



THE NAVAJO NATION

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Second (2nd) Quarter Report
Fiscal Year 2007
(January, February & March 2007)

I. Program Information

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II. Budget/Performance Information

1. Funding & Expenditures

BUDGET EXPENSE FOR FY07

Funding Source	No. of Personnel	No. of Vehicles	FY2007 Personnel	% Budget Used	FY2007 Operating	% Budget Used
General	13	16	\$186,909	37%	\$149,919	29%
External	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	13	16	\$186,909	37%	\$149,919	29%

2. Performance Report

- a. Call Volume – 250 calls were responded to this quarter from six (6) fire stations. 28 were fires, with 17 of those being structure fires.
- b. Fire Property Loss – For all of our six (6) fire stations, reports indicate that for this quarter, there was an estimated loss of \$ 321,000 as a result of fires.
- c. Reaction Time – It took an average of 13.3 minutes for Firefighters to respond (from “Page Out” to “En-route Time”) to emergent and non-emergent calls.
- d. Response Time – It took on the average 28.7 minutes to get on the scene of an emergent and non-emergent incident.
- e. Paid Man Hours – Career members put in over 464.9 hours of labor for emergent and non-emergent calls. These times reflect only call response.
- f. Volunteer Man Hours – Volunteers combined put in approximately 2,056. hours of service for response to emergent and non-emergent calls. These times reflect only call response.
- g. Mileage – 6,981.0 total miles were driven on department vehicles. This includes non-emergent and emergent driving, as well as

- department errands and other activity (fire inspections, public education, etc.).
- h. Students – For the quarter, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services educated approximately 361 people in fire (Fire Safety) and medical (CPR/First Aid) public education.
 - i. Turnout Per Call – On the average only 39 firefighters responded per call for the quarter.
 - j. Fire Prevention – 30 fire prevention classes were conducted for the quarter. These classes included Fire Safety and Fire Extinguisher training.
 - k. Medical Prevention – 20 CPR/First Aid classes were conducted for the quarter.
 - l. In-House Training – Individual Fire Stations conducted 29 in-house trainings for the quarter.
 - m. Supervised Alarms – A total of 15 supervised fire drills were attended this quarter by the individual fire stations.
 - n. Mutual Aid – Individual Fire Stations gave and were given 31 mutual aid calls.
 - o. Fire Inspections – A total of 15 fire inspections were conducted for the quarter by the individual fire stations.

III. Accomplishments

- 1. 2005 Arizona Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$385,000.00 was finally procured. With this grant, we purchased haz-mat equipment, a haz-mat storage trailer and a command vehicle. Pictures of the command vehicle can be seen on our website at www.firerescue.navajo.org/announcements.html.
- 2. All of 2006 Fire Department statistics were reported FEMA as part of the Assistance to Firefighter Act grant requirements.
- 3. Through the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, we sponsored Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training in Tuba City. Firefighters and members of the Navajo and Hopi community attended.
- 4. Firefighter training is being hit hard this Fiscal Year in order to ensure the success of the Volunteer Incentive Pay Plan (VI PP) and the Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT), as well as to meet the strategic goals of the department. The department continues to work with local entities to provide the most cost effective and quality oriented programs. The following trainings were conducted this 2nd quarter.
 - a. 40-48 hour National Standard Curriculum EMS First Responder course.
 - b. 40 hour Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher training.
 - c. 8 Hour Decontamination and Hazardous Materials Support Service training.
 - d. Reserved
- 5. Five (5) firefighters attending the Firehouse World Conference in San Diego, California. The five (5) firefighters learned new techniques and reinforced current skills in firefighter rescue and fire suppression.
- 6. Two (2) firefighters attended the International Association of Firefighter (IAFF) Emergency Response to Terrorism: Operations Train the Trainer (TtT)

course. This course will allow our firefighters to teach the program to firefighters within the Navajo Nation.

7. To improve the "paging out" of fire service personnel for the Chinle and Dilkon Districts, two (2) stand alone base stations were installed. One base station allows the Chinle police department to "page out" the fire department without having to disconnect from their police officers. The Dilkon base station allows the dispatchers to finally "page out" the fire department. In the past, the dispatchers had to do "blind calls" or contact the fire department by phone.
8. The 2006 Smoke Alarm Project will continue into the Third Quarter (April, May, June). The project initially begun Spring/Summer-2006, during the first training we discovered problem(s) with the First Alert M#SA340. We decided the devices were defective with a possibility that more Test buttons would break-off. This delayed the project approximately 3-months before a new alarm was selected.
9. We received the first 3,000 smoke alarms in late October 2006. By November 2006, the entire inventory (3,000) was issued out to the NFPA Community Leaders (CL). The installation has been slow to none for some area, but it appears the NFPA CL and NFPA Installers are progressing. Pinon and Eastern area have been completed their initial issue and have taken additional alarms from the second shipment (3,000 alarms). Following are Communities by agency that received smoke alarms:

Eastern Agency:	Western Agency:
Church Rock – 200	Pinon/Hardrock – 600
Maraino Lake –300	
Pueblo Pintado – 400	Central Agency:
Saw Mill – 300	Hopi – 300
Red Lake – 300	Leupp – 300
Crystal – 300	
10. As of March 12, 2007, NFPA hired an NFPA-Coordinator to administer the Navajo Hopi 2006/2007 Smoke Alarm Project. Ms. Sophie Endischee received her orientation and currently setting up her office to collect the data. She is at a disadvantage by beginning 5 to 6 months into the project, during that period NFPA was collecting all the data (survey forms) and other forms sent by the NFPA CL. We are working with NFPA to obtain that data for our report. Currently the Alarm Project is picking up. NFPA is contemplating another meeting or training in April 2007, the dates (3-days) is possible during the latter part. The deadline to close-out the project is July 2007.
11. Our department continues to train the public and other departments and programs in Fire Safety and CPR/First Aid. For this quarter, we have trained over 361 people.
12. As we continue to be involve with the E-9-1-1 initiative, to insure that a good dispatch is accomplished and as responders we deserve a reliable dispatch center. Currently the service plan has been develop and review is necessary and approval by the established committee and Arizona fund agency is schedule to meet with the task force committee on April 3, 2007.
13. The July 4th Youth Fair & Rodeo, and the Navajo Nation Fair Coordinators (planning committees) are meeting on a monthly basis in preparation for the upcoming 2007 events. The July 4th event will sponsor two public firework

displays on the 4th and 7th July. Since the event will be catering to the Youth, the Navajo Nation programs will participate during the event. In the past many new events or activities evolved that required our attention and insuring compliance. In the past and now, with the fire department representation at the meetings and events has made some difference in compliance and attitude toward public safety.

14. The Red Bull Air Race is an event that was announced during January and February 2007 fair office meetings. The proposal involved Parks and Recreation program to support and sponsor the event, but the program declined and it was cancel. But as of this month, March 2007, the Race has support from the President's office and will continue as planned. The event is schedule for the week of May 5, 2007. The Red Bull Air Race official will be meeting with the Navajo Nation March 23, 2007, 1000 hours at Parks & Recreation. The event calls for a cost proposal from the Navajo Nation Fire Department and or other fire departments. The contracting party would provide 2 specialized fire trucks plus a team of firefighters for the duration of the event.
15. Reserved

IV. Status of On-Going Activities

1. We are still trying to hire two (2) Firefighters - one for Chinle and the other for Tuba City. The last time we advertised for the position, we had twelve (12) applicants, however none per qualified. As a result of that, we rewrote the job descriptions to include "comparative experience" so that we can pull from current volunteer firefighters. We are still waiting on the Department of Personnel Management Classification Section to review and return our job description amendments. When we get these back, we will re-advertise again for those Firefighter positions.
2. With training a priority this fiscal year, next quarter will bring the following training.
 - a. Emergency Response to Terrorism: Operations Level
 - b. Rapid Intervention and Saving Our Own Training
3. Reserved

V. Status of Action Plan (A, B & C Lists)

1. With the Volunteer Incentive Pay Plan (VIPPP) in affect, we are expecting to see an increase in recruitment, retention and the number of volunteers going on calls. In the next quarter we will see the affects of the VIPPP.
2. Reserved

VI. Outstanding Program Issues

1. Funding
 - a. With six (6) fire trucks going to be delivered this fiscal year, we are in need of equipment for the truck. We are currently trying to get on the Navajo Nation Council's agenda to approve a budget in the amount of \$546,870.00 to stock the fire trucks.

- b. It takes money to make money. As a result of a limited budget we are really unable to apply for federal grants, which has a 10% matching rate.
2. Vehicles
 - a. We are still triaging the repairs of fire truck and continue to pay for the repairs, at considerable cost, out of our own operating budget. For this quarter, we have already spent \$14,711.22 on fire truck repairs and preventative maintenance.
 - b. Fleet Management continues to place our Fire Service vehicles as a non-priority.
3. Reserved

VII. Problems/Recommendations

1. Fleet Management's attitude needs to change. They need to understand that currently there is only one fire truck per district and that if a fire truck goes out of service, it needs to be repaired quickly, even during off-duty hours. To say, "wait until Monday" is placing the Navajo Nation at great risk, especially for something as insignificant as batteries. Every quarter we address this issue and nothing continues to be done.
2. Because we are repairing and maintaining the fire trucks through our own budget, we need that line item increased. As the fire trucks continue to age, the more it will cost. Granted, we will be receiving new fire trucks in September 2007, however this does not mean that we will be removing the other trucks from service. Doing so would place us back in the same situation in having only one fire truck per district. We will need to continue to maintain the older trucks to serve as back up during large fire incidents and when the newer fire truck is in the shop for preventative maintenance service or out of area for an emergency incident.
3. Communities continue to request help in establishing fire departments. Despite these request, we find that other communities need fire protection more, such as those in Pinion, Red Mesa, Lukacukai, Kaibeto, etc. We find ourselves reluctant to commit resources (fire trucks, equipment, etc.) to a community in very close proximity to a fully active and trained fire department when other major communities need fire protection. If we had the additional funding to help, we would. But we must first try to help those communities that need fire protection because they are further away from fully active and trained fire departments or have target areas that we need to address.
4. To address a major public safety need, our department needs a significant budget increase that needs to be supported form the local tax base. Many of our problems and the lack of fire/rescue/medical services can be resolved with an adequate budget. We are well aware that a large budget will not fix all our problems and address all our needs, but it will fix our most oppressing problems – lack of equipment, lack of fire/rescue/medical protection coverage and lack of personnel.

VIII. Flow Chart

