

COACHELLA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024



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ADMINISTRATION
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1. Division Chief – Richard Tovar
2. Battalion Chief – Justin Karp
3. Battalion Chief – Warren Browett
4. Administrative Assistant – Marisa Duran

STATION 79
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Engine 79

1. Fire Captain – Johnny Garcia
2. Fire Captain – Rodrigo Vega
3. Fire Captain – Anthony Rosales
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Tommy Lemus
5. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Juan Calderon
6. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Moses Alvarez
7. Firefighter II – Daniel Lucido
8. Firefighter II – Isaac Bretz
9. Firefighter II – Jonathan Flores

Squad 79

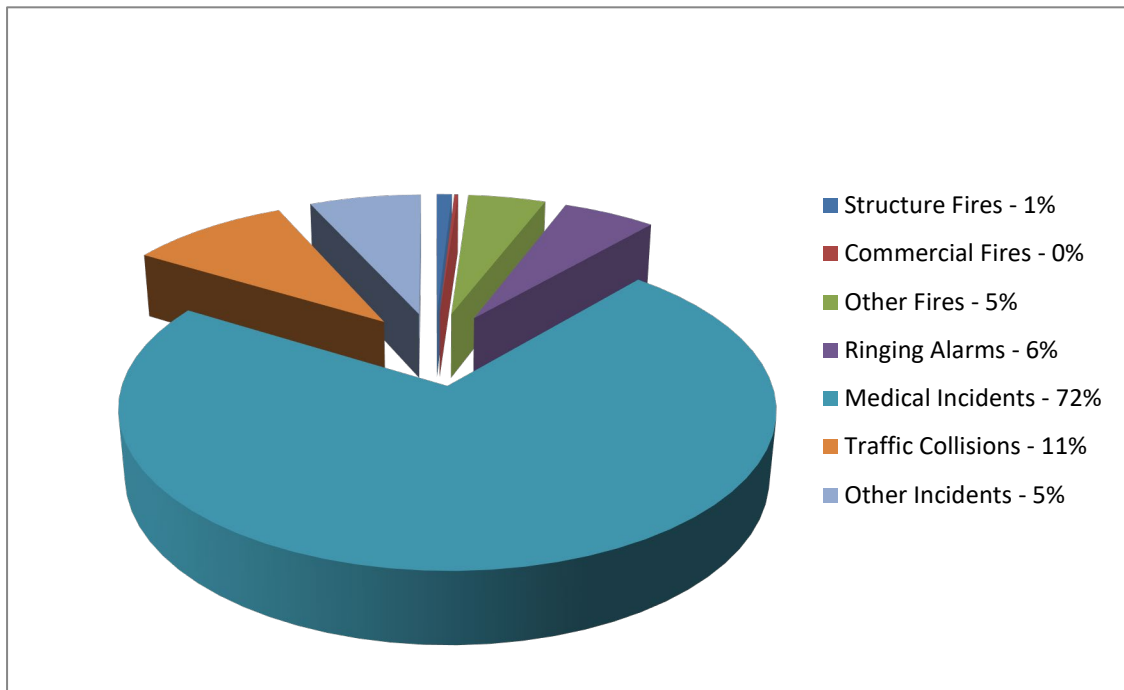
1. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Edward Avila
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Louis Steiner
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Mark Stillwell
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Tony Ippolito
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Matthew Rosenberger
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Juan Gonzalez

YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
STRUCTURE FIRES	0	0	1	25
COMMERCIAL FIRES	1	0	2	5
OTHER FIRES	8	14	18	160
RINGING/FALSE ALARMS	22	23	31	254
MEDICAL INCIDENTS	232	219	222	2,570
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	26	29	35	329
OTHER INCIDENTS	16	15	8	122
TOTAL	305	300	317	3,465

RESPONSE TIMES

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YTD (CITY OF COACHELLA)
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES (MINUTES)	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.9
% OF CALLS ON SCENE IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS	71%	68%	67%	67%



SIGNIFICANT EVENT

10/5/24 – City Firefighters were dispatched to a reported outside fire in the area of Avenue 50 at the cross of Polk Street. The first arriving Engine Company reported a large 150'x150' pile of mulch burning adjacent to a palm tree grove. The fire was burning to the rear of the residence on a six-acre parcel that was mostly covered with large mulch piles. Additional engines were requested to assist with a water shuttle operation and our Dozer was requested to help break down the piles so firefighters could properly extinguish the deep-seated material that was burning below. A request was placed for Coachella City Code Enforcement to respond and inspect the property due to the excessive amount of mulch on the property.

10/17/24 – City firefighters responded to a reported traffic collision with extrication at the intersection of Calhoun Street at the cross of Avenue 53. The first arriving Battalion Chief reported a two-vehicle traffic collision with major damage. Firefighters were able to quickly extricate one patient from a vehicle while the three additional occupants refused medical treatment. One patient with moderate injuries was transported by ground ambulance to John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital.

10/28/24 – Firefighters responded to a report of a commercial structure fire at 84-923 Avenue 48. The first arriving fire engine reported moderate smoke coming from the front entrance of one unit in a commercial strip mall. Firefighters entered the building but were hampered by heavy smoke, which made finding the origin of the fire challenging. Once fire crews extinguished the fire, smoke conditions dissipated. Only production contents were destroyed by the fire. Total Lost: \$100,000.00
Total Saved: \$3,000,000.00

10/31/24 – Coachella City Firefighters were dispatched to a vegetation fire at 51-339 Harrison Street. Upon arrival fire crews reported 3-4 palm trees on fire behind the O'Reilly Auto Parts store, with a direct threat to a cell phone tower and commercial building. A female resident of a small homeless encampment at the base of the palm trees sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 90% of her body when her encampment caught fire during the incident. Mercy Air ambulance was requested and flew the burn victim to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment. The auto parts store Knox box was inoperable, and firefighters had to force entry to check for fire extension and remove the smoke from inside the building. Imperial Irrigation District was able to isolate the power to the damaged cell phone tower with no impact to the adjacent commercial buildings. Total Lost: \$50,000.00 Total Saved: \$1,200,000.00 (See photo below)



11/16/24 – Firefighters responded to a reported traffic collision involving a vehicle into a structure at 50-465 Jalisco Ave. The first arriving Engine Company reported a non-injury traffic collision involving a vehicle into a residential home causing moderate damage. City of Coachella Building and Safety was requested for damage inspection and to possibly red tag the structure. **(See photo below)**



12/10/24 – Coachella City Firefighters responded to a reported residential structure fire at 52-378 Calle Camacho. Upon arrival fire crews reported a well involved single story residential structure fire with multiple exposures. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and mitigate the threat to the neighboring homes. City of Coachella Code Enforcement responded to the incident to red tag the structure. There were no reported injuries and no displaced occupants as the structure was abandoned and vacant at the time of the fire. **(See photo below)**



ADMINISTRATION

Our department is excited to announce the addition of Squad 79. Having this dedicated piece of equipment is crucial when responding to incidents. Together the Fire Engine and Squad form a comprehensive emergency response team, providing both fire suppression and medical care. (See photo below)



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

12/4/24 – The 1st grade students from Peter Pendleton Elementary School visited Fire Station #79 for a tour and to learn more about fire safety. (See photos below)





12/4/24 – Fire staff attended the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. (See photos below)





12/6/24 – City of Coachella Firefighters, and Explorer Post 679 participated in “A Skellington Christmas” Holiday Parade. Our Fire staff and explorers enjoyed making s’mores for parade attendees and appreciate the ongoing support from the City of Coachella.