





## **SIGNIFICANT** EVENTS

12/7 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: AFR crews dispatched to the 500 block of Cagua Dr SE 12/21 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: A residential fire was reported on the 4100 block of Sunset Gardens NW in fire district 7. When crews arrived, they found an RV and

12/10 - <u>Commercial Structure Fire</u>: AFR crews responded to the 100 block of Monroe St. NE in fire district 11.

12/11 - Apartment Fire: AFR was dispatched to the 300 block of Iron Ave SW in fire district 1 to a multi-family dwelling with smoke showing.

12/14 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: Crews responded to the 800 block of Tulane Dr. in fire district 3 for reports of smoke at a vacant residence under construction. A full dispatch was ordered by E3 after discovering flames near a floor furnace. The fire was extinguished and no injuries were reported.

12/20 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: AFR arrived at to the 100 block of Espejo NE to find a vacant residence with flames showing in fire district 12. The fire was extinguished with extensive damage to the house.

12/21 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: A residential fire was reported on the 4100 block of Sunset Gardens NW in fire district 7. When crews arrived, they found an RV and two vehicles fully involved. The fire was contained to the vehicles and were successfully extinguished.

12/28 - <u>Residential Fire</u>: AFR crews were dispatched to the 2300 block of San Francisco NW and found light smoke showing. The fire was extinguished but the residents were displaced from the damage. No injuries were reported.

12/30 - <u>Apartment Fire</u>: AFR was dispatched to an abandoned apartment with reports of a fire on the 200 block of 63rd St. NW. Crews found smoke and flames but were able to contain the damage to the apartment of origin.



#### DECEMBER EVENTS

- TWINKLE LIGHT PARADE
- TOYS FOR TOTS
- AFR MEMBER STEVEN NELSON GRADUATES APD ACADEMY TO JOIN ARSON DIVISION

# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION



Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division reported performing 5 Risk Assessments and 2 "Stop the Bleed" classes for December. These programs engaged 1,764 people. HSEM has recently submitted a Fire Prevention and Safety grant proposal that will benefit the Youth Fire Setter Program and help purchase additional Arson and fire education equipment. The **Fire Marshal's Office** reported reaching 3,750 adults through fire safety and extinguisher classes in December. AFR gave 5 station tours and 2 show and tell events this month and was very busy with multiple Christmas events across the City.

1. ENGINE 4 PARTICIPATED IN LITERACY NIGHT AT LA MARIPOSA YDI EARLY HEADSTART.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1. AFTER TREATING A WOMAN FOR A FALL SUSTAINED WHILE DECORATING, ENGINE 21 RETURNED TO FINSISH THE JOB FOR HER.
- 2. STATION 5 AND ALBUQUERQUE AREA RANDOM ACTS DELIVERING TOYS TO CHILDREN FROM THE LA MESA HEAD START PROGRAM.
- 3. AFR MEMBERS FROM SEVERAL STATIONS RECIEVED HAND MADE CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM A GROUP OF CHILDREN WITH THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.
- ENGINE 4 WORKING WITH ALBUQUERQUE AREA RANDOM ACTS GIVING TOYS TO KIDS FROM YDI NM.
- 5. STATION 19 AND BATT. 3 GIVING TOYS TO CHILDREN AT UNMH ER AND PEDIATRIC SPECIAL CARE UNIT.
- 6. PLAZA FELIZ CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WAS SURPRISED BY SANTA AND HIS CREW FROM STATION 5 WHO BOUGHT AND DELIVERED GIFTS FOR THE KIDS.
- 7. ENGINE 1 AT CUIDANDO LOS NIÑOS GIVING TOYS FROM ALBUQUERQUE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION.
- B. ENGINE 17 AND MEMBERS FROM FMO DONATED TOYS AND GIFTS TO CHILDREN FROM WESTERN TRAIL EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM.





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- 1. ARSON INVESTIGATOR RON GUNDERSON WORKS WITH HIS NEW K-9 PARTNER "WHEEZY" TO HELP DETECT ACCELERANTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN USED IN A FIRE.
- 2. CAPTAIN JACKIE WHITE AND DRIVER MIKE SCHUM FROM THE AFR HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION WORK WITH APD PERFORMING RISK ASSESSMENTS WITH SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES.
- 3. FIRE CHIEF PAUL DOW RECOGNIZES AFR MEMBER STEVEN NELSON ON GRADUATING APD'S 120TH CADET CLASS. STEVE WILL NOW WORK IN THE FIRE INVESTIGATION/ARSON DIVISION.
- 4. MEMBERS FROM AFR STATION 5 ARE RECOGNIZED BY CITY COUNCILORS FOR THIER DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY BY CREATING A FREE "HAUNTED FIRE STATION" FOR THE CITIZENS OF ALBUQUERQUE THAT INCLUDED FREE COSTUMES DONATED BY THE SPIRIT STORE.
- 5. MEMBERS OF AFR AND APD ARE TREATED TO A BREAKFAST AT WECK'S BY DISTRICT 9 CITY COUNCILOR DON HARRIS.

## ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

#### FIRE CHIEF PAUL W. DOW

#### DECEMBER **2018**

**Twinkle Light Parade:** Firefighters from Stations 1 and 15 participated in the 2018 Twinkle Light Parade. They remained in-service and used their regular apparatus for the parade. In addition to training and responding to emergencies, they added lights and decorations over the course of their regular shift up until it was time to start the parade. Their hard work paid off as the "Fire Rescue Express" received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Government category for the parade. I am very proud of the work these firefighters put into decorating their apparatus and contributing to one of the best holiday parades in the country.

**Assisting other Departments:** I appreciate the professionalism our firefighters displayed as they assisted several other departments over the last few weeks. We had an opportunity to help our community and acted on it. Firefighters from the Fire Academy, Stations 1, 2, 4, 6 and 17 delivered warm meals to the Westside Shelter during the winter storm. While fire apparatus are not normally utilized for this type of service, the snowstorm made for some unsafe road conditions and AFR was able to provide resources to get the job done.

A water pump near the corner of Central and 114<sup>th</sup> St broke and several city departments including, Solid Waste's Don Reservoir Convenience Center, AFR Administration/Training Academy, the AFR & APD Dispatch Center, Animal Welfare, and Office of Emergency Management were without running water for nearly a week. During this time the Animal Welfare employees requested assistance from AFR to provide water to clean the animal kennels. Firefighters from Station 14 and the Training staff at the Academy assisted with this on three separate days. While not a normal request for our firefighters – they once again stepped up and assisted our community.

Lateral Cadet Class: AFR has a staffing shortage that we will address with a Lateral Cadet Class. For years the Albuquerque Police Department has offered lateral applicants a robust and attractive package with great success. Our goal is to follow their lead and provide a recruitment package that is enticing for Lateral Firefighters to join AFR. Recently, the City Administration approved a Lateral Cadet Class Administrative Instruction that is similar to what APD has.

We invest a significant amount of time and money into our firefighters, which includes Paramedic School and other advanced firefighting disciplines. It is in our best interest to become fully staffed as soon as possible. A Lateral Cadet Class that accepts both Paramedics and EMT-Basics, allows us to bring in experienced Firefighters to meet our staffing demands. These Firefighters also come with a wealth of experience and ideas that will positively influence this department for many years. By offering competitive entry-level wages, incentives that include a bonus for Paramedic Firefighters, a shorter cadet class, increased recruitment efforts and opening the process to include Lateral Firefighters without a Paramedic license, we are optimistic that we will attract more Firefighters. We are accepting applications for both a traditional Cadet Class and Lateral Cadet Class until the end of January. More information is available on our website www.cabq.gov/fire.

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**2018 Call Volume:** In 2018, AFR responded to 109,816 emergency calls, making us one of the busiest fire departments in the country. The call volume for AFR has steadily increased over the past few years which affects the efficiency of our response to the community. Compared to other cities of our size and population, we are responding to far more calls (See Table 1). My goal for 2019 is to reevaluate our existing dispatch and response model and integrate changes to improve efficiency. While the implementation of BLS Rescue 11 and the H.E.A.R.T. program have made some progress to relieve call volume - it is not enough. We can and we will do better.



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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS

**INCIDENT RESPONSES** is the number of calls dispatched to a specific station in one of three categories; EMS, FIRE, and OTHER. The total incident responses is the sum of the three categories and not to be confused with the sum of specific apparatus calls. One response may include more than one apparatus. For example: Engine 13, Rescue 13 and Ladder 13 may respond to the same call but will be counted as 1 incident. The next dispatch might only assign Rescue 13 and will be counted as 1 incident. Therefore, the total incident number will be less than the sum of all apparatus calls for the month.

<u>PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE</u> is the amount of calls taken in a specific fire district by that station's apparatus and is represented as the IN DISTRICT percentage (a fire district is defined by the number of the fire station and has a fixed geographical boundary). There are times when the in district apparatus is unavailable and an out of district apparatus must be dispatched, represented by OUT OF DISTRICT percentage. For example, Station 7 responded to 84.60% of the calls located in fire district 7. Apparatus from outside districts responded to 15.40% of the calls located in fire district 7.











