

**PROUD TRADITIONS...
...DYNAMIC FUTURE**

*Sedona Fire District
Annual Report for
Fiscal Year 2006 / 2007*

Message from Fire Chief Matt Shobert



Fifty years ago, on April 7, 1957, a group of Sedona citizens met to organize a fire department for their community. When that first group met, they were already working together to handle emergency situations as best they could, but knew they needed more structure, funding, and training. They realized a need and were willing to do whatever it took to turn that vision into reality.

In 1957, the group consisted of 16 members. In 2007, more than 100 uniformed and non-uniformed, dedicated employees are serving this organization. As Fire Chief of the SFD, I am proud of not only our current members' dedication, but of the outstanding efforts displayed by previous employees and volunteers who gave unselfishly to our community as part of this great district.

In the coming years, SFD will remain challenged to respond to increasing numbers of requests for service and assistance. Our all-hazard approach to service delivery will meet these demands through fiscal efficiency, innovation, training, adequate resource deployment, and skilled personnel to meet and exceed the challenges that our future may bring.

At SFD, we welcome the opportunity to strengthen our community ties and exceed community service expectations. We vow to remain "Safe... Friendly... Dedicated".

2006/2007 Fire Board

Board Chairman:

Caryn Maxwell

Board Clerk:

Thomas O. Wells

Board Members:

Ralph Graves

Joy Moore

*Liza Vernet**



**Replaced Charles Christensen after being elected in November 2006.*

Statistics

District Information

- ~ Land Area: 168 Square Miles covered by 4 staffed stations and 3 reserve stations
- ~ Population: 20,000 +/-
- ~ Full-Time Operational Personnel: 77
- ~ Administrative/Support Personnel: 31
- ~ Reserve Personnel: 11
- ~ Safety-Related Community Events: 42
- ~ 9-1-1 Calls Answered by SFD Regional Communications Center: 24,375
- ~ Plans/Permits Reviewed: 408
- ~ Fire Investigations Conducted: 29
- ~ Media Articles/Programs: 300

Operations

Total Calls: 3,671

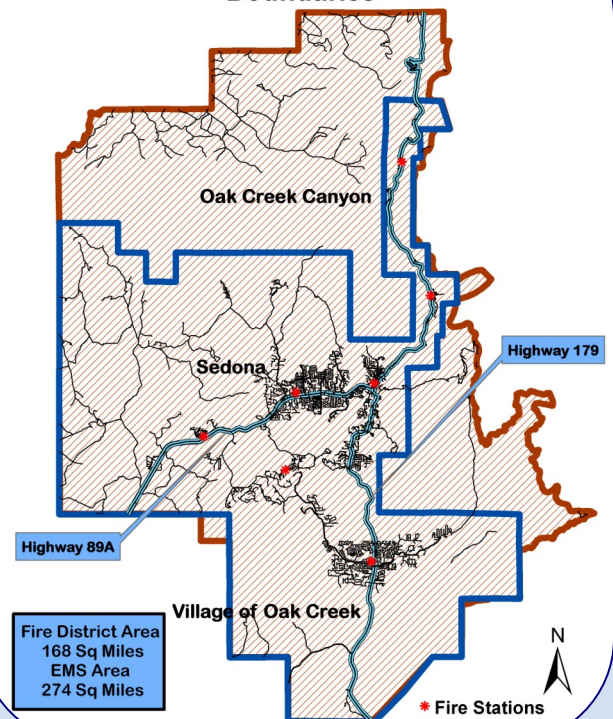
- ~ Fire Calls: 132
- ~ Emergency Medical Calls: 2,718
- ~ Hazardous Condition Calls: 299
- ~ Special Duty/Service Calls: 522

FY 2006/2007 Budget

- ~ Total Revenues: \$11,701,824
- ~ Total Expenditures: \$11,136,372
- ~ Excess Revenues: \$565,452*

** Revenues greater than budgeted projections are used to offset taxes in the next Fiscal Year and for Capital Reserves.*

Sedona Fire District Boundaries



Safe... Friendly... Dedicated...

2006 Award Recipients

These SFD Award winners were announced in March 2007:

Firefighter of the Year:

Rodrigo Sanchez, Firefighter

Employee of the Year:

**Carla Dufort,
Administrative Clerk**

Customer Service:

**Tammy Schuerman,
GIS Specialist**

Reserve of the Year:

**Jon Puyana,
Reserve Firefighter**

Citizen of the Year:

Sedona Community

Unit Citation:

**Ambulance Crew—Paul
Chabot and Millan Zorita**

Bronze Boot:

Eric Lewis, Firefighter



Sedona Fire District Mission Statement

Our people provide a valued, professional, and dynamic response to the needs of the community we serve through...

Safe fire suppression, prevention, and support services

Emergency medical, life safety, and rescue services

Rapid and reliable emergency response

Vigilant pursuit of our Values, Mission, and Vision

Integrity in everything we are and do

Caring, compassionate, and committed attitudes

Education, efficiency, ethics, and excellence.

Fire District Services

Administration provides Leadership; Long-Range Planning; Budget Development; Financial Management; Human Resources; Payroll; Contract Administration; Grants; Liaison with the Fire Board; and General Customer Service for the efficient daily administrative functions of the district.



Communications is responsible for Computer Aided Dispatch coordination; 9-1-1 Dispatching and Regional Communication; Computer Technology; Radios and Pagers; Maintenance of Telecommunication Towers; Microwave Communication.



Community Risk Management provides Construction Plan and Development Review; Fire, home, engine company, wildland and construction inspections;

Fire Suppression system reviews and inspections; Investigation of complaints of fire hazards and nuisances; Public Information; Public Education; Hazardous Materials and Fire Investigation; Records and files of fire losses, construction activities, area growth, fire hazards, building information, liaison and assistance to outside agencies

concerning fire investigation and inspection; Special Projects such as annexations, fire code development, and fire hydrant installation.

Operations offers complete service delivery of traditional and creative Fire Suppression, Prevention, and Education; Wildland Fire Protection and Suppression; Emergency Medical Services; Operational training; Hazardous Materials protection; High Angle Rope, Swiftwater, Trench and Confined Space Rescues; Peer Fitness. Service is accomplished through daily staffing and response of four Paramedic Engine Companies and four Paramedic Ambulances.



2006/2007 Activities

During the 3rd Quarter of 2006:

~Fire Chief Matt Shobert completed the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy, and Captain Buzz Lechowski and Firefighter Ken Krebs also took classes at the NFA during this quarter.



~Tower rescue training was held in July for all Technical Rescue Team members.

~Captain Matt Fleece and Engineer Clint Dobrinski trained with Sedona Police for Law Enforcement Ops; they are an integral part of the police response to hostage situations on a call-out basis.

~Freddie the Fire Truck, Sparky the Fire Pup, SFD Firefighters, and CRM personnel attended National Night Out with Sedona Police Department.



~Battalion Chief Scott Schwisow and Firefighter PJ Lingley are co-chairs of the Ladder Committee with Captain Paul Lindfors, Engineers Clint Dobrinski and John Moran, and Fleet Supervisor George Gutierrez for a new ladder truck.

~A committee was formed to plan for SFD's 50th Anniversary celebration.

~Finance was busy during the quarter with fire billing, grant billings, pre-audit work, ambulance rate increase paperwork, hiring Pam Wester for Accounts Payable Clerk, and facilitating the IRS audit.

~With the departure of HR Manager Judy Belsher, the process of selecting a candidate from the 52 applications received began.

~Angel Helicopter presented an award for "Teamwork in Action" to the Regional Communications Center staff.

During the 4th Quarter of 2006:

~New Fire Board member Liza Vernet took office in December and toured the district with the Fire Chief in early December.

~Administrative Manager Karen Hatler retired/transitioned from SFD after 16 years of employment.



~Human Resources Manager Kristina Emmons joined SFD in December.

~The SFD Holiday Toy Drive, spearheaded by Engineer Jordan Baker, collected \$1,366 plus toys donated by employees and their families.

~Strategic Planning for 2007/08 began.
~Staff continues preparation for our ISO

evaluation in February 2007.

~Sedona Masonic Lodge presented 2006 Firefighter of the Year Award to Brian Espiau.

~Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano appointed Chief Shobert to the Western Region Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council.

~SFD received a \$93,000 rebate from Worker's Comp for decrease in injuries over the past 3 years.

~The Strategic Plan report was compiled, printed, and distributed for FY 2006/2007.



During the 1st Quarter of 2007:

~Staffing of Ambulance 512 on a non-traditional schedule initiated on 1/13/07.

~Our Trauma Intervention Program kicked off in January 2007 and its volunteers have been very helpful for victims and their families.

~In February, SFD received recognition from Keep Sedona Beautiful for our efforts during the wildland fire season of 2006.

~Operations Chief Jim Elmer retired from SFD on February 23rd. We wish him the best!

~SFD received the \$8,000 Heritage Grant to purchase our Public Education's 10-foot tall inflatable firefighter, and fitness equipment.

~SFD was selected by the International Association of Fire Chiefs to help develop a fire-oriented elected officials' national conference.

~Our new ATV mini-transport was placed in service in February; one-third of the cost was donated to SFD by a family in memory of their son.

~SFD purchased land in the Chapel area for a future station.

~The first Rapid Sequence Intubation procedure was done in the field by SFD on a motorcycle accident victim in Oak Creek Canyon; the patient is doing very well and in rehab at Flagstaff Medical Center.

~Tina Van Heck was hired as Finance Clerk, replacing Sharon Hansen-Risse who left us in January.

~The ISO evaluation was held in March.

~Dispatching for Black Canyon City and Mayer Fire Districts by Sedona Regional Communications Center began this quarter.



During the 2nd Quarter of 2007:

~SFD celebrated 50 years of service with a family picnic for current and former members on 4/7/07.

~SFD held public Open Houses at Stations #1, #3, and #4.

~Battalion Chiefs Bill Boler and Terry Keller were promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief.

~SFD was profiled in highly respected national fire service journals this Spring/Summer:

* *Fire Chief Magazine*, March, "Scenic Duty", regarding the 2006 wildland season.

* *Fire Rescue Magazine*, April, fire service health/safety article relating to our wellness program.

* *Fire Rescue Magazine*, July, "It Takes a Community" relating to disaster management.

~The SFD Citizens Strategic Planning Task Force, comprised of district residents, Fire Board members, and SFD staff, met between April and June to provide taxpayer input to the SFD capital improvement plan, funding recommendations, and to establish a five-year capital prioritization list.

~SFD's 5th Annual vegetation collection was held in May and processed more than 200 cords of combustible debris.



~Planned and presented a Bike Rodeo at Big Park School for approximately 300+ students.

~Communications Specialist Keona Freeman received the 2007 Peer Recognition Award for compassion and concern with callers, and her pleasant, courteous, and professional demeanor.