

# COACHELLA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021



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ADMINISTRATION  
1377 SIXTH STREET  
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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 – Daniel Lucido

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

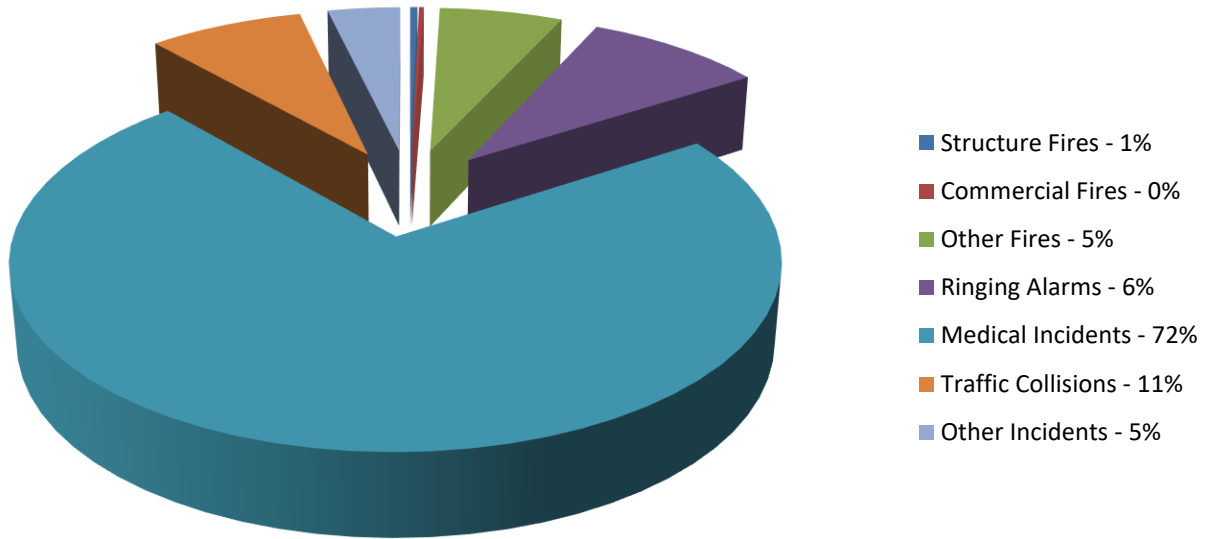
## JULY 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
STRUCTURE FIRES	2	0	1	12
COMMERCIAL FIRES	0	1	1	4
OTHER FIRES	21	18	12	136
RINGING/FALSE ALARMS	27	20	27	190
MEDICAL INCIDENTS	201	202	189	1,837
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	18	23	23	227
OTHER INCIDENTS	14	6	10	92
TOTAL	283	270	263	2,498

### RESPONSE TIMES

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES (MINUTES)	5.1	4.7	5.3	4.7
% OF CALLS ON SCENE IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS	65%	70%	62%	69%

**Coachella Fire Department Response Totals  
July - September 2021  
Total of 816**



**SIGNIFICANT EVENT**

7/7/21 – Firefighters responded to multiple reports of a vegetation fire. The first arriving engine company reported a row of thirty-foot Oleander trees on fire underneath power and communication lines in the area of Tyler Street at the cross of Las Flores Avenue. A quick coordinated fire attack prevented the fire from spreading to the power poles. The fire was contained to a 10 x 30 spot. Imperial Irrigation District Emergency crews responded to the scene. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Total Lost: 0.00 Total Saved: \$25,000.00 (See photos below)



7/16/21 – Fire units from Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, Thermal, Mecca, Bermuda Dunes, and Thousand Palms were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the area of Avenue 50 at the cross of Fillmore St. The first arriving engine reported an approximate one thousand square foot abandoned structure well involved with fire, along with multiple palm trees and vegetation burning. Due to the remote area additional resources were requested for water shuttle. An aggressive fire attack kept the fire to the initial structure of origin and one acre of vegetation/refuse. Fire crews returned to the location of the fire the following day for additional

mop-up work. No injuries to civilians and/or firefighters. **(See photo below)**



7/18/21 – Fire crews from Coachella, Indio, Thermal, Thousand Palms, and Desert Hot Springs; along with Riverside County Sheriff’s, and American Medical Response responded to reports of a vehicle into a structure, with fire and entrapment. Coachella Engine 79 reported a vehicle into the corner of a residence; the driver was already out of the vehicle and light amounts of smoke was coming from the vehicle’s engine compartment. No fire was found and the structural integrity of the damaged portion of the dwelling was not compromised. City building and safety staff were notified. No other injuries were reported, and firefighters remained on scene until the vehicle was safely removed from the structure. **(See photo below)**



8/7/21 – In the AM hours, firefighters responded to a reported vegetation fire burning in the field behind Loves Truck Stop on Dillon Road in the City of Coachella. First arriving Battalion Chief reported a large spot of vegetation and palm trees burning, off Vista Del Norte and Harrison Street. The fire burned 1 acre of vegetation with 22 palm trees and a large 150' by 150' by 25' pile of debris. It was determined that the fire escaped from a homeless encampment and quickly spread to the palm tree grove. Firefighters would remain on scene several hours for extensive mop up in the heavy fuels. No injuries reported.

8/7/21 – Fire crews again responded in the evening to a reported vegetation fire off Vista Del Norte and Harrison Street. Upon arrival firefighters found 1 acre of vegetation was burning within a palm tree grove. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to 5 acres of vegetation and 2 dozen palm trees. Firefighters would remain on scene 4 to 5 additional hours due to extensive and continual mop up of the area.

8/9/214 – City Firefighters responded to reports of a trash truck on fire. Engine 79 discovered smoke rising from the top of a front-end loader compactor trash truck. Approximately 35 cubic

yards of burning garbage was expelled from the natural gas-powered truck, thus minimizing fire damage to the truck itself. Coordinated efforts by fire crews limited damages to the hydraulic lines and ancillary equipment on the truck, while containing the large heap of burning garbage from extending into an adjacent date palm grove along with several nearby parked cars. The natural gas cylinders were not compromised, and no hydraulic fluid leaks occurred.

9/23/21 – Fire units responded to a reported traffic accident with entrapment. Upon the arrival of Engine 79, a high-speed head-on collision involving a SUV and tank truck was observed to have occurred with both vehicles firmly wedged together. The driver of the SUV was pronounced deceased and the truck driver was treated for a minor injury then transported to the local trauma center. An active liquid leak identified as Phosphoric Acid from the tanker required a Hazardous Materials response including Environmental Health. Extrication work began once the leak was mitigated, and Grapefruit Boulevard remained closed for approximately 7 hours while cleanup ensued and RSO investigation continued. No other injuries were reported. (See photos below)



## COMMUNITY

7/2/21 – The Coachella Fire Department participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Bagdouma Park. (See photos below)







7/19/21 – Coachella Fire Station #79 was honored to host Council Member Neftali Galarza, City Manager Dr. Gabriel Martin, and Development Services Director Gabriel Perez. After introductions and a fire station tour, our visitors were briefed on current updates regarding the Fire Department. (See photos below)



## **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.