

Regional Fire & Rescue Department, Inc.
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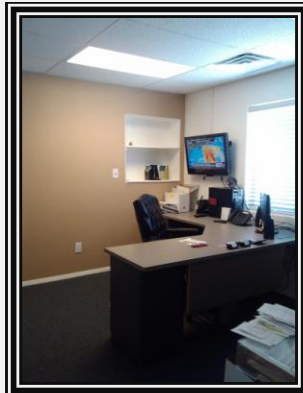
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New Fire Administration Building



As of July 1, 2012, we have finally completed our new Fire Administration Building project with your help (continued support from our Fire Protection Subscribers) and the Monsanto

Corporation with their generous donation of \$20,000! This project took us several months to complete on our own, and could not have been accomplished without the help of Regional Fire's Firefighters. With recent news of our FEMA-SAFER Grant being awarded, salaries for Full-Time Firefighters are assured into 2014. Therefore we hope to complete our block wall around the perimeter of our station, complete our

new parking lot, and to eventually build enclosed truck bays. The rented construction office trailer is being returned to Mobile Mini. We installed our new Modular Office in August 2011 and completed water and electric service by December. We began working feverishly on the interior remodel work that began in January of this year, and we are very proud of our achievement. Feel free to stop in a see **our new look** at Regional Fire.

New Website Now Online

Regional Fire is proud to announce our new website that went online in December 2011. With over 100 hours put into this website, we hope to provide our community with an informative and educational view on Regional Fire's History, fire prevention/child safety, the services we provide you (as a pre-paid fire protection subscriber), and insight into the support we are receiving in our community through

donations. This includes reasons why it is important to pay your annual fire protection subscription in support of our independent fire department, Insurance Agent information, and a useful links page. We have also created an easy way to donate, or to renew your fire subscription online through our new "PayPal" account feature which is a **secure option** in comparison to paying via credit card with information being passed on your renewal through the mail. Although we look forward to your visit,

this is a convenient alternative to paying in person when we all get too busy to stop in!

We greatly appreciate the fine work our Firefighter/Graphic Designer Derek Archer has done, and for all of his hard work, time and dedication in providing this website and newsletter for our community. If you experience any difficulty, please direct them to Derek at: derek.archer@live.com

Southwest Gas Vehicle Donation

Regional Fire & Rescue has received a vehicle donation from Southwest Gas Corporation with special thanks to Mr. Pat Abiles, District Manager. In May 2012, a 2000 Ford F-750 Extended Cab with Utility Body Chassis was donated to eventually serve as a Highway Emergency Response vehicle. We suffered the loss of a 1994 International Crew Cab Fire/Rescue truck in May 2011 due to a vehicle crash. Although we have a great deal of work ahead of us, we have quite a great deal of fire equipment and inventory already available to convert and equip this former gas pipeline and service/construction vehicle into a Public Service Emergency Response Vehicle. This truck will undergo a cosmetic refurbishment & construction in the fall of 2012. Stay tuned and visit our **"About RFRD"** page online at www.regionalfire.org for pictures and details about this vehicle.



When this truck is transformed by our Firefighters into a Fire & Rescue Vehicle, it will carry up to 800 Gallons of water, firefighting foam, and our Technical Rescue Equipment, to include the large Spreaders, Cutters, Extending Rams, Air Bags and similar rescue gear already in our inventory.



Pinal County Sheriff's Office

"Fire Engine" Donation

Regional Fire became a recipient of some "good will" in providing a replacement fire apparatus in September 2011. Special thanks go to the Pinal County Sheriff's Department, and Sheriff Paul Babeu, along with his grant Coordinator Mr. Tom Gaupel, they have managed to include us in their access to surplus military equipment on loan for eventual donation.

This Fire Apparatus is a 1995 Pierce Dash fire pumper which came from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington State and had just 50,000 miles on it when retired.

This Truck was demobilized and made available through DRMO at the Ft. Lewis Army Base in Lewis, WA. And was picked up and driven back to Arizona by Chief Kerber, thanks to some local assistance from his Sister Kyle and Brother-in-law Jim Ziegler of Portland, Oregon. They helped with the logistics in acquiring this truck from Ft. Lewis at the end of September 2011 after the Chief flew to Portland to meet these family members responsible for helping arrange the final acquisition. The truck is currently undergoing a cosmetic refurbishment in Casa Grande and we hope to have it in service as our primary responding Fire Engine some time in 2012.



This apparatus, soon to change color from Green to Red, has undergone a complete mechanical service, inspection and pump certification thank's to W.W. Williams Co. in Phoenix, and has New Air Conditioning, New Front tires, New LED Flashing lights, New Radios, Siren and will be outfitted with New Roll-Up Cabinet Doors after paint/body work.

Firefighter Fatalities In The US

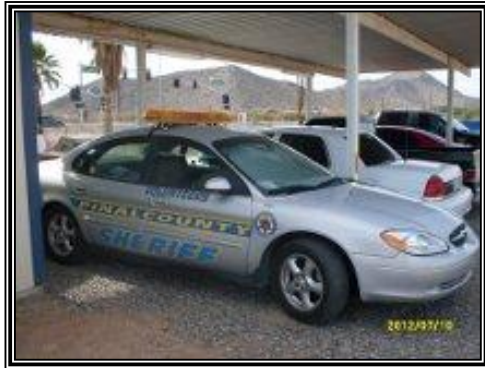
50 (in 2012)

**As of 08/07/12, USFA/FEMA*

Monsanto Corporation Donation



In November 2011 a substantial donation was provided by the Monsanto Corporation, with thanks to Plant Manager Adam Parsons and Staff of the Delta Pine and Land Company, located East of Eloy, Arizona.



PCSO-COPs Volunteer Program is now Stationed at the Fire Station for use by local COPs Volunteers to serve the NE Area of Casa Grande, including CAC-Signal Peak area. If YOU are interested in this program, please Contact Gene Briddle at (520) 243-0036.

No More Steel Steps...

This donation (Grant) combined with funds we obtained through a USDA loan, and incoming fire protection “renewal” subscriptions, helped us achieve our financial goal to begin this remodel project in January 2012. Since 2000, we had previously occupied a Construction Office Trailer (12 of our 17 years!) that required climbing steps to reach

our offices. We now have an office at ground level, with Secure Entry/Lobby, and office space for Reception & Dispatch, Offices for the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Administrator, along with Restrooms and a small Break Room. We now have the conveniences necessary for spending long hours at the office.

Dispatch Volunteers

Regional Fire is seeking Volunteers to assist us with Dispatching Services for our Firefighters. We are seeking volunteers and will provide training required to dispatch Fire & EMS calls for our service area. This is an ideal opportunity for a person with physical Disabilities that might be confined to a wheel chair, but desires the opportunity to be a productive member

in their community. We hope to find those kind of people with a caring and dedicated spirit required to commit themselves to their community. We have paved parking, ADA compliant restrooms, HD Television, Radios, Computer with High Speed Internet and we have considered the possibility that someone might volunteer from a wheel chair in this position.

Support through SUBSCRIPTIONs are Always Needed

Regional Fire & Rescue Department, Inc. is an IRS 501 (c) (3), Non-Profit and a Public Charitable Organization under IRS 509 (A) (2). We are not funded by tax dollars, but funded by annual Fire Protection Service Subscriptions which are Voluntarily Paid by Homeowners and Business Owners.

If YOU are a current Subscriber, Thank You for your support!

After 17 years of serving **You**, we thank you for your kind donations and continued support. The financial support through Subscriptions received directly correlates to the level of service we can afford to provide to you,

**Current Fire Protection Subscribers
Total Homes: 515
Total Businesses: 39**

CONTACT US (520) 723-4680 WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR NEED FOR DISPATCH VOLUNTEERS...OR FIREFIGHTERS!

**We Are Hiring Local Reserve Firefighters and Dispatch Volunteers!
Print an application online today
At:
www.regionalfire.org**