, located about 200 yards east of highway 86 in an open field. The fire burned about three acres of desert brush. This fire was recklessly caused, which originated out of a homeless encampment.

2/26/21 – Coachella City Firefighters along with CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire units responded to a reported residential structure fire at 52-156 Tripoli Way. The first arriving

Engine Company reported a vacant single-story residential structure well involved in fire. Firefighters were able to quickly contain the fire and mitigate the threat to the adjacent structures. Witnesses did state the structure has been frequently used by transients in the area. Total Lost: \$90,000.00 Total Saved: \$110,000.00

3/7/21 – Fire units from Coachella, Indio, and La Quinta responded to a commercial structure located at the rear of a single-story strip mall building, adjacent to the Neighborhood Walmart in the City of Coachella. Originally, an outside rubbish fire was reported at the rear of the building however upon arrival firefighters determined that the fire may have extended into the wall space of the Vida En Abudancia Fitness Gym. Firefighters contained the fire then breached into the exterior wall above the burn area and extinguished any remaining hot spots. The business owner arrived at the incident and was given an assessment of the fire damage. No other businesses were affected by the fire and no injuries were reported. Total Lost: \$5,000.00 Total Saved: \$5,000,000.00

## **COMMUNITY**

3/24/21 – City of Coachella Firefighters along with participating public safety entities honored fallen border patrol agent Alejandro Flores-Banuelos who was killed in the line of duty.



## **ADMINISTRATION**

Administration continues to keep busy scheduling business inspections/re-inspections as well as station tours and fire prevention presentations at various local schools/businesses. Clerical administration duties continue to audit and reconcile the station's Data/Response Records as well as overhaul files and recordkeeping systems. Clerical administrative duties have continued to look for ways to improve office efficiency and customer service and looks forward to attending upcoming training sponsored by the County of Riverside.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

The Coachella Fire Department continues to assist the public with code inquiries; conducts hazard reduction inspections and assists Code Enforcement with issues within the city. In closing, our Engine Company personnel continue to conduct multiple inspections and re-inspections helping keep local businesses up to code.