



# Jerome Volunteer Fire Department

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## Fire Chief's Report

Month: March Year: 2023

Calls by Type	Number	Resident	Non-Resident
EMS Calls	6	3	3
Residential Fire	3	0	3
Commercial Fire	1	1	0
Wildland	0	0	0
Still Assignment	1	1	0
Station Staffing	7	7	0
Citizen Assist	8	4	4
Agency Assist	6	3	3
Special Duty	6	6	0
Snake Removal	0	0	0
Tech Rope Rescue	2	0	2
MVA/Rescue	2	0	3
HazMat	1	1	0
Dispatch Error	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Calls Chief on Scene</b>	<b>38</b>		
<b>Total JFD Meetings Chief Attended</b>	<b>8</b>		

Department Meetings and Drills	Number
Officer's Meeting	1
Work Session	2
Rope Drill	1
Drills	5

JVFD Hours Worked (No Salaried Hours Included in these totals)	Total Hours: 830.25
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Fire Chief Meetings	Date
Fire Marshals Meeting	3/1/23
Verde Valley Chief's Meeting	3/1/23
Hotel Jerome Meeting	3/20/23

### Education, Summer Semester:

- Rick has finished his semester at Southern Colombia University, passing courses on Fire Behavior and Fire Investigation. He has begun a course on Building construction for Fire Protection.

- We had 3 of our members attend the Arizona Wildfire Incident Management Academy, Carl Whiting, Brigham Peterson, and John Krmpotich. John and Brigham are now Wildland Fire Certified. Carl attended a Communications and Radio Course.
- We currently have 4 Swiftwater technicians. In April we will be sending additional personnel to attend a Swiftwater awareness course here in the Verde Valley.
- We will be hosting a Rope Ops and Tech class on the 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

### **Additional Training:**

- On Thursday 5PM March 2nd we had a business meeting with an SMR Protocols, conducted by Muma.
- On Thursday 5PM March 9th we conducted Truck Pumping Training with Blair.
- On Thursday 5PM March 16th we conducted a Wildland Ops/ Extinguishment Training with Hernandez
- On Thursday 5PM March 23rd we conducted an Extrication PowerPoint with Whiting.
- On Saturday 9AM March 25th we conducted Training on Steep Angle Rope Rescue with Muma and Lee.
- On Thursday 5PM March 30<sup>th</sup> we conducted Training on Lift Bags with Muma and Whiting.

### **Department Affairs and On-going Projects**

- Our March call volume is up by 4 calls over last March's 40 calls, totaling 44 calls this month. Our Year-to-Date call volume is 104 compared to last year's 96 calls YTD 2022. Our Fire Department personnel are performing their tasks in a professional manner with no injuries occurring.
- Jerome Fire has been working with the Town crew to restore the water tanks and water lines to full capacity due to the right-hand tank on Cleopatra hill having a leak on the bottom of the tank. We are looking into getting the tank repaired. Continued work should be beginning sometime in April.
- I've been monitoring all the water tanks daily throughout the months. To ensure we have water overflow, in addition to filling the sunshine hill tanks. At this point all the water tanks are full, other than the one that needs repair.
- Jerome Fire and the Town Crew have Also been working together on addressing the problems with the Cantilevered Sidewalk on Hampshire Ave. The holes have been patched and we are repairing sections of the sidewalk. We will be continuing efforts as soon as it warms up.
- We have received a grant for \$120,000, This grant is for Incident Management software as well as 3 laptops. We are in the final stages and hoping to hear updates shortly.
- Jerome Fire has purchased a \$10,000 public safety drone using auxiliary funds. This drone has dual Cameras with FLIR (Thermal Imaging) capability. This drone will be able to serve both the Fire department and the Police Department in many different aspects, including Fire spotting, Search and rescue, Patient location and more. A roster of potential Pilots is also being developed to begin training. These include Allen Muma, Carl Whiting, Ricardo Hernandez, Kerry Lee, Jason Supple and John Krmpotich.
- Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary has contributed over \$80,000 Dollars for equipment to the Department over this last fiscal year. We greatly appreciate our Auxiliary and all their continued efforts supporting us. Some of the items purchased include the new Polaris, Mobile Radios for our apparatus and Portable radios, Swift water rescue equipment, Rope equipment.
- We have begun our new budget process for the upcoming year.
- The Annual NAEMS Grant is now open, and we are beginning our application process. We use this grant to assist in restocking our needed medical supplies as well as mitigating the cost of EMT refresher training. We have begun the inventory process to replace our missing supplies.
- JFD has received another hazardous fuel grant from the state through PAWUIC. The Grant is for 20 acres and will be in the area of the sewage treatment plant and other adjoining drainages. We have until June of 2025 to complete the work.

- JFD has updated its bylaws to extend membership to areas beyond Jerome, based off attendance. This is in hopes of increasing retention and participation in JFD's Volunteers.
- We have received some information back on our new Dodge 5500 for Wildland. Unfortunately, some parts have been recalled, this has caused a delay on shipment until at least late April.

### Prevention

- We have had a total of 20 Firewise activities and visits to the burn pile in March with 30 loads of trimmings, slash, and brush for a total of 52 combined Jerome's citizen hours. As well as 58.5 total hours from our Fuels Crew and Adult Probation. We are currently managing a crew of 3 Firewise personnel. If you need assistance, and have not filled out a Firewise application, they can be obtained at the Town Hall or the Fire Department.
- JFD Performed 21 Business license inspections over the course of March.
- Carl Whiting has assisted with 14 Verde Valley Life and Fire Safety (LAFS) Performances. Reaching out to 13 different schools, with 5 Verde Valley Agencies Cooperating, totaling 206 hours with a total of 2300 Children reached.
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Thank you to all Jerome residents and property owners who have helped in the creation of defensible space around their properties by removing dead and overgrown trees, brush, and grasses.

### March Fire and EMS Report:

Incident	Date	Time	Day	Select Type	Additional Info	#
J-39	3/1/23	6:30:00 PM	Wed	Special Duty Resident	Chain Vehicle for Snow event	1
J-40	3/1/23	8:30:00 PM	Wed	Agency Assist Resident	Assist JPD With Road Closure	1
J-41	3/1/23	8:45:00 PM	Wed	Special Duty Resident	Ice Hazard Removal	1
J-42	3/2/23	6:00:00 AM	Thur	Special Duty Resident	Ice Hazard Removal	8
J-43	3/2/23	10:00:00 AM	Thur	Special Duty Resident	Remove Fallen telephone wire	3
J-44	3/2/23	10:30:00 AM	Thur	Special Duty Resident	Remove Downed trees	2
J-45	3/2/23	3:00:00 PM	Thur	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Assist W/ Stuck Vehicle	1
J-46	3/5/23	9:00:00 AM	Sun	Citizen Assist Resident	Disabled Vehicle	1
J-47	3/5/23	11:42:00 AM	Sun	Hazmat	Investigate Report of Fuel Spill	2
J-48	3/6/23	11:00:00 AM	Mon	Citizen Assist Resident	Disabled Vehicle	1
23-23	3/7/23	9:00:00 AM	Tue	Residential Fire	Investigation	2
J-49	3/8/23	9:00:00 AM	Wed	Residential Fire	Investigation	2
J-50	3/9/23	8:00:00 AM	Thur	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Oversized Vehicle	4
J-51	3/9/23	2:37:00 PM	Thur	Citizen Assist Resident	Tow Disabled Vehicle	1
23-24	3/10/23	3:13:00 PM	Fri	EMS Resident	48 YOF Syncope	6
J-52	3/11/23	12:00:00 AM	Sat	Special Duty Resident	Remove Rd Hazard.	1
23-25	3/11/23	12:00:00 PM	Sat	EMS Non Resident	Unknown Medical - Seizure	6
23-26	3/11/23	2:11:00 PM	Sat	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	Vehicle Fire - Noninjury	6
23-27	3/11/23	4:16:00 PM	Sat	Tech Rescue Non-Resident	Flipped Kayak - Canceled Enroute	4
J-53	3/13/23	2:45:00 PM	Mon	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Vehicle Lockout	1
J-54	3/15/23	2:00:00 PM	Wed	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Stuck Vehicle	2

J-55	3/16/23	8:00:00 AM	Thur	Still Assignment Resident	Burnt Burn Pile	4
23-28	3/18/23	12:56:00 AM	Fri	EMS Resident	80 YOM - DV	5
J-56	3/18/23	8:30:00 AM	Sat	Commercial Fire	Smell of Gas	2
23-29	3/18/23	12:45:00 PM	Sat	EMS Resident	78 YOM- Unknown Medical - Arm Pain	7
J-57	3/19/23	8:00:00 AM	Sun	Station Staffing	Rope Class	5
J-58	3/20/23	8:00:00 AM	Mon	Station Staffing	Rope Class	7
J-59	3/21/23	8:00:00 AM	Tue	Station Staffing	Rope Class	8
J-60	3/22/23	9:00:00 AM	Wed	Station Staffing	Rope Class	8
J-61	3/22/23	10:00:00 AM	Wed	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Oversized Vehicle	5
J-62	3/23/23	8:00:00 AM	Thur	Station Staffing	Rope Class	9
23-30	3/24/23	7:26:00 AM	Fri	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	7 Car- Noninjury	13
J-63	3/24/23	8:00:00 AM	Fri	EMS Non Resident	15 YOF - Thorn in Shoulder	12
23-31	3/24/23	8:15:00 AM	Fri	EMS Non Resident	72 YOF - Fall	13
J-64	3/24/23	8:00:00 AM	Fri	Agency Assist Non-Resident	JPD W/ Underage Detainment	12
J-65	3/24/23	8:00:00 AM	Fri	Agency Assist Resident	JPD W/ Road Closure	13
J-66	3/24/23	8:00:00 AM	Fri	Station Staffing	Rope Class	9
J-67	3/25/23	7:45:00 AM	Sat	Citizen Assist Resident	Flooding Conditions	1
J-68	3/25/23	8:00:00 AM	Sat	Station Staffing	Rope Class	9
J-69	3/25/23	12:30:00 PM	Sat	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Assist W/ Flat Tire	1
J-70	3/25/23	8:00:00 AM	Sat	Agency Assist Resident	Assist PW W/ Water System	1
23-32	3/27/23	1:56:00 AM	Mon	Tech Rescue Non-Resident	Vehicle Rollover - Canceled Enroute	8
23-33	3/28/23	7:30:00 AM	Tue	Residential Fire	Assist W/ Investigation	2
23-34	3/30/23	5:34:00 PM	Thur	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	Rollover - Noninjury	16
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day of week</b>	<b>Select Type</b>	<b>Additional Info</b>	<b>#</b>

**March 2023 Burn Pile Log**

**JC stands for Jerome citizens**

Date	Address	Adult Prob.	# Crew Firewise	FW Hrs.	Firewise Total Hrs.	# Loads	JC# crew	JC# Hrs.	JC Total Hrs.
3/6/2023	105 3rd St.				0	1	1	3	3
3/6/2023	110 Gulch Rd.				0	1	1	3	3
3/9/2023	400 Lower Bell				0	2	2	2	4
3/9/2023	Audrey Headframe	1	1	4	8	6			0
3/10/2023	446 Clark St.				0	1	1	2	2
3/13/2023	40 Rich St.				0	2	2	2	4
3/14/2023	406 Main St.				0	1	1	4	4
3/16/2023	Burnt Burn Pile		4	7	28				0
3/16/2023	89A	5		5	25				0
3/20/2023	659 Giroux St.				0	1	2	2	4

3/26/2023	731 East Ave.				<b>0</b>	2	2	2	<b>4</b>
3/27/2023	605 Holly St.				<b>0</b>	1	1	2	<b>2</b>
3/28/2023	Deception Lane		2	7	<b>14</b>				<b>0</b>
3/28/2023	218 5th St.				<b>0</b>	1	1	2	<b>2</b>
3/28/2023	Dundee				<b>0</b>	1	1	2	<b>2</b>
3/29/2023	Deception Lane		2	8	<b>16</b>	3			<b>0</b>
3/30/2023	Deception Lane	1	3	7.5	<b>30</b>	2			<b>0</b>
3/31/2023	880 Hampshire				<b>0</b>	2	2	4	<b>8</b>
3/31/2023	400 Lower Bell				<b>0</b>	2	2	4	<b>8</b>
3/31/2023	110 Dundee				<b>0</b>	1	1	2	<b>2</b>
		7	<b>12</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>
	Jerome Citizen Hours-	Adult Prob.	Firewise	FW Hrs.	Firewise Total Hrs.	# Loads	JC# Crew	JC# Hrs.	JC Total Hrs.

**Thank you for your continuing support  
Rusty Blair Chief JVFD**