

SIFPD call activity:

The fire district has responded to a total of 71 calls between January and September 2006. Fire: 29, EMS: 38, Public Assist: 4

Power Outages: Help during power outages is available in two ways. Shelter is provided by the county at the community center in Tecopa. SIFPD will provide emergency services as needed.

Hint: Old fashion non-battery operated phones will work in a power outage.

Reverse 911: Fire Chief, Paul Postle is working to start a reverse 911 system for the SIDPD. It is an online phone broadcasting service, which will contact local residents simultaneously. The service offers many features that make reverse 911 attractive for use.

The purpose will be to contact all residents within the fire district when an emergency occurs that requires special instructions or important information. If you're interested in being on this emergency contact list, contact, **Auxiliary Fire Dept. Volunteer, Kathy Nixon.** She is coordinating the reverse 911 project by collecting those desiring to be on the contact list. She can be reached at 852 4264.

Fire permits are available from the fire district throughout the year. The applicant is responsible for obtaining current burn day information. That information is available on the fire district's answering machine, but if the information is out of date you can call (760) 873-2555.

California generally prohibits burning through the summer months. The no-burning season typically starts around June and may last until mid or late November. Burning should never be considered an emergency when safer methods of disposal are available.

The County of Inyo has provided special dumpsters for residents to dispose of vegetative waste. These dumpsters should be used to help reduce or eliminate the need to burn. Residents should also remember that household garbage is unlawful to burn. If you have confidential documents such as banking statements that need to be destroyed, you may burn them in a burn barrel with a valid burn permit. Burn permits are free of charge to all residents of the fire district.

Haz-Mat on the Road: The Fire District recently funded through a grant, a project that studied what kinds of substances that travel up and down our Highways. Power Point presentations showing the results are available on-line at: www.h-o-m-e.org/HazMat/index.htm

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P.O. Box 51
410 Tecopa Hot Springs Road
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**Emergencies dial:
911**

SIFPD Classes/Training & Public

Classes: There will be classes available for the general public such as CPR, and fire extinguishers coming this season.

Coming very soon, the fire district will begin training new volunteers for EMT's and Fire Fighters.



Anyone interested in attending classes at the fire district should contact Chief Postle at (760) 852-4130. Once the classes and training are scheduled, a calendar will be posted at the fire district office. Class fees, prerequisites, and certifications will vary depending on the Classes/Training completed.



Hazmat Operations Training in Amargosa April 2006

EMT Boot Camp:

Larry Levy and Amy Noel have recently successfully completed EMT Basic training, boot camp style. The course offered by Unitek College in Freemont California, consisted of lecture and practical skills practice 8am – 8pm for 14 days, not including study time. Each student also got one day to ride along with an ambulance service in the area

for some exciting practical, real life experience.

The instructors had many years of experience and did their best to keep everything interesting. Forty started the course and 36 finished with scores that allowed us to take the National Registry EMT Exam on the last day.

There were folk there from all across the country and of all ages. Did you know, In the United States the majority of EMTs are volunteers, and most volunteer EMTs live and work in predominately rural areas. Many of our classmates though would be working in cities, manufacturing, and military services. We represented probably the most remote place. Certainly SIFPD covers more square mileage with fewest people. We need more of you to learn these skills too!

To practice skills the instructors would set up scenarios and small teams would have to respond appropriately getting the patient ready for transport and onto the ambulance in 10 minutes or less. It was intense and I gained new respect for those in our community who have already completed this training. It also gave me new perspective on this rural and beautiful place we live.

I'm glad training will be offered local in the near future. I'm sure it will be a more civilized pace than boot camp. ☺

New Hospital in Pahrump:

The Desert View Regional Medical Center is located in Pahrump, Nevada is now open and will generally accept all forms of insurance. The fire district will transport patients to Desert View Hospital upon their request. The hospital will not take patients that suffer from serious illness or trauma unless the patient must be stabilized en route to a Las Vegas Hospital. The reason for this is because Desert View doesn't have the 24hr surgical staff required by statute. The hospital depends on doctors who come from Las Vegas to provide certain services as their schedules allow. Desert View was designed and is partially equipped to handle serious illness and trauma, but without the staff to operate those services, the hospital must transfer those types of patients to Las Vegas. The fire district's job is to determine the needs of the patients we care for. Those who are seriously injured or suffer from life threatening illnesses will be transported directly to Las Vegas. Otherwise, the patient may request which hospital they wish to go to.



Desert View Regional Medical Center is located at Lola and Wilson Road.
Tel. No. (775) 751-7500