



THE REVIEW

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"Every human has four endowments – self-awareness, conscience, independent will, and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate humane freedom... The power to choose, to respond, to change."

- Stephen Covey

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Some Prescott Valley area residents say ambulance response times are too long - if one shows up at all

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Some Prescott Valley area residents say ambulance response times are too long

Some living in the Prescott Valley area say they have had to wait up to 30 minutes for an ambulance to respond. At times, they say there are no ambulance services available. FOX 10's Nicole Garcia spoke with residents and officials with the ambulance service company.

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The Chief's Desk

The Chief's Desk this week contains two parts. I figured I'd let you know so you can skip to whichever topic interests you the most... The first section relates to COVID, and the second to ambulance issues.

Well, here we are... Remember, I never said COVID could not be bad for some people, and I never said I was immune to getting sick. To that end, Jen and I are hanging out on the couch taking naps and watching Roku. We are not feeling horrible, just annoyed at this point. I'd say we fall into the moderate category. I should be back in the office on Wednesday of next week.

As the federal government continues to maneuver in an effort to force more folks to take the jab, we remain steadfast that the choice is yours. We are unmoved by their "mandates" as we do not feel they are in the best interest of you or our community. A mandate that forces us to lose 10%-20% of our work force is not in the best interest of our community. We would have to reduce services and potentially close stations. So, does one mandate, or do we continue to provide care to those we are sworn to protect? Our priority is to ensure we can provide services. Regarding the latest OSHA edicts released, we are working with legal and the board to traverse any challenges those may create.

The current mandates are threatening our military security, business continuity, and our health care systems. In my opinion, any health care institution more willing to reduce services than maintain quality staff shows a level of incompetence that is incomprehensible. The answer is this – repeat after me – we will not comply. They are creating a health care crisis that does not need to exist. Unfortunately, this is not limited to health care institutions, I would argue the same is true for towns and cities who are firing police, firefighters, and EMS providers for failure to take the shot/s.

We recently discussed this at an AFCA Board meeting. It was interesting to hear that some institutions are stating that if you have the shot, you don't have to wear a mask or test. However, if you don't have the shot, you have to wear a mask and must be tested weekly. In my opinion, this is not equal treatment of personnel at best, and a potentially discriminatory practice at worst.

Let's walk through this briefly. I'm going to assume the goal is to "slow the spread," given you are not going to stop or eradicate COVID. It is important that we answer the following questions: If you received the shot, can you get COVID? Yes. If you received the shot, can you carry and spread the virus? Yes. If you received the shot, will your symptoms be less? Maybe yes, maybe no. We have had some vaccinated members get very sick, and others who had mild symptoms. We have had some non-vaccinated members who were very sick, and others who had mild symptoms. Finally, we have seen the vaccinated pass COVID to the unvaccinated. **Cont. Page 4**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 8-9: Chief out of office
Nov 10: We shall see
Nov 11: Veteran's Day

Board Meetings:

November 18 Administration
CAFMA – 1700-1830

Drawn by Fire: Making a Mandate Monster!

By: Paul Combs



Before we begin this conversation, let me be very transparent: I am NOT anti-vax, I AM vaccinated by personal choice, I do NOT hold a grudge against those who choose not to get the vaccine. I RESPECT your right to choose your own path.

Unfortunately, through short-sighted ignorance or political arrogance, some municipalities are irresponsibly mandating their first responders be vaccinated or be terminated. Great idea... what then? Seriously...WHAT THEN?!

There's nothing I can say here that will be a new conversation, so I won't bore you with regurgitated perspectives, other than to say be careful of the political monsters you make and unleash upon the villagers—once out there, they're impossible to capture and contain.

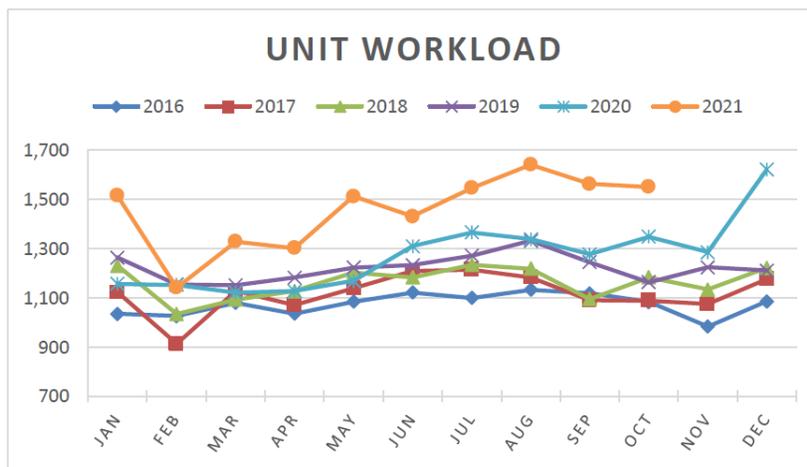
STAY FIRED UP, and stay strong to your personal beliefs!

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October Call Report

By: GIS/Statistician Michael Freeman

Unit Workload History						
(RESPONSES BY TYPE-1 ENGINES)						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	1,034	1,123	1,231	1,263	1,157	1,516
Feb	1,026	913	1,034	1,155	1,152	1,141
Mar	1,080	1,128	1,093	1,151	1,121	1,328
Apr	1,036	1,071	1,127	1,182	1,127	1,302
May	1,084	1,138	1,203	1,223	1,169	1,512
Jun	1,121	1,208	1,183	1,233	1,310	1,431
Jul	1,099	1,214	1,234	1,271	1,366	1,546
Aug	1,132	1,183	1,218	1,332	1,338	1,641
Sep	1,118	1,091	1,095	1,245	1,277	1,563
Oct	1,083	1,088	1,183	1,163	1,348	1,551
Nov	983	1,074	1,134	1,224	1,285	
Dec	1,085	1,177	1,222	1,211	1,622	
AVG	<i>1,073</i>	<i>1,117</i>	<i>1,163</i>	<i>1,221</i>	<i>1,273</i>	<i>1,453</i>
TOTAL	12,881	13,408	13,957	14,653	15,272	14,531





October Response Report - 2021

Land Area: 369 sq. miles Population: ≈106,500 Fire Stations: 10 Full-Staffed

Responses in District

TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS	12
STRUCTURE FIRE	0
STRUCTURE FIRE; CONFINED	3
MOBILE HOME/PORTABLE BLDG	0
VEHICLE FIRE	3
BRUSH/GRASS/WILDLAND FIRE	5
TRASH FIRE/OTHER	1

Fire is 0.90% of call volume

TOTAL RESCUE & EMS	915
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EMS is 68.90% of call volume

OVERPRESSURE / OVERHEAT	1
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	13
SERVICE CALL	246
GOOD INTENT	99
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	42

Other is 30.20% of call volume

TOTAL INCIDENTS IN DISTRICT	1,328
INCIDENT RESPONSES BY CAFMA	1,448
TYPE-1 UNIT RESPONSES BY CAFMA	1,551

Fire Loss Summary

Residential Fire Loss	\$2,500
Commercial Fire Loss	\$74,820
Vehicle Fire Loss	\$5,500

Top 5 Call Types

830	EMS
133	Assist Invalid
59	Public Service
42	Cancelled en Route
38	No Incident Found on Arrival

Average total # of calls per day	42.84
Average fire calls per day	0.39
Average EMS calls per day	29.52
Average all other calls per day	12.94

Call Volume at PRCC

	Month	Year-to-Date
PFD	910	8,394
CAFMA	1,328	12,339
GCFD	10	105
OD	12	85
WKFD	6	43

Unit Responses

Unit	District	Total	Move Up
E50	170	176	41
E51	35	187	48
E53	211	211	11
E540	42	42	13
E54	173	174	0
E57	54	56	2
E58	156	158	1
E59	166	174	4
E61	130	133	18
E62	160	164	5
E63	63	69	30
TR50	2	5	0
B3	53	60	0
B6	34	36	0
Rescues	56	58	0

TYPE-1 ENGINES

Calls by Municipality

Calls in Town of Chino Valley	216
Calls in Town of Prescott Valley	656
Calls in Town of Dewey-Humboldt	60
Calls in District, Unincorporated Areas	396
Calls Out of District	10

Aid Agreement Summary

Aid Given to Prescott	132
Aid Received from Prescott	69
Aid Given to WVFD	0
Aid Received from WVFD	3
Mutual Aid Given	0
Mutual Aid Received	0

Chief's Desk Continued

If our goal is to slow the spread, and we know that both those who got the shot and those who chose not to get the shot can contract, carry, and spread the virus, then is it not reasonable to assume that all employees would need to be tested weekly? Personally, I find that intrusive and wouldn't implement such draconian measures for our organization. I guess I find you all to be responsible, professional, adults who do not need to live under the thumb of tyranny.

Again, I'm not saying COVID doesn't suck, because it does. However, we cannot fail to provide services and destroy a country because of a virus. The world has made it through viruses before, and we will again. Unfortunately, with this virus, science is being ignored, differing opinions are censored, and data is so far skewed that it is useless for determining anything other than the fact that COVID exists.

Next topic – Ambulance Transport Issues

The FOX 10 story aired Tuesday night this week. They teased the story during the World Series, which I thought was pretty cool. In case you missed it, you can click this link to be redirected:

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The feedback I've received thus far has been very positive. It just seems each time AMR corporate tries to defend their lack of performance, they dig a bigger hole. How anyone could even begin to defend this level of repeated failure is beyond me. I guess that's why their approach continues to be – it's not our fault, it's Chief Freitag's fault. If only he would sign an agreement, we would start providing services. What does that even mean? Either you are going to provide services or you are not. At this point, AMR corporate has chosen not to provide much-needed services to our community.

The State refuses to grant interviews and will only issue a statement that reads something to the effect of, AMR is meeting the standards as established by the State. Let me get this straight, we can play Dispatch radio traffic for State officials and in their opinion, the level of service depicted by both the traffic and the phone calls between dispatch centers is acceptable? Wow, I honestly have no idea how they can make that statement. I'm hoping ABC 15 will challenge the State's self-reporting systems, as well as the lack of checks and balances.

We are working statewide on a few things to draw more attention. I've been told that we have several hundred residents willing to walk on the capitol in support of our efforts. That would be pretty cool.

We are still working the legislation and will keep you posted as that process progresses.

Our CON application officially dropped on Friday, October 29. Unless the Governor agrees to intervene, we are looking at an 18-24-month process. It has taken years just to get to the point where we had community support to submit our application. Now, it seems we have community support to apply pressure where needed to get it across the finish line.

In the meantime, don't forget the Change.org initiative that was started by a member of our community, <https://chnng.it/x8MXMXfbmr>. Our webpage regarding ambulance issues continues to grow and evolve.

Don't forget to share the information with anyone who will listen.

<https://www.cazfire.org/rescue-response/>
