



Jerome Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chief's Report

Month: February Year: 2023

Calls by Type	Number	Resident	Non-Resident
EMS Calls	8	4	4
Residential Fire	0	0	0
Commercial Fire	1	0	1
Wildland	0	0	0
Still Assignment	3	3	0
Station Staffing	0	0	0
Citizen Assist	5	3	2
Agency Assist	6	4	2
Special Duty	4	4	0
Snake Removal	0	0	0
Tech Rope Rescue	0	0	0
MVA/Rescue	1	1	0
HazMat	1	1	0
Dispatch Error	0	0	0
Totals:	29	20	9
Total Calls Chief on Scene	24		
Total JFD Meetings Chief Attended	6		

Department Meetings and Drills	Number
Officer's Meeting	0
Work Session	1
Rope Drill	1
Drills	4

JVFD Hours Worked (No Salaried Hours Included in these totals)	Total Hours: 238.25
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Fire Chief Meetings	Date
Fire Marshals Meeting	2/1/23
Verde Valley Chief's Meeting	2/1/23
Yavapai Chief's Meeting	2/14/23

Education, Summer Semester:

- Rick has begun his semester at Southern Colombia University, taking courses on Fire Behavior and Fire Investigation, as well as Local workshops on Leadership and Initial Attack on wildfires.
- Carl Whiting attended a Firewise Advisor Class on February 27th. Recertifying him as a Firewise Advisor.

- Carl Whiting attended a six-hour training on FLSA for volunteer and combination fire departments.
- Carl Whiting is currently working on achieving a certification through the NFPA as a Community Wildland Fire Mitigation Specialist.
- We have signed up 3 for the Arizona Wildland Academy, Carl Whiting, Brigham Peterson, and John Krmpotich.
- We will be attempting to host a Rope Ops and Tech class on the 19th of March through the 25th.
- We had six members attend a 24-hour EMT refresher course, Allen Muma, Carl Whiting, Marty and Lana Stan, Sierra Hutchinson, and Chad Hembrough.

Additional Training:

- On Thursday 5PM February 2nd we had a business meeting with an Epinephrine Refresher, conducted by Muma.
- On Thursday 5PM February 9th we conducted Truck Pumping Training with Giles.
- On Thursday 5PM February 16th we conducted an Extrication Overview Training with Muma.
- On Thursday 5PM February 23rd we conducted training on ICS-100 with Whiting.
- On Saturday 9AM February 25th we conducted Training on Personal Rope Skills with Muma and Lee.

Department Affairs and On-going Projects

- Our February call volume is down by 5 calls over last February's 34 calls, totaling 29 calls this month. 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 March.
- 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 met with a coordinator for a new grant from the state. If our application is accepted, we will receive a new program to organize calls among agencies and units on the fireground, 3 PCs for the program for command vehicles as well as have our subscription paid by the state. 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. 3-5 Pilots total between both FD and PD.
- 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, Mobil Radios for our apparatus and Portable radios, Swift water rescue equipment, Rope equipment.
- In February we held our annual Fire extinguisher servicing on the 8th and 9th. This is available to all our residents and businesses, and many of them utilized this service.
- We have begun our new budget process for the upcoming year.
- The Annual NAEMS Grant is coming up shortly 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. This year we're hoping to use some of the funding to replace the AED Pads throughout town, as they are expiring soon.

- JFD has received information on the PAWUIC grant. It has been granted to us and we have till 2025 to make full use of it for fuels mitigation of 20 Acres near the Sewage plant.
- We have recently had a meeting with Cottonwood Dispatch regarding our future with them.
- JFD is Hoping to update its bylaws to extend membership to areas beyond Jerome, based off of attendance. This is in hopes of increasing retention and participation in JFD's Volunteers.
- We have received some information back on our new Dodge F550 for Wildland. Unfortunately, some parts have been recalled and it has been delayed until at least April. We hope to hear more soon.

Prevention

- We have had a total of 14 Firewise activities and visits to the burn pile in February with 17 loads of trimmings, slash, and brush for a total of 71 combined Jerome's citizen hours. As well as 2 total hours from our Fuels Crew and Adult Probation. We are currently managing a crew of 2 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.

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.

February Fire and EMS Report:

Incident	Date	Time	Day	Select Type	Additional Info	#
J-20	2/1/23	4:30:00 PM	Thur	Citizen Assist Resident	69 YOM - Lift Assist	2
23-13	2/4/23	11:45:00 PM	Sat	MVA/Rescue Resident	Single Vehicle Collision - Noninjury	3
J-21	2/5/23	1:00:00 PM	Sun	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Vehicle Lockout	2
23-14	2/7/23	7:33:00 PM	Tue	EMS Non-Resident	Unknown Medical - Syncope	6
23-15	2/10/23	12:24:00 PM	Fri	EMS Non-Resident	45 YOM - Unknown Medical - Leg pain	5
J-22	2/10/23	2:00:00 PM	Fri	Hazmat	Clean Up Biohazard	1
J-23	2/14/23	6:30:00 PM	Tue	Special Duty Resident	Prepare Vehicles for Winter Storm	2
23-16	2/14/23	7:05:00 PM	Tue	Still Assignment Resident	Power Line Arcing	5
J-24	2/14/23	10:00:00 PM	Tue	Still Assignment Resident	Monitor Arcing Powerline	2
23-17	2/15/23	4:58:00 AM	Wed	EMS Non-Resident	~60 YOF - Unknown Medical	4
J-25	2/15/23	8:00:00 AM	Wed	Special Duty Resident	Remove Ice Hazard	2
J-26	2/15/23	10:00:00 AM	Wed	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Assist W/ Oversized Vehicle	3
J-27	2/16/23	8:00:00 AM	Thur	Special Duty Resident	Ice Hazard Removal	2
J-28	2/16/23	12:00:00 PM	Thur	Citizen Assist Resident	Flooding Conditions	2
J-29	2/16/23	1:00:00 PM	Thur	EMS Resident	45 YOM - Blood Glucose	2
J-30	2/16/23	5:00:00 PM	Thur	Citizen Assist Resident	Flooding Conditions	2
J-31	2/16/23	7:15:00 PM	Thur	Agency Assist Resident	Assist JPW W/ Broken Water Line	2
23-18	2/17/23	8:43:00 AM	Fri	Commercial Fire	Canceled Enroute	4
23-19	2/18/23	3:13:00 PM	Sat	EMS Non-Resident	26 YOF - Syncope - Unknown Medical	7

23-20	2/19/23	5:33:00 PM	Sun	Special Duty Resident	Water Leak - Burst Pipe	3
J-32	2/21/23	1:45:00 PM	Tue	EMS Resident	78 YOM - Lift Assist	1
23-21	2/21/23	6:49:00 PM	Tue	EMS Resident	78 YOM - Fall	4
J-33	2/23/23	10:15:00 AM	Thur	Citizen Assist Non-Resident	Vehicle Lockout	2
J-34	2/23/23	1:30:00 PM	Thur	Agency Assist Resident	Assist W/ Trash before Storm	2
J-35	2/23/23	2:30:00 PM	Thur	Agency Assist Resident	JPW Sinkhole at Town Hall	2
J-36	2/23/23	3:00:00 PM	Thur	Agency Assist Resident	JPW Assisted with Backhoe Blocking Clark St.	2
J-37	2/24/23	3:45:00 PM	Fri	Still Assignment Resident	Downed Power Line	2
23-22	2/27/23	1:50:00 PM	Mon	EMS Resident	77 YOF Possible Stroke	5
J-38	2/28/23	12:00:00 PM	Tue	Agency Assist Non-Resident	Assist JPD W/ Vehicle Escort	1
Incident	Date	Time	Day of week	Select Type	Additional Info	#

February 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.
2/1/2023	209 3rd St				0	1	1	2	2
2/6/2023	400 Lower Bell				0	1	2	3	6
2/7/2023	209 3rd St				0	1	1	2	2
2/7/2023	400 Lower Bell				0	1	2	3	6
2/8/2023	400 Lower Bell				0	2	2	5	10
2/9/2023	400 Lower Bell				0	2	3	3	9
2/10/2023	40 Rich St.				0	1	2	4	8
2/10/2023	105 Douglas Rd.				0	1	1	2	2
2/16/2023	300 Lower Bell				0	1	2	2	4
2/16/2023	500 Douglas Rd.				0	1	2	3	6
2/17/2023	209 3rd St				0	1	2	3	6
2/20/2023	619 Center				0	1	1	2	2
2/23/2023	200 Diaz		1	2	2	1			0
2/28/2023	110 Dundee				0	2	2	4	8
		0	1	2	2	17	23	38	71
	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**