



Fire Chief's Weekly Update – January 6, 2023

Activities and significant events:

- ❖ Chief Horvath visited the SCC Recruit Academy this week. Recruits are studying hard and doing well!
- ❖ Chief Horvath participated in a conference call this week with representatives from the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's office and area businesses to discuss possible projects for the Gear Up program at Rio Rico High School. The Gear Up program is designed to partner local businesses with high school students to complete projects. Tubac Fire District will be engaging with students from the Gear Up program to create a monthly newsletter for district residents.
- ❖ There will be a special fire board meeting on Wednesday next week at Station #2. Items on the agenda include filling the vacant board position, and board discussion and possible action regarding an interim fire chief.
- ❖ Captain testing started today with the written test. Testing continues on Monday and Tuesday next week with an assessment process held at Coatimundi Middle School. We have evaluators from Green Valley FD, Pinetop FD, Fry FD, and Rural Metro FD helping with the process. Good luck to all the candidates!
- ❖ Update from Chief Rivera:
 - DC Rivera working on festival issues with the Chamber
 - Unit 1058 (Ambulance) in for service
 - Engine 722 in for repairs
 - Dryer at Station 2 has been repaired
 - Polaris in for maintenance
 - Attend Hazard Mitigation plan with Santa Cruz County on updates
- ❖ Update from Chief Guerrero:
 - Target Solutions ISO requirements have been reset for the year. Please begin to input your yearly required trainings. Remember that ISO requires at least twenty hours of training per month for each firefighter so please remember to log your training so we can receive credit from ISO.
 - Blue Card Lab is scheduled for January 25th, 26th, and 27th at TFD Station 4.
 - Our two new reserves Albert Ibarra Sr. and Daniel Manriquez have completed orientation and are almost ready to pick up shifts. They are waiting on uniform orders.

- DC Guerrero and Captain Guerrero helped all Captain Candidates prepare for their upcoming testing by putting them through mock oral boards and tactical simulation labs.
- We received the necessary equipment to perform rope rescue operations (funded through grants and operations budget). The equipment has been placed in 2 bags that are set up as a main bag and a belay bag. The equipment is still being inventoried and we are creating inspection forms for it but should be available for use shortly. Thank you to A shift, especially to Henry and Uriel for all your work on this.
- Our recruits continue to make progress and they are all in good spirits. You will begin to meet some of them as they will be scheduled for ride-alongs in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions as to what they should be doing you can ask them or reach out to instructor A. Sanchez.
- A-shift worked on rope rescue equipment inventory and set up this week.
- B-shift worked on pump operations and probationary training with Justyn.
- C-shift worked on preparing our candidates for Captains testing.
- Good luck to our five Captain candidates, make us proud!
- Thank you all for your hard work and dedication and I look forward to another year of progress and achievements.



“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

Nelson Mandela