

Fire Department  
Phillip A. Mares, Fire Chief  
Monthly Report  
May 12, 2011

**1. In House Training**

**Updates**

**One Firefighter has successfully completed his EMT State Certification process.**

**2. Fire Department Training**

**ONGOING-** In order to insure safe operations within the Fire Department, staff will be scheduled for ongoing trainings as available; Training provides a positive impact on moral and overall health of the department.

- **Scheduling staff for additional academy courses.**
- Two Engineer II's attended a Ropes Technician Training on April 24-29, 2011
- Two Engineers attended a Rope Rescue Course in Ruidoso, NM from April 25-28, 2011
- Chief Mares attended a refresher course along with attending conference meetings on April 25-27, 2011 in Ruidoso, NM.

**3. Fire Inspections**

**ONGOING-** Day to day operations include local business inspections.

**4. Meetings**

- Fire Department Staff are participating in Fiesta Committee meetings as assigned.
- Attended Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Attended Council Meeting.
- Asst. Chief and LT. attended the Motorola Technology event in Alb. NM.
- Department Staff have assisted in the 4 wards in 4 weeks clean-up

**5. Station Construction**

**Staff is continuing with several upgrades within the Stations.**

Bid Awardment for the Construction of Bays is pending.

## 6. Equipment replacement

### On-Going

- NMFA loan has been approved to move forward with ordering replacement apparatus (fire engine)  
**Update Order has been placed for one Class A apparatus at a cost of \$ 300,000.**
- Staff working on new equipment needs to be purchased for department and replacement engine.

**Due to the drought conditions Fire Department has ordered equipment to address the increased number of grass & vegetation fire calls in our area; therefore, the following equipment has been purchased.**

- A skid unit for the Polaris ATV has been purchased for use during Wildland and EMS response
- Requesting authorization to purchase a Skid Unit for department Ford Truck in order to increase abilities to combat Wildland fires within the surrounding area due to increased drought conditions.

**Update: Skid Unit for the Ford truck has been ordered**

## 7. Fire Prevention

- Staff has provided fire extinguisher training to various local businesses and organizations as requested.
- CPR instructors are up dating teaching materials and techniques.
- Fire Department has received a Sparky Bouncer which will be utilized for promoting fire prevention and fund raising.