



Annual Report 2006



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Payson Fire Department is to minimize the loss of life and property damage resulting from fire, medical emergencies and other disasters through prevention, education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and emergency preparedness. This will be accomplished in the most cost effective manner with maximum utilization of resources never sacrificing the safety of our members.



2006 was an eventful year for the Payson Fire Department. Early in the year the aptly named February Fire scarred the Rim Country and served to focus attention on one of Payson biggest threats, wildland fire. Four thousand acres later the fire had been stopped but the balance of a dry winter, and what promised to be a dry summer, lay ahead. The Department capitalized on the public awareness momentum and facilitated the construction of a fuel break along the south and a west boundary of the Town. Gila County, Tonto Apache Indian Tribe, Chaparral Pines and the Rim Club, Central Arizona Board of Realtors and the U.S. Forest Service partnered with the Town to make the fuel break a reality.

Three communities earned recognition in the Firewise Communities USA program. Residents of the Elk Ridge, Rim Club and East Verde Estates worked hard to achieve this recognition and are well on their way to providing a safer environment for their residents. Meanwhile, the PFD partnered with over 80 Payson property owners to complete fuel reduction treatments on their properties and over 7500 loads of vegetation were delivered to disposal pits sponsored by the Town.

The PFD was able to add eight additional Paid-On-Call firefighters this year to bolster our corps. These firefighters provide a necessary additional response to our contingent of career personnel and continue the fire service tradition of volunteerism. As always, the volunteer Rehab-Support Group tended to firefighters at the scene of emergency incidents and to ensure that firefighters were able to complete their arduous tasks.

The Department's citizen CPR training and Public Access Defibrillation programs continued to grow. Over 800 citizens were trained in lifesaving techniques and today over twenty Automatic External Defibrillators are dispersed in locations around Payson. An example of the worth of these programs was demonstrated on an early August afternoon. Security guards and bystanders using their training and an AED provided through the program resuscitated a patron of the Mazatzal Casino who had suddenly collapsed.

Overall this year 2006 was a successful venture for the PFD in accomplishing our mission of protecting Payson's citizens and visitors. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to a productive and safe 2007.

Martin A. deMasi
Fire Chief

PERSONNEL

CAREER FF:	22
PAID ON CALL FF:	12
VOLUNTEER:	7
CHIEF:	1
FIRE MARSHAL:	1
ADMIN. SECRETARY:	1

BUDGET

FY 2004/2005	FY 2005/2006	FY 2006/2007
\$2.184 M	\$2.483 M	\$2.620M
Capital: \$550,000	Revenue: \$200,000	
Cost per capita: \$197		
Comparative Tax Rate:\$1.41 per 100 AV		

GENERAL	AREA'S SERVICED
FIRE STATIONS: 2	Town of Payson, Tonto Apache Tribe, Round Valley/Oxbow Fire District, East Verde Park Fire District
CORPORATE TOWN AREA: 19.5 SQ. MILES	
POPULATION: 15,720	

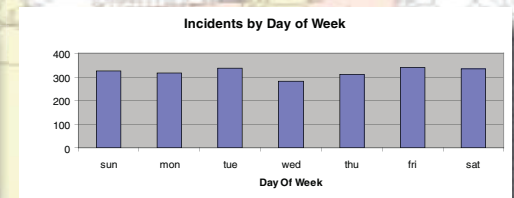
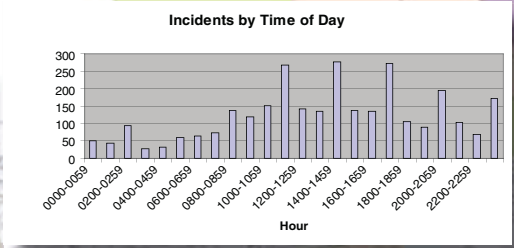
BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS

2236	PAYSON RESPONSES	100%
1542	EMS/RESCUE	69%
226	SERVICE CALLS	10%
91	FIRE RESPONSES	4%
65	HAZARDOUS COND.	3%
312	MISCELLANEOUS	14%

- ### PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT PROGRAMS
- 60 child safety seats inspected.
 - 140 Guardian Angels installed.
 - 95 smoke detectors distributed.
 - 662 school children instructed in safety behaviors.
 - 14 medical standbys at Public Events.
 - Numerous Senior Safety courses.
 - Participated in Health Fair, Career Day at PHS and performed numerous fire station tours.
 - Raised over \$25,000 for the Public Safety For Kids Charity Program.



- ### AWARDS
- **Firefighter of the Year:** Captain Dan Bramble
 - **Awards of Merit:** Firefighter Jerome Lubetz, Firefighter Dan Malloy, Firefighter Steele Owens, Engineer Rhett Connolly, Captain Robb Beery
 - **Citizen's Awards:** Judy Baker, Mogollon Health Alliance, Doug Mann, Energy West, Don Nunley, US Forest Service, Nate Randau, Boy Scout Troop 354, Chuck Jacobs, RPAP, Bill Hirsch, RPAP, Joe Nation, ACE Hardware, Jim Shuman, Mazatzal Casino



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES

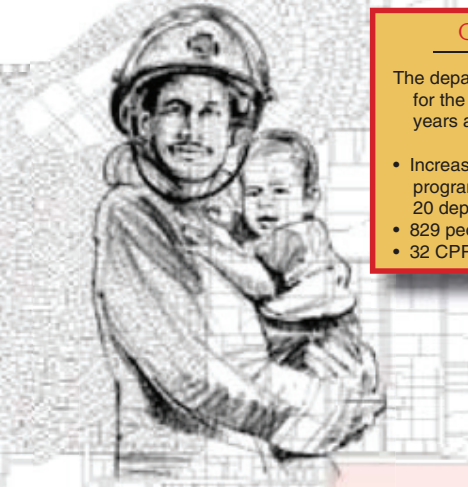
STATION 11	3.95 MINUTES
STATION 12	4.60 MINUTES
STATION 21	6.62 MINUTES

DEPARTMENT AVG: 5.06 MINUTES

RESPONSE TIME PERCENTILES

MIN.	PERCENTAGE
1	4%
2	13%
3	35%
4	59%
5	79%
6	90%
7	95%
11	100%

- ### FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES
- Conducted 396 fire inspections.
 - 325 Plans were reviewed.
 - 134 Permits were issued.
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- ### CPR / AED PROGRAM
- The department has served as a training center for the American Heart Association for many years and in 2006:
- Increased the Public Access Defibrillation program by adding 6 more AED's for a total of 20 deployed in Payson.
 - 829 people trained in CPR.
 - 32 CPR Instructors trained or recertified.

- ### STATE WILDLAND FIRES
- The Department participated in the Arizona State Land Dept.'s multi-jurisdictional fire response system totalling 8 wildland fire responses, that were located in AZ, WA, ID, NM and UT.
 - AZ State Land was billed for \$125,842 for incidents outside of Payson town limits.



- ### PFD TRAINING STATS
- 5497 hours of fire/rescue training completed
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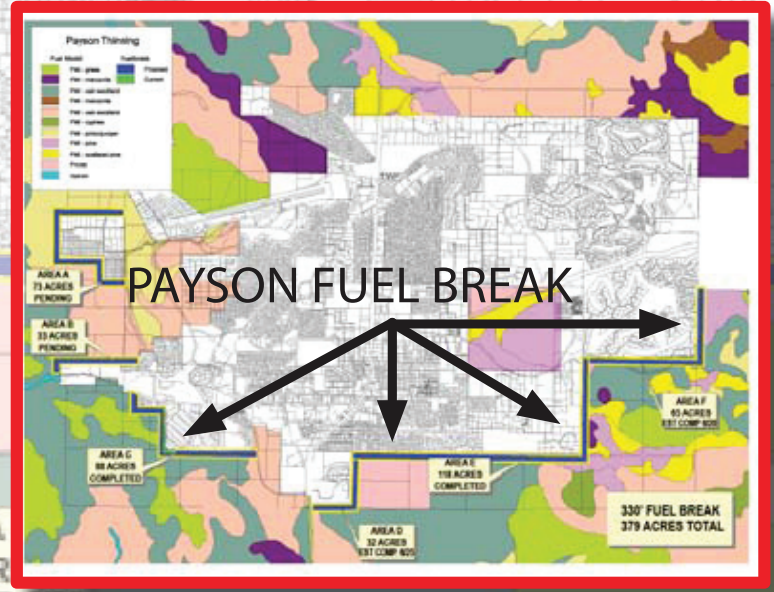
FIRE LOSS STATISTICS

STRUCTURE VALUE:	\$2,309,642
STRUCTURE LOSS:	\$ 682,302
CONTENTS VALUE:	\$ 568,697
CONTENTS LOSS:	\$ 282,273
SAVE/LOSS RATIO:	66% SAVE

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS & CAUSES

59 FIRES INVESTIGATED

INTENTIONAL:	8.5%
UNINTENTIONAL:	34%
EQUIPMENT FAILURE:	25%
ACT OF NATURE:	6.8%
UNDETERMINED:	25.7%



- ### WILDLAND FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM
- #### GENERAL
- Distributed in excess of 7000 wildfire brochures.
 - Fuel Break installed!
 - Completed 377 acre fuel break construction on west and south perimeter of Payson.
 - Assessed 233 properties for risk reduction.
 - Presented 20 Risk Reduction/Awareness Programs.
 - Supported brush pits, where over 7500 loads of vegetation were received.
 - Firewise USA Communities Recognized: Elk Ridge, Rim Club, East Verde Park, Chaparral Pines (pending).