



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES NEW CARDIAC MONITORS



Tubac, AZ (April, 2021) – Tubac Fire District will be implementing new cardiac monitors on ambulances in May for use on cardiac emergencies and advanced life support care. In addition to standard capabilities such as defibrillation, pacing, and synchronized cardioversion, the new monitors will integrate with the District's current electronic patient care reporting system, provide built-in temperature monitoring, allow video streaming for telemedicine including screen sharing, enable real-time communication and data submission with receiving hospitals, and provide video laryngoscope capabilities. The new cardiac monitors will enhance the District's quality assurance program as well, providing data to make the necessary training and operational improvements for emergency medical care.

"It is exciting to provide our paramedics and EMT's with the newest technology that will result in improving patient care for our community," stated Deputy Chief Ben Guerrero.

Tubac Fire District firefighters are currently in the process of training on the new cardiac monitors. The new monitors were a planned purchase in the TFD Capital Replacement Plan for fiscal year 2020/21 to replace monitors that were at the end of their service life. The four new Phillips Tempus Pro monitors were approved for purchase by the Tubac Fire District Fire Board at the January, 2021 monthly fire board meeting at a cost of \$181, 837. An employee-run procurement committee reviewed three different cardiac monitors and recommended TFD purchase the Phillips monitors.

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Established in 1974 and operating out of four fire stations, the Tubac Fire District provides fire and emergency medical services, which include fire suppression & wildland firefighting, emergency medical response, rescue, fire prevention, public education and a host of non-emergency services such as venomous creature removal.

Currently deploying normal daily operational staffing of 8 personnel, the District responds to approximately 1600 calls per year. TFD provides service with a Type I engine, an ALS/BLS ambulance, one water tender, and one Type 6 brush truck operating out of each fire station.

The District administrative office is located at 2227 E. Frontage Road; this location is also home to TFD Station 1. Station 2 is located at 1360 W. Frontage Road in Rio Rico; Station 3 at 333 Camino Josefina in Rio Rico; and Station 4 at 149 Ruta Camaron in Rio Rico.

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