



# Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Report





## Message from Fire Chief David Staub

### To the Mayor, Town Council, Town Manager, and Citizens of Payson

First I would like to thank each of you for your support of the Payson Fire Department, without this support we would be unable to provide service to you. This continues to be an exciting time for the fire service. We welcome the changes that are coming as we evolve to meet the needs of our customers while using data and scientific research to guide our actions. We are experiencing a significant increase in requests for service. Our staff is analyzing this trend and looking for alternative deployment strategies to continue to offer service. The planned university site is an exciting new challenge for the department as we take on the new requirement of protecting college students in a dormitory setting. These are only two of the exciting changes we are experiencing in the Fire Department. I am confident that our staff will rise to meet these challenges and will continue to provide excellent service to our citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Staub".

David Staub, Fire Chief



# Station Locations, Equipment & Response Areas

## Station 11

*400 W. Main Street*

Staffed Front-line Units: 1 - Type-1 Engine, 1 - Battalion Chief

Reserve Units: 1 - Engine, 1 - Rescue, 1 - Water Tender, 1 - Type-6 Engine, 1 - Rehab

## Station 12

*108 E. Rancho*

Staffed Front-line Units: 1 - Type-1 Engine

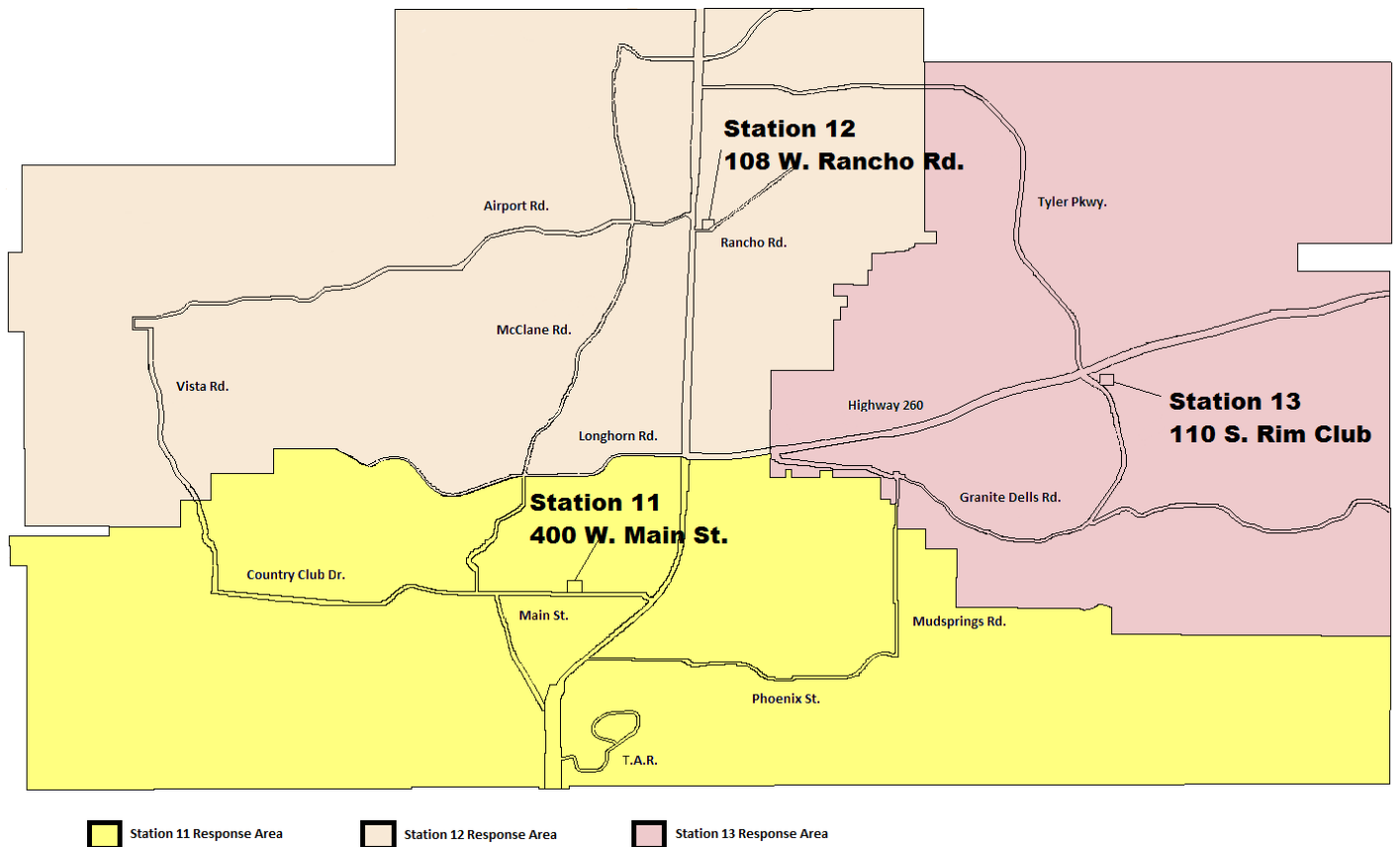
Reserve Units: 1 - Utility; 1 - Type- 6 Engine

## Station 13

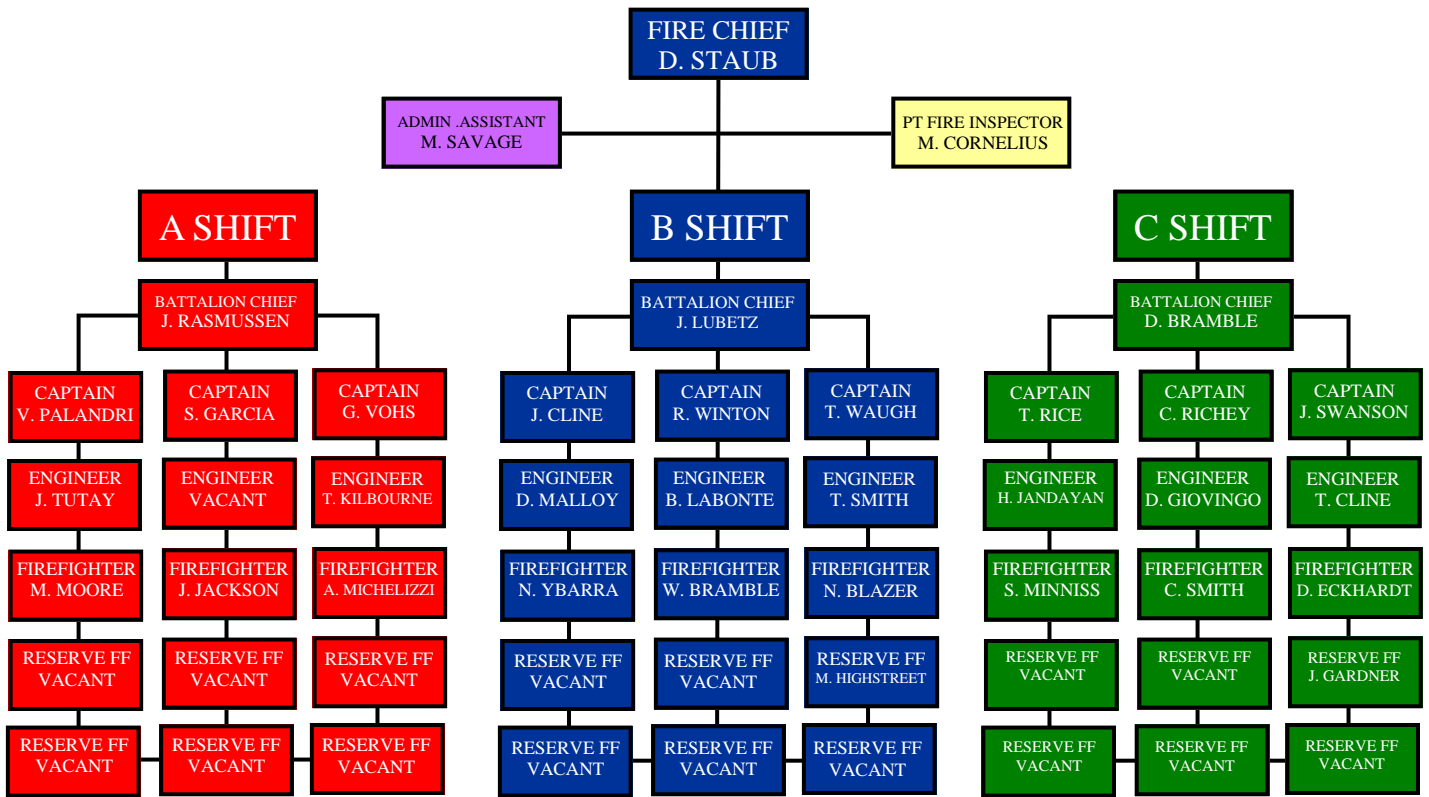
*103 S. Rim Club Parkway*

Staffed Front Line Units: 1 - Type 1 Engine

Reserve Unit: 1 - Water Tender



# PAYSON FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## OUR VISION

It is the vision of the Payson Fire Department that all members will have the ability to do their jobs; act as fire prevention and safety agents in all respects; be positive role models to other citizens; respond quickly and proficiently to our customers' needs; and will be an active part of a productive, professional, and progressive organization.

## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VALUES

- Honesty: We operate with the utmost of integrity.
- Loyalty: We are loyal to the department, our coworkers, and the fire service.
- Innovation: We have the ability to be creative in our solutions.
- Respect: We respect ourselves, each other, and the traditions of the fire service.
- Proficiency: We know how to do our jobs.

# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



The top photo shows the four major services we provide: Emergency Medical Services, structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, and fire prevention/code enforcement. The bottom two photos show some additional emergencies we train for and responded to this year.

## 2016 Statistics

Staffing	Sworn	Civilian
Administration	1	1
Fire Operations	30	0
Fire Prevention	0	0.5
<b>Total Staffing</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.5</b>

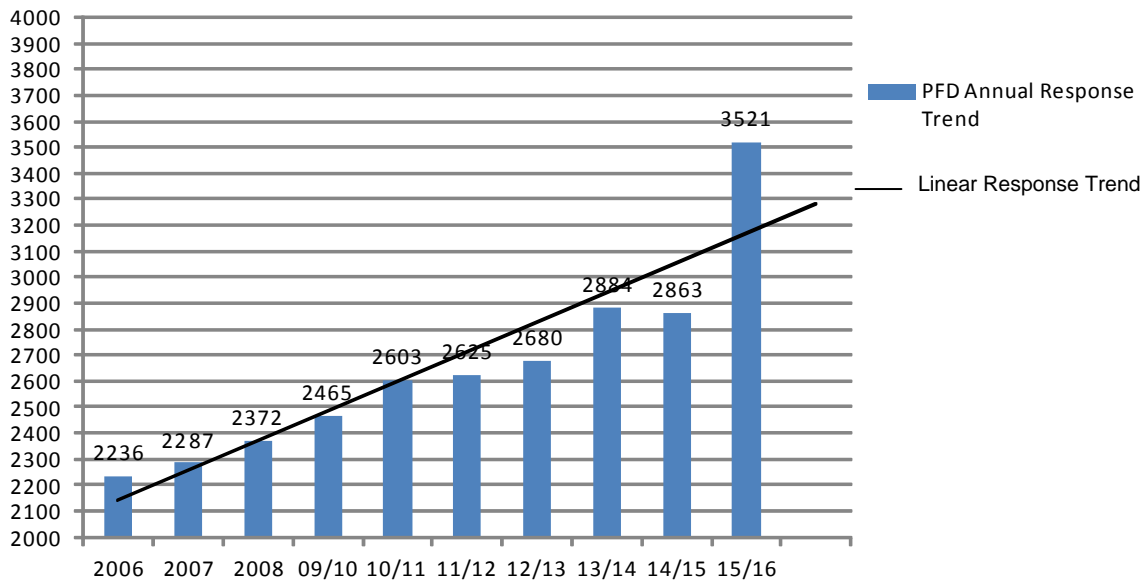
### Service Delivery

Number of Incidents	3,521
Payson Population Served	15,245
Incorporated Square Miles Served	20.5
Miles of State Highway Served	42
Daily Fire Operations Minimum Staffing	8

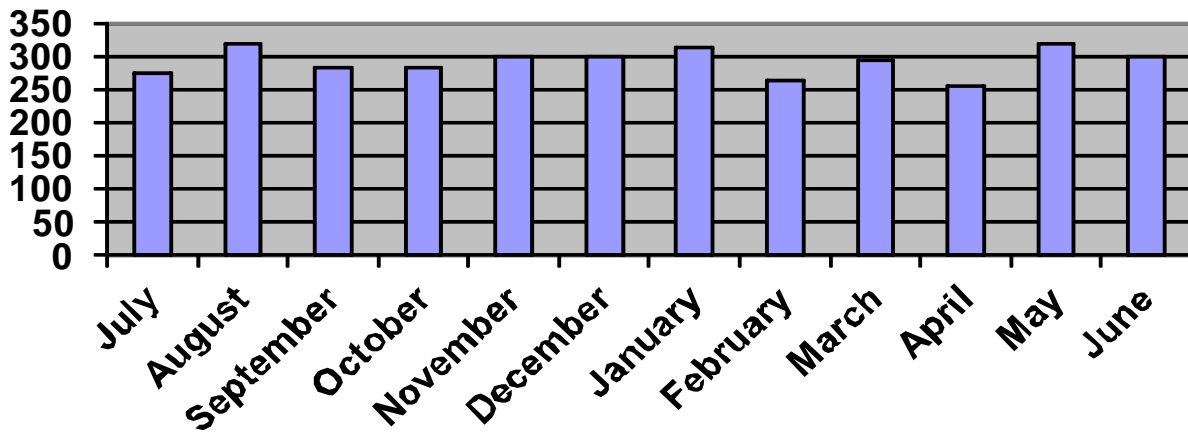
### Types of Incidents

3,521	Total Responses	100%
2,419	Emergency Medical Services	68%
66	Fire & Explosions	2%
77	Hazardous Condition	2%
475	Service Call	16%
142	Good Intent	7%
127	False Alarm	5%

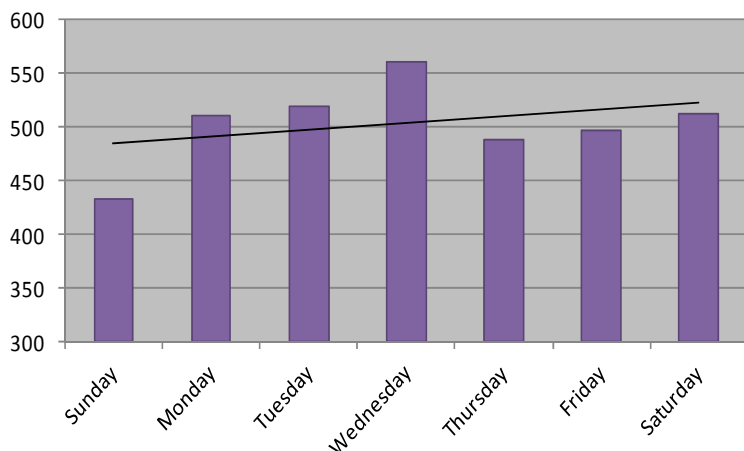
## PFD 2006-2016 Annual Response Trend



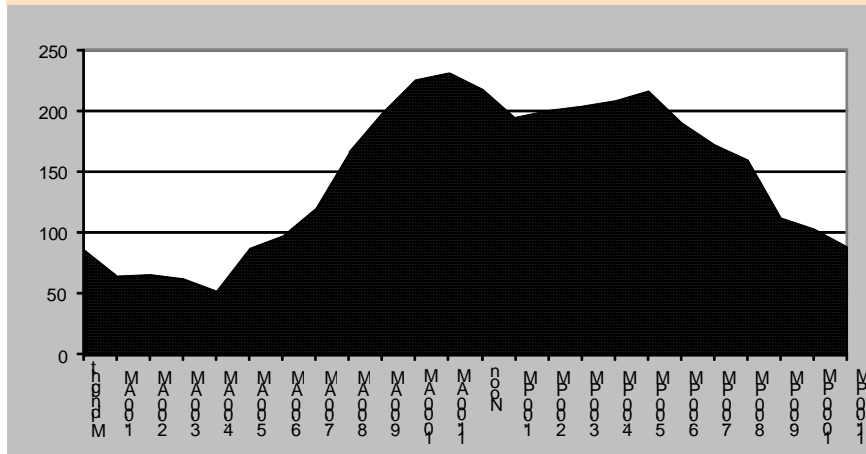
## Incidents by Month FY 2015/2016



## Incidents By Day of Week 2015/2016



## Incidents by Time of Day FY 2015/2016



### Incident Response Times FY 2015/2016

#### Average Response Times

Payson	4:17
All areas	5:34
Call to Dispatch	:33
Turnout time	1:20



### Fractile Response Times

Minutes	Percentage of Incidents
<1	2.6%
1	4.4%
2	9.9%
3	21.6%
4	37.9%
5	56.2%
6	72.3%
7	83.4%
8	91.0%
9	95.2%
10	97.3%
11	98.2%
12	98.9%





## Response Areas FY 2015/2016



Area	No. Responses
Payson	3219
Tonto Apache Res.	71
Highways	62
Round Valley-Oxbow	33
East Verde Park	15
Hellsgate	29
Houston Mesa	76
Other	16
Auto & Mutual Aid Given	342



## Responses by Shift 2015/2016

<b>A Shift</b>	1167	33.14%
<b>B Shift</b>	1158	32.89%
<b>C Shift</b>	1196	33.97%

## Responses by Station 2015/2016

<b>Station 11</b>	1713	48.5%
<b>Station 12</b>	1400	39.7%
<b>Station 13</b>	417	11.8%

## Structure Fire Loss & Save Data

Pre-incident Value	\$2,203,500.00
Structure Fire Loss	\$1,451,000.00
Save Ratio	34.2%

## Fire Cause FY 2015/2016

Intentional	1
Unintentional	28
Equipment Failure	4
Act of nature	2
Undetermined	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

## Risk Reduction Activities

Building Permit Inspections	59
Business License Inspections	120
Plan Reviews Completed	146
Fire Inspection	43
Fire Wise Assessments	58
Properties Declared Fire Wise	23
Smoke Detector Batteries Replaced	75
Smoke Alarms Installed	17
Carbon Monoxide Detectors Installed	5
Non-emergency Public Contacts	1825
Fire Safety Citizen Contacts	850
Fire Station Tours	10
Car Seats Inspected/Installed	300
Citizens Trained in CPR	927
CPR Classes	132
AED's Managed	44



## Permits Issued FY 2015/2016

Burn	84
Firework Displays	2
Hydrant Flow Tests	7

## Training Data

Structural Fire Training	2631.25 hrs	Number of members trained	32
Non-Structural Training	2365.75 hrs	Total spent on FD training not including Fire Operations class	\$16,000
Emergency Medical	1960 hrs	Average spent per member	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,957</b>	Revenue brought to the Town of Payson hosting training events:	\$2,300
Average per Firefighter	217.4	Training and travel dollars saved from hosting events locally:	\$12,243

## Training Accomplishments

- Trained and certified two PFD members to the NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector II level
- Trained and certified ten PFD members to the NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector I level
- Hosted two statewide offerings of NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector I course
- Hosted a regional 48-hour NREMT compliant paramedic refresher course
- Sponsored and provided instructors for Fire Operations Course through GCCC; 6 students graduated
- All members completed emergency vehicle driver operator training course
- Participated in regional LPG Emergencies HAZMAT training with Alliant Gas
- Hosted two regional live-fire training drills
- Co-sponsored and hosted regional 8-hour NWCG compliant annual wildland refresher
- Provided four students and a class coordinator for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arizona State Fire School in Mesa, Arizona
- Supported the Arizona State Fire Training Committee with one PFD member
- Supported the Arizona Emergency Medical Systems board of governors with one PFD member
- Fire Chief Staub supported the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association as current president of the organization



# RETIREMENTS



**Engineer John Cline  
20 Years of Service**



**Shift Retirement Party for John**



**John in Action**

## **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**



**Engineer Daniel Malloy**

## **NEW RECRUITS**



**John Jackson**



**Nate Blazer**



**Nolan Ybarra**



**Anthony Michelizzi**



**Doug Eckhardt**

## FIREWISE EXAMPLES AND INFORMATION



The property on the left has been Firewised meaning that most of the underbrush has been cleared and tree branches trimmed up. The property on the right is thick with brush which creates continuity of fuels making perfect conditions for rapid fire spread to adjacent land and structures.



These properties are adjacent to one another and separated by a chain link fence. Again, the property on the left has had the ladder fuels removed which helps to keep a fire from moving up and into the large trees. It also has a much lower fuel load than the property on the right side of the fence which will lessen the intensity of a fire. The property on the right has a lot of thick underbrush which will burn fast and hot creating a large amount of embers that can cause rapid fire spread to the large trees and to nearby homes.

For more information you can contact Captain Toby Waugh at [twaugh@paysonaz.gov](mailto:twaugh@paysonaz.gov) or go to the website [www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **Q: What are the hours for the Fire Department office?**

**A:** The Administrative Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. We are closed during the lunch hour from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. If you have an emergency, call 911.

### **Q: What are the operating hours and locations of the BRUSH PITS?**

**A:** The Blattner Pit is located on Hwy. 260 at M.P. 259.7. It is open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Pine Pit is located seven tenths of a mile in on the Control Rd off of Hwy. 87, South of Pine. This pit is open on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For any other information on the free brush pits, call 928-468-8694.

### **Q: How can I get my smoke detectors checked?**

**A:** Call the Fire Department at 928-472-5120 to schedule an appointment. We'd be happy to come to your home and check your smoke detectors. You can also check your smoke detectors by pressing the button on the front until it activates. If it doesn't activate, your battery should be replaced. Smoke detectors have a limited life span; if your smoke detector is more than ten years

### **Q: Can I get my car seat checked? How long does this take?**

**A:** Call 928-472-5120 to make an appointment. It usually takes approximately one hour. We have a certified Safety Seat Inspector at 400 W. Main St.

### **Q: What is a Guardian Angel Unit and how do I get one?**

**A:** What the Fire Department calls the Guardian Angel Unit is a small heart shaped pendant that a person wears around the neck. It can be worn even in the shower. A unit is hooked up to phone line. If you fall or need help, you can press the button on your pendant and it dials the preprogrammed phone number in it. That person can be anyone who can come to your house and help you. If you need medical help, they can call 911 for the Fire Department to respond. You can get one installed by calling the Police Department at 928-472-5065.

### **Q: Why do firefighters have to go to in a fire engine to the grocery store?**

**A:** Firefighters live and work as a team. They may be called upon at any moment to respond to emergencies and need to stay together. They take the fire engine because it is their toolbox; it carries all the tools they may need to mitigate many different kinds of emergencies. Firefighters may be at the grocery store to buy healthy food to eat at the station, to mitigate an incident, or to do a preplan of the building before an emergency happens. Each fire engine requires a minimum of three firefighters to respond to an incident. So that means if the fire engine is called to an emergency and all three firefighters are not together,

### **Q: Does the fire department buy the food for firefighters to eat?**

**A:** No. Firefighters are just like most workers in the private sector, if they want to eat they must provide their own food. The only time the fire department buys food for firefighters is when they are working a long duration incident and the firefighters are unable to buy or prepare their own while on scene.

### **Q: What services are provided?**

**A:** The Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services by career and reserve firefighters and state certified EMT's and paramedics. The District has a full complement of fire, medical, and rescue equipment. The District also provides fire inspection and public education programs.

### **Q: How would I go about scheduling a station tour?**

**A:** The Payson Fire Department offers tours of each of our three fire stations. To schedule a tour go to the following link on the town website under the Fire Dept.: [EVENT REQUEST FORM](#). Complete the request form and mail or bring it in Station 11 on Main Street.

### **Q: May I schedule a ride-along with a fire crew?**

**A:** Yes. You must be at least 18 years of age. You may ride with the fire crew between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Contact the Administration Office at 928-472-5120.

# GRACEY LEE HAUGHT SAFETY FAIR-PAYSON ELEMENTARY

Multiple agencies gathered at Payson Elementary School on April 8, 2016 to give the students brief demonstrations and lectures on what each agency's part is in keeping our community safe. Payson Fire Department, Gila County Sheriff's Office, Payson Police Department, Pine Strawberry Fire Department, and Air Methods medical flight helicopter were among the participants.

