

COACHELLA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022



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Engine Company 79

1. Fire Captain – Johnny Garcia
2. Fire Captain – Rodrigo Vega
3. Fire Captain – James Beckman
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Tommy Lemus
5. Firefighter Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic – Damian Sianez
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Tony Ippolito
7. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Daniel Lucido
8. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Matthew Rosenberger

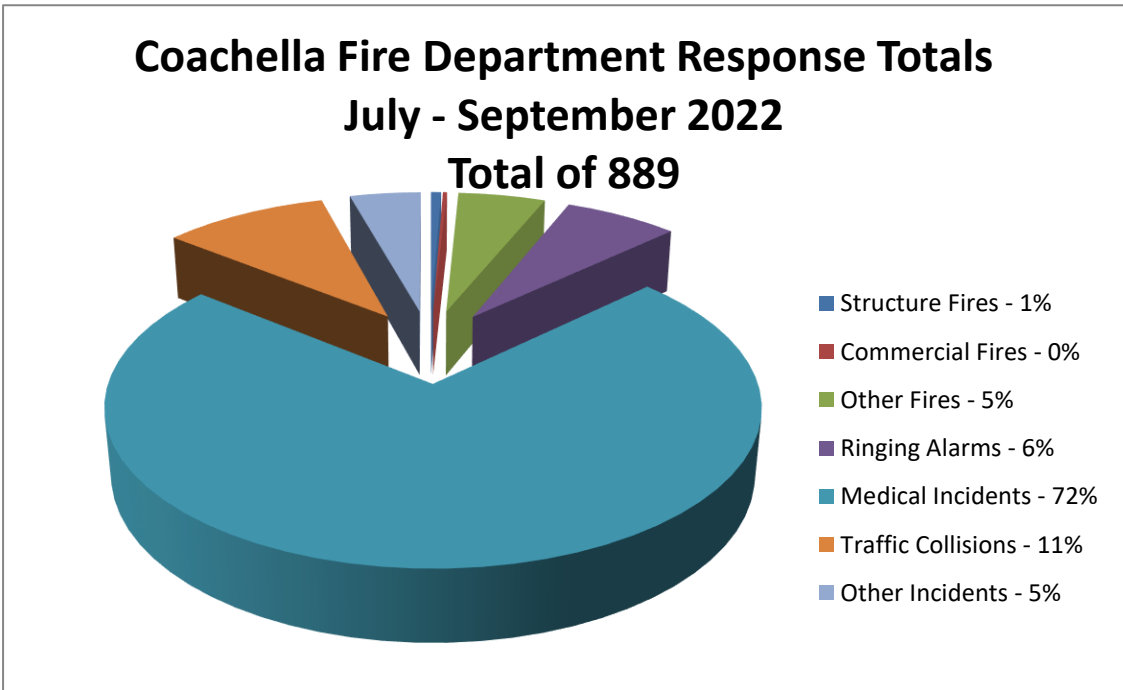
YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
STRUCTURE FIRES	2	2	1	15
COMMERCIAL FIRES	0	0	0	2
OTHER FIRES	21	8	18	127
RINGING/FALSE ALARMS	16	18	21	239
MEDICAL INCIDENTS	207	255	227	2,111

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	20	18	22	228
OTHER INCIDENTS	6	16	11	101
TOTAL	272	317	300	2,823

RESPONSE TIMES

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES (MINUTES)	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8
% OF CALLS ON SCENE IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS	67%	56%	60%	64%



SIGNIFICANT EVENT

7/14/22 – Coachella City Firefighters responded to a residential structure fire at 53-026 Calle Empalme. Upon arrival fire crews discovered a well-established fire in the garage of a single-family one-story residence. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the garage and prevented it from spreading to the rest of the structure. One vehicle in the garage was destroyed in the fire. The Family of four was displaced and will be staying with family in the area. The cause of the fire is under investigation. No civilians or firefighters were injured. Total Lost: \$60,000.00 Total Saved: \$363,000.00 (See photos below)



8/1/22 – Fire crews responded to reports of a structure fire with downed power lines at 51-537 Calle Camacho. The first arriving Company Officer discovered two separate fires, a small grass fire in the back of a residence and several power lines on fire over a second residence. The grass fire was quickly extinguished, and the power line fire was prevented from spreading to any of the surrounding residences. An Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Technician cut off the power to the burning power lines and shut down power on two city blocks to mitigate the electrical hazard. IID Technicians remained at the scene to restore power to approximately sixteen residences. The power was estimated to be restored within five hours. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. Total Lost: \$500.00 Total Saved: \$1,828,872.00

8/15/22 – Firefighters responded to a residential structure fire in the 84000 block of Rodrejo Street. The first arriving fire resource reported nothing showing from a two-story single-family dwelling. Upon further investigation, it was determined that there was a working fire on the second floor of the residence. The fire was quickly extinguished and contained to the room of origin. The residence will be uninhabitable thus displacing 3 adults. The American Red Cross will assist with the displacement. No injuries reported. Total Lost: \$20,000.00 Total Saved: \$400,000.00

8/29/22 – Fire resources responded to multiple reports of a vegetation fire at the Corona Yacht Club in the City of Coachella. The first arriving Chief Officer reported a 1/4 acer fire burning in the middle of a palm grove surrounded by heavy vegetation. The fire quickly expanded in multiple directions burning along Vista Del Sur with multiple smaller fires along and North of

I-10. Several outbuildings and vehicles were lost and a damage assessment to the surrounding structures are under way. Firefighters located what they believed to be treated grape stakes and Riverside County Environmental Health was contacted to determine if they were hazardous.

9/4/22 – Coachella City Firefighters responded to a report of a semi-truck on fire at the TA Truck Stop. The first arriving fire engine reported two semi-trailers, approximately 100 feet distance between the two, well involved with fire at the rear of a truck stop. The tractors of the trailers had been disconnected and there were no immediate exposures of additional semi-trucks and trailers. A coordinated fire attack kept the fire to the trailers of origin with no additional extension outside of the trailers. Trailer number one was carrying small appliances and trailer number two was carrying Pepsi products. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) will be handling the fire investigation.
Total Lost: \$400,000.00 Total Saved: \$50,000.00

9/28/22 – Fire crews were dispatched to a reported residential structure fire located at 86-172 Sonoma Creek Road in the City of Coachella. The first arriving Engine Company reported a small residential structure fire with heavy smoke coming from the rear of the residence. A civilian attempting to extinguish the fire prior to our arrival received 2nd degree burns on his hand and was transported by a private vehicle to Eisenhower Medical Center. One Adult was displaced but refused any assistance from The American Red Cross. There were no reported injuries to fire personnel on scene. Total Loss: \$65,000.00 Total Saved: \$180,000.00

COMMUNITY

7/1/22 – The Coachella Fire Department including Explorer Post 679 participated in the 4th of July celebration at Bagdouma Park. **(See photos below)**



ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations to Battalion Chief Bonifacio De La Cruz on his retirement! Chief De La Cruz began his career in 1979 as a Volunteer Firefighter in the community of Mecca, CA. He took his first full time fire department job with the City of Coachella in 1985 as a Firefighter/EMT and joined the CAL FIRE team in 1990 as a Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE). As an FAE for eight years, Bonifacio made the rounds working at various fire station assignments throughout the Coachella Valley. Along the way he has trained many volunteer firefighters who are now career firefighters with CAL FIRE and other departments. Beginning in March of 1998, he stepped up as a Limited Term Fire Captain for three seasons at the Bautista Conservation Camp and San Jacinto Station 25. His permanent Fire Captain tour began in the Emergency Command Center in Perris, CA in September 2000. Chief De La Cruz returned to the Coachella Valley in 2003 as the Fire Captain of the Mecca Fire Station where he assisted with the implementation of its Paramedic Fire Engine program along with numerous community programs.

Bonifacio is a Coachella Valley High School graduate and holds an Electronics Engineering Technology degree. He has served on numerous department Academies, cadres and committees throughout the years and is currently an Adjunct Faculty member with COD's Fire Technology program. Battalion Chief De La Cruz oversaw the day-to-day operations of seven fire stations, including those in the contract cities of Coachella and La Quinta. In 2017, he was instrumental in helping the City of Coachella obtain a SAFER grant which provided daily staffing of 4 firefighters on the City's fire engine.

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. **(See photos below)**



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.