



Jerome Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chief's Report

Month: July Year: 2023

Calls by Type	Number	Resident	Non-Resident
EMS Calls	9	5	4
Residential Fire	1	0	1
Commercial Fire	0	0	0
Wildland	4	3	1
Still Assignment	2	1	0
Station Staffing	4	4	0
Citizen Assist	4	3	1
Agency Assist	10	5	5
Special Duty	15	13	2
Snake Removal	0	0	0
Tech Rope Rescue	0	0	0
MVA/Rescue	7	2	5
HazMat	0	0	0
Dispatch Error	0	0	0
Totals:	55	36	19
Total Calls Chief on Scene	44		
Total JFD Meetings Chief Attended	6		

Department Meetings and Drills	Number
Officer's Meeting	1
Work Session	1
Rope Drill	1
Drills	4

JVFD Hours Worked (No Salaried Hours Included in these totals)	Total Hours: 368.75
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Fire Chief Meetings	Date
Fire Marshals	7/5/23
Chief's Meeting	7/12/23

Education, Summer Semester:

- Rick began attending a Fire Inspection Code Course in July.
- Verde Valley Fire Held a mutual aid training event this month for Swiftwater Rescue Boat Ops. Lee, Hernandez, Peterson and Krmpotich all attended.

Additional Training:

- On Thursday 5PM July 6th we had a business meeting with Evidence Preservation Training, conducted by Whiting and San Felice
- On Thursday 5PM July 13th we conducted a Communications/ Heli Ops Training with Lee.
- On Thursday 5PM July 20th we conducted Natural Anchors Training with Lee.
- On Saturday 9AM July 22nd we conducted Training on Natural Anchors Skills with Lee.
- On Thursday 5PM July 27th we conducted Training on Hydrants and the Water Truck with Blair.

Department Affairs and On-going Projects

- Our July call volume is up by 14 calls over last July's 41 calls, totaling 55 calls this month. Our Year-to-Date call volume is 291 compared to last year's 278 calls YTD 2022. Our Fire Department personnel perform 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. The Tank is currently being repaired; Work should be complete here shortly.
- We have been monitoring all the water tanks multiple times 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 worst portions have been repaired; the rest of the project is on hold. We have installed fencing along the sidewalk, and it has been secured. In the Winter, we will fully weld it into place.
- We have received a grant for \$120,000, This grant is for Incident Management software as well as laptops. We are currently working with the two approved companies for quotes on the services that will be provided. We had demonstrations from both companies, Adashi and 3AM innovations. We're still looking for input from Allen before making our final decision.
- Jerome Fire has purchased a \$11,000 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. The drone had some software issues, so the company is sending us a whole new drone. We hope to have it in service this month.
- JFD has received another hazardous fuel grant from the state through PAWUIC as well as Title III Money. The Grant is for 20 acres and will be around the sewage treatment plant and other adjoining drainages. We have until July of 2025 to complete the work. They're hoping to get some of these projects done with the 2 new fuel abatement personnel that was budgeted for.
- We have received our new Wildland Truck. It is a 2023 Ram 5500 Crew Cab. With the Wildland Fire season starting to get active it is in the town's best interest to wait for things to slow down. We are hoping to install the rear compartments/ pump and other components as soon as possible to have it ready for service.
- With the spring moisture Arizona is not seeing the normal fire season. But the Pacific Northwest and areas in that region of the country are picking up.
- We will be putting our Hydrant testing on hold until we get approval from the public works. With the Right-hand tank still inoperable and Jerome in stage one water restrictions, JFD feels it's in the town's best interest to remain in restrictions until the tanks and water lines have been repaired.
- We are looking into making subscriptions available for out-of-town residences and businesses, making it more equitable for residences and businesses for our response.

- We have purchased a 10x16 ft Shed we will use to house hose, gear, and other Miscellaneous things. We're searching for a location to place the shed. We have asked Freeport Mac Moran for permission to place it out at the town yard and are awaiting an answer. We have a Plan B to approach Planning and Zoning to place it down in the gulch by Station 12.
- We have finished the new fiscal year documentation transfer, and the Fire department annual pension report.

Prevention

- We have had a total of 5 Firewise activities and visits to the burn pile in July with 16 loads of trimmings, slash, and brush for a total of 1 combined Jerome's citizen hours As well as 67 total hours from our Fuels Crew and Adult Probation. We are currently managing a crew of 2 part time Firewise personnel and have 2 Adult Probation Crew that have signed up to help the department with their community service. If you need assistance, and have not filled out a Firewise application, they can be obtained at the Town Hall or the Fire Department.
- The Burn Pile was closed early this month due to it nearing Max capacity. We will open it again after we are able to burn when county wide burn restrictions are over.
- JFD Performed 4 Business license inspections over the course of July. Also two building department inspections, well the building inspectors been out of town.

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.

July Fire and EMS Report:

Incident	Date	Time	Day	Select Type	Additional Info	#
J-158	7/1/23	12:00:00 AM	Sat	Station Staffing	Station Staffing	3
23-80	7/1/23	11:30:00 AM	Sat	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	Non - injury	6
23-81	7/1/23	1:09:00 PM	Sat	EMS Resident	69 YOF - Fall ETOH	7
J-159	7/2/23	6:30:00 AM	Sun	MVA/Rescue Resident	Non-Injury Accident vehicle stuck on Cliffside	2
J-160	7/3/23	7:45:00 AM	Mon	Citizen Assist Resident	Vehicle Lockout	2
23-82	7/3/23	1:24:00 PM	Mon	EMS Non Resident	84 YOF - Fall	5
J-161	7/4/23	8:00:00 AM	Tue	Special Duty Resident	4th of July Parade	15
23-83	7/4/23	2:48:00 PM	Tue	EMS Non Resident	49 YOF - Fall W/ Injury	5
J-162	7/4/23	3:15:00 PM	Tue	Special Duty Resident	Remove Rd. hazard	2
23-84	7/4/23	4:30:00 PM	Tue	Wildland	Fireworks/ Firewatch	4
J-163	7/4/23	10:15:00 PM	Tue	Still Assignment Resident	Carbon Monoxide Alarm - False Alarm	2
J-164	7/6/23	9:00:00 AM	Thu	Special Duty Resident	Remove Obstructions from Gutters	4
23-85	7/6/23	1:22:00 PM	Thu	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Oversized Vehicle	5
23-86	7/8/23	9:00:00 AM	Sat	Residential Fire	Assist W/ investigation	2
23-87	7/8/23	4:53:00 PM	Sat	EMS Non Resident	17 YOM - Diabetic Problems	6
J-165	7/9/23	11:30:00 AM	Sun	Special Duty Resident	Removed Rd hazard - dead raccoon	1
23-88	7/9/23	2:57:00 PM	Sun	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	48 YOF - Motorcycle Crash	6

J-166	7/10/23	7:15:00 PM	Mon	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Assist W/ Disabled Vehicle - Flat tire	1
23-89	7/11/23	10:04:00 AM	Tue	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	2 Vehicle Accident - rear ending	7
J-167	7/11/23	10:30:00 AM	Tue	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	Motorcycle Down - Noninjury	7
J-168	7/11/23	11:00:00 AM	Tue	EMS Resident	32 YOM - Gas in Eye, Basic First Aid	3
J-169	7/11/23	5:30:00 PM	Tue	Special Duty Resident	Removed Dead Bats	1
J-170	7/12/23	1:00:00 PM	Wed	Citizen Assist Resident	Assist Citizen to their home	2
J-171	7/14/23	9:30:00 AM	Fri	Special Duty Resident	Installed Fencing along sidewalk	5
J-172	7/15/23	10:50:00 AM	Sat	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Provide Traffic Control for JPD	5
23-90	7/16/23	5:01:00 AM	Sun	MVA/Rescue Non-Resident	Motorcycle Down	7
J-173	7/15/23	4:00:00 PM	Sat	Station Staffing	Station Staffing	1
J-174	7/17/23	3:00:00 PM	Mon	Agency Assist Resident	Assist JPW W/ Cleaning Storm Drains	1
J-175	7/18/23	8:00:00 AM	Tue	Agency Assist Resident	Assist JPW W/ Cleaning Storm Drains	2
J-176	7/18/23	8:00:00 AM	Tue	Special Duty Resident	Secure Fence	2
J-177	7/18/23	12:15:00 PM	Tue	Agency Assist Non-Resident	JPD W/ Oversized Vehicle	4
J-178	7/18/23	2:00:00 PM	Tue	Station Staffing	Station Staffing	3
J-179	7/23/23	9:30:00 AM	Sun	Special Duty Resident	Check on Water Leak	2
23-91	7/23/23	1:03:00 PM	Sun	Wildland	Brush Fire	6
J-180	7/23/23	4:00:00 PM	Sun	Special Duty Resident	Remove Walking Hazard	3
23-92	7/23/23	4:30:00 PM	Sun	Wildland	False Alarm	5
J-181	7/24/23	12:00:00 PM	Mon	Wildland	Put out Hot Spots	1
23-93	7/24/23	3:36:00 PM	Mon	EMS Non Resident	53 YOF - Heat Exhaustion	5
J-182	7/26/23	10:00:00 AM	Wed	Citizen Assist Resident	Disabled Vehicle	2
J-183	7/26/23	12:00:00 PM	Wed	MVA/Rescue Resident	Vehicle over Edge	1
J-184	7/26/23	5:30:00 PM	Wed	Agency Assist Resident	APS: Searched for Downed Lines	2
J-185	7/27/23	8:30:00 AM	Thu	Agency Assist Resident	JPW: Clear Storm Drains	1
J-186	7/26/23	7:00:00 AM	Wed	Special Duty Non-Resident	Training: Swiftwater - Boat Ops	1
J-187	7/27/23	7:00:00 AM	Thu	Special Duty Non-Resident	Training: Swiftwater - Boat Ops	4
23-94	7/28/23	6:45:00 AM	Fri	EMS Resident	34 YOF - Abdominal Pain	4
23-95	7/28/23	8:31:00 AM	Fri	EMS Resident	39 YOF - Unknown Medical	4
J-188	7/28/23	9:30:00 AM	Fri	Special Duty Resident	Mitigated wasps' nest	2
23-96	7/28/23	2:33:00 PM	Fri	EMS Resident	87 YOF - Leg pain	6
J-189	7/28/23	2:40:00 PM	Fri	Station Staffing	Station Staffing	1
J-190	7/29/23	10:30:00 AM	Sat	Special Duty Resident	Remove Rd. hazard	2
J-191	7/28/23	11:00:00 AM	Fri	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Assist JPD W/ Oversized Vehicle	3
J-192	7/30/23	3:30:00 PM	Sun	Special Duty Resident	Remove Hazard from Road	1
J-193	7/30/23	5:00:00 PM	Sun	Agency Assist Resident	Asset JPW W/ Clearing Storm Drains	1

J-194	7/31/23	6:00:00 AM	Mon	Special Duty Resident	Wildland Pack test	2
J-195	7/31/23	7:00:00 AM	Mon	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Assist JPD W/ Oversized Vehicle	1
Incident	Date	Time	Day of week	Select Type	Additional Info	#

July 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.
7/5/2023	887 Hampshire				0	1	1	1	1
7/6/2023	UVX Rd		3	7	21	8			0
7/13/2023	Clark St		2	7	14	2			0
7/20/2023	Perkinsville Rd/ Sunshine Hill		3	8	24	1			0
7/27/2023	Perkinsville Rd/ Sunshine Hill		2	4	8	4			0
		0	10	26	67	16	1	1	1
	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**