



Black Canyon Fire Department Chiefs Report February 2015



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Department Members Anniversaries

Joe Flores, six years – 2/28/09
Matt Hunkin, six years – 2/28/09
Steve Jahnke, six years – 2/28/09
Jake Alanis, five years – 2/6/10

Congratulations, and thank you for your hard work and contribution to the department and community!

IN MEMORY OF FIRE BOARD MEMBER PETE CHARTIER WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 19, 2013.

Incidents for the month of January 2015 = 93

- *January 2014 = 87*

Total transports by BCFD, including transport from scene to helicopter:
January 2015 = *Will provide next month. Unable to obtain accurate information from software this month.*

- *January 2014 = 41*

Combined training hours for the month of January 2015 = 199

Mark Enteman has submitted a grant proposal to the AZ State Land Dept. for \$4635 to purchase brush jackets and helmets to replace those that have reached or exceeded their life expectancy of 10-years. This is a 50/50 grant meaning we our share of the grant will be \$2,318.

Chief Birch has submitted a grant proposal to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for \$27,000 to purchase the necessary radio system infrastructure that will greatly improve our communications ability in the area of Sunset Point, Badger Springs, and southward down to BCC.

Currently communication in these areas is sketchy at best, to non-existent. In fact once we are north of milepost 245 and we start down into the Badger Springs exit valley our only way of communicating is via cell phone. At incidents where vehicles go down at cliff we have to use hand signals or the mutual aid channel to communicate with other on scene personnel. Someone must stay on top of the cliff to use the vehicle mobile radio to communicate with dispatch and other responding personnel.

This grant has no matching funds requirement.

Capt. Johnson will be submitting a \$45,000 grant proposal to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to purchase new extrication equipment. This grant has no matching funds requirement.

No vehicle or equipment maintenance during the month of January other than those discussed at last months meeting.