

## **Walker Fire Protection Association**

## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

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Fellow Community Members:

This is the second edition of our Newsletter dedicated to informing you of how your donations are spent.

## Fire Dept & EMT Medical

- 1. Five medical calls (one was a false alarm) and one public assist.
- 2. Engine operations refresher and expanded safety training based on the final report from the Yarnell Hill Fire.
- 3. A large turnout of Firefighters/EMTs and community members attended the Firefighter Appreciation Day.
- 4. Over half the fleet has completed its annual servicing.
- 5. Engine 86, Patrol 80 and Rescue 81 are chained up. Patrol 85 successfully participated in both Christmas parades.
- 6. Walker Fire will again play a major role in planning the annual Prescott Basin Operations Drill.
- 7. NativeAir (they provide emergency Medevac for us) recently made a practice landing to confirm that the new helipad and gravel work met with their requirements. We received resounding approval. NativeAir provides unmatched emergency helicopter evacuation day or night, year -round and we appreciate their support and responsiveness. NativeAir is also conducting a night landing exercise on Dec 21.
- Mapping exercise and smoke reading trainings each had turnouts in the mid-teens.
- 9. We have (6) firefighters attending the AZ Wildlife Academy. Roger Nussbaum, our Fire Chief, will be working at the Academy for (3) days
- 10. Conducted an annual station cleanup and a Mock Mass Casualty Incident. The Mock exercise had our Firefighters and EMT personnel there as well as many community volunteer "casualties." It was very successful.

## **Building / Improvements / Misc;**

- 1. Top soil was purchased and placed in the grass area by the orchard to provide a level community area.
- 2. Gravel and Aggregate Base Course was purchased and placed around the new helipad and around the back of the station to fill in low areas, provide a solid travel lane for vehicles and to improve water runoff.
- 3. The Grinder operation was a huge success with more dumpsters hauled out than ever before.
- 4. A re-dyed wind sock was mounted
- We had the last fund-raising Bingo and Pancake breakfasts for the year. These events by consensus are enjoyed by all and provide valuable donations for our emergency services.

See you at our next event and have a great Holiday Season.

Regards, Rudy Erdmann

WFPA - Board Member