



# Mescal J-6 Fire District

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## 2016 FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The five year plan identifies goals and objectives for the operation of the Mescal J-6 Fire District, and is the only way to access funds set aside in the Reserve Account. The plan is a joint effort of the Command Staff and Governing Board. The plan is approved by the Governing Board and implemented by Command Staff, who shall report to the board at least every six months regarding progress in obtaining the goals set forth in the plan.

### 2016/2017

1. Acquire funds and utilize professional and/or volunteer assistance to further develop the District's social media & internet presence. Redesign the District website to include pages for public access to District financial data, burn permits, volunteer recruitment, home & business fire safety inspections, fire weather, etc.
2. Acquire funds and develop a volunteer retention program via awards & recognition, personnel development, stipends and individual training.
3. Acquire funds and construct/purchase additional training materials and props.
4. Acquire funds and increase/modify water storage system at Station 2.
5. Investigate the feasibility of a fire suppression subscription policy for homeowners residing outside District limits; implement if beneficial to the District.
6. Acquire funds and replace existing AED's (automatic external defibrillator) with standardized equipment & training comparable to neighboring agencies.
7. Acquire funds and develop district owned property north of Station 1 as a parking area. Work with Cochise County to improve the district owned drainage easement north of Station 1 to eliminate the open ditch and associated hazards.
8. Acquire funds and evaluate repairs, maintenance and modifications (including expansion, if necessary) of the pole barn at Station 2 to better serve district needs.
9. Acquire funds and improve the helipad at Station 2 as necessary to keep it safe, functional and operational. The Board designated this item as a priority.
10. Acquire funds and complete landscaping project at Station 2.
11. Acquire funds for landscaping, an ADA compliant parking lot, and renovation & construction at Administration Building.
12. Acquire funds/grants for the following: purchase of a storage container and Acquire funds and complete the construction of living quarters at Station One; Replace, repair or refurbish existing Class A Pumper; Complete mechanical modifications and purchase drop-tank and necessary equipment for WT173.
13. Construct a new fire station or refurbish existing facilities for future growth.
14. Inventory and evaluate personal protective equipment (PPE) to determine needs. Acquire funds and replace/repair as necessary.
15. Evaluate communication/dispatch system and identify areas needing improvement with the goal of receiving 100% of calls in our service area. Establish relationships necessary to make that happen and begin funding as soon as possible.
16. Review existing Standard Operating Guidelines, employment practices and accounting issues; revise as necessary.



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## 2017-2018

1. Items not completed in 2016-2017 will roll into the 2017-2018 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Review Standard Operating Procedures.
3. Continue to develop the staffing program with goal of staffing a minimum of two personnel 24 hours a day, with a minimum of at least one EMT each shift. Reduce response time within district.
4. Evaluate need for additional command staff to include lieutenants and captains. Establish and fund stipend program to compensate additional command staff.
5. Evaluate billing program and make adjustments to make the program more effective and increase collection rate.
6. Work with insurance companies to identify ways to improve ISO rating. Implement programs as funds are available.
7. Improve community outreach program through website and other means such as yard sales, fireman's ball, BBQ's, etc.

## 2018-2019

1. Any items not completed 2017-2018 will be automatically included in the 2018-2019 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Evaluate water storage capacity and see if additional investment is necessary to serve district needs.
3. Develop community outreach services including free blood pressure checks, website, fire prevention services, first aid station and other services.
4. Determine feasibility of training / staffing paramedics with anticipation of providing a higher level of service for EMS and MVA calls.
5. Evaluate feasibility of grant writing and benefits to the district.

## 2019-2020

1. Any items not completed in 2018-2019 will be automatically included in the 2019-2020 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Expand staffing of para-medics and explore possibility of purchasing a transport capable vehicle for the district.
3. Explore possibility of contracting with State fire agencies, Forest Service and BLM to generate additional revenue for the district.
4. Develop line of communication with other entities in the district to include ADOT, DPS, CCSO, Union Pacific Railroad, Kinder-Morgan, SW Gas.
5. Develop community emergency planning in connection with faith based organizations in the community. Identify evacuation plans and safe areas where people can be cared for in case of emergency.
6. Continue to explore feasibility of grant writing and hiring a grant writer.



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## 2020-2021

1. Any items not completed in 2019-2020 will be automatically included in the 2020-2021 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Begin fully staffing at least one paramedic on each shift.
3. Assess the feasibility and acquire funding for transport capable vehicle to serve district needs.
4. Explore ways to expand community outreach and involve residents in the operation of the fire district.
5. Begin actively pursuing grants to supplement cost of operating the district and relieve some of the burden on district taxpayers.
6. Develop district Haz-Mat plan in cooperation with corporate partners in the district.

## 2021-2022

1. Any items not completed in 2020-2021 will be automatically included in the 2021-2022 plan. Ongoing items will also be included.
2. Implement minimum 24/7 staffing of two personnel trained to the AZ Firefighter II level.

### **The following list represents ongoing projects that carry over from year to year**

- A. Continue working with J-6 Ranch Subdivision developers to insure the sub-division is fire code compliant and structures are defensible in case of fire or other emergencies.
- B. Acquire funds and make payments on Water Tender 171 and Rescue 171. Evaluate feasibility of re-financing lease purchase agreements and/or making additional principle payments. Retire the debt as soon as fiscally possible.
- C. Acquire funds and evaluate need to purchase additional property suitable for training areas, sleeping quarters, classrooms, and office space as the district grows and needs increase.
- D. Acquire funds, identify and correct maintenance issues with facilities and equipment in a timely manner.
- E. Develop vehicle/equipment procurement, rehabilitation and replacement schedule. Begin funding and acquiring as soon as fiscally possible. Examples: brush truck, engine, tender, etc.
- F. Evaluate calls for service to establish patterns and implement program to staff trained personnel at peak call times. Goal is to staff at least one EMT on all shifts.
- G. Continue sending representatives to AFDA conferences.