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NEWBERRY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**MONTHLY REPORT | SEPTEMBER 2026****1. TRAINING**

- Our September training report lists 47 hours: 21 hours of hands-on and in-house training, 18 hours of online firefighter training or EMT recertification, and 8 hours of certified or outside academy training.
- We have State Fire Marshal-qualified instructors and are putting together a three- to six-month training schedule.
- We are also working with Daggett Fire Department on regular certified training opportunities, with the goal of holding a joint training once a month when possible.
- We contacted San Bernardino County about using the vacant houses at Barstow-Daggett Airport for realistic hands-on training. We offered October 27–30 for a follow-up discussion. Use of the property has not been approved yet and is still being discussed.

2. CALL VOLUME & RESPONSE

- NSFD handled 32 incidents in September: 21 EMS or rescue calls, 4 service calls, 3 fire incidents, 2 good-intent calls, 1 false alarm, and 1 special incident.
- We provided mutual aid on 3 calls to Daggett and Yermo.
- As of October 21, the Department had recorded 350 calls for the calendar year.

3. FIREFIGHTER ROSTER & RECRUITMENT

- We ran a firefighter recruitment advertisement on Facebook and received 26 applications. We have hired 5 people so far, and interviews are still underway.
- Our roster now stands at 15 firefighters: 6 local members and 9 reserve firefighters who live outside the Barstow boundary.

4. APPARATUS & MAINTENANCE

- Engine 392 had a major air-system leak on October 17 and was out of service for about five hours. The D-2 air governor and a brass fitting were replaced at a total cost of \$472.51, including parts pickup and travel. Valve work, pump testing, and annual maintenance were planned for November.
- Brush Patrol 392 continues to have a major coolant leak. We still intend to sell the vehicle. Because additional repairs would require outside diesel service, it is only being driven when needed.
- Water Tender 392 needed lighting repairs. Replacement parts continue to be expensive, including about \$50 per bulb, \$200 for a headlight, and \$20 to \$100 for emergency light and lenses.

- Reserve Engine 392 needs six leaking control-panel gauges replaced, estimated at \$200 to \$300 each. Its compressor also cycles about every 15 seconds, which suggests an air leak.
- One positive update is that we added a donated command vehicle in September, thanks to the City of Calimesa and Calimesa Fire Department. It can be used by the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, or as Utility 392.

5. BURN BAN & FIRE PREVENTION

- The Newberry Springs burn ban is still in effect, and there is currently no announced date for lifting it. We want residents to know that open burning remains restricted until the Department issues an official update.
- We have been working on clearer burn-permit materials and a cleaner process for residents who need information on burning restrictions and permit requirements.
- We also reviewed BRYCER, Inspect Point, as possible tools to improve inspection records, follow-up, and fire-prevention documentation.

6. COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

- We reached out to the American Red Cross about bringing its “Sound the Alarm” program to Newberry Springs. The goal is to help residents access smoke alarms for free, free installation assistance, and more home fire-safety education. This partnership is still being discussed and has not been finalized yet.
- We are continuing to build out CPR, First Aid, and BLS education, along with a free CPR class for Newberry Springs residents.
- We have continued updating the Department website so residents can more easily find information on recruitment, prevention, burn status, classes, and department news.

7. GRANTS, PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A major accomplishment was the \$58,500 Office of Traffic Safety grant for extrication equipment. The grant agreement was fully signed on September 30, and approval was confirmed on October 1. This funding will help us improve our vehicle extrication capability and provide related training.
- We are still pursuing other outside funding, including AFG, SAFER, and wildfire safety opportunities such as Proposition 4.
- We also explored the Extreme Heat Cooling Hub effort, but we stepped back from that project after it became clear the required community partners could not be secured.

8. DEPARTMENT NEEDS & FUTURE PLANNING

- Structural firefighting gear is one of our biggest immediate needs. Five sets are already expired, and we expect a total of eight sets to be expired by the end of 2026 with each set of PPE estimated to be 3,000 to 5,000 dollars.
- Right now, physical addressing and zoning are still needed before the “North Property” project can fully move forward.