

Golden Valley Fire District

2011 Annual Report



Golden Valley Fire District proudly presents this annual report to summarize the activities and accomplishments that impacted our community and our district in 2011. We experienced a great level of progress and growth throughout the year and initiated many instrumental changes within the organization to better serve the community and citizens of Golden Valley.

Mission Statement of the Golden Valley Fire District

To protect the lives and property of the citizens of Golden Valley Fire District through sound training, quality equipment and proven tactics, techniques and programs.

Core Values of the Golden Valley Fire District

Bravery • Honor • Loyalty

• ***A letter from Chief Thomas O'Donohue:***

When my fire service career began in 1983, the life of firefighters was far simpler. We began our days with the standard shift exchange of the previous day's activities and any pertinent information for the oncoming firefighters. We responded to all emergencies, often not knowing the dangers that existed such as in the case of Hazardous Materials responses or the care we should have taken for airborne or blood borne pathogens. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, "SCBA" masks and rubber gloves were not the norm, and often scoffed at as the "New guy" actually used an SCBA to go into a fire. If we were fortunate enough to have two or three firefighters on shift, we actually rode on the tailboard of the fire engine. The day consisted of some basic training to keep ourselves practiced.

As I look back on those simpler days, I can see why we have grown into what we are today with a more strategic view of what we should be in years to come. Safety is the rule of the day, with any rank having the authority to stop any unsafe activity. SCBA use is mandatory, as are precautionary measures for all patient contacts to protect our firefighter-paramedics and the patient. The days of "Waiting for the alarm to ring" are long gone for today's firefighter. Our priorities every day are being immediately response ready, fire suppression and emergency medical training, physical fitness, and daily projects that keep the crews busy for the entire day. Today's fire service is an "All-Hazard" emergency responder, and the members of the Golden Valley Fire District take extreme pride in the All-Risk/All-Hazard services we provide on an increasing basis.

Modern Firefighters are expected to be comfortable and confident in fire suppression, emergency medical treatment and transport, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials recognition and mitigation, fire inspections and technical rescue services.

The Fire Chief role has changed as well, adding the title of Chief Executive Officer because the Fire District operates more like a business with short and long-term financial considerations that meet the increased emergency response needs of the community with diminishing budgets.

Today we are a leaner organization and looking for ways to leverage every decision we make to maximize the taxpayer's dollars you provide to your Fire District. As your Fire Chief, I am dedicated to looking for ways to save money by being that leaner organization. With a team of dedicated fire officers, we look for ways to be safer, more efficient and with a strategic eye to the future needs of our community.

One initiative your Fire District is working on is to reduce your homeowner fire insurance costs. The Golden Valley Fire District is an ISO Protection Class-5 if you're within 5-miles of a fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. However with such an expansive district not all homes are within five miles of a fire station and the only way some residents will realize the insurance savings is if we build a fire station within five miles of your home and increase our fleet of fire apparatus capable of carrying more water to your fire.

With an official coverage area of approximately 220 square miles, resources often are stretched to the limit as multiple emergency calls come in almost simultaneously. We engage in mutual-aid with our neighboring fire agencies and utilize a "Call-Back" system that calls in off-duty firefighters for such times. All chief officers are on-call 24-hours a day, to add to the safety of each large emergency incident.

In the pages that follow, you will see how your Fire District is providing services we are proud of and that will instill confidence that we are protecting you and your loved ones with the professionalism that meets our core values and your expectations.

The Golden Valley Fire District values your input and questions. Please take time to come to the monthly Board meetings and meet your Board of Directors and the dedicated team that keeps your community safe. Meeting dates and times can be found on our website as well as specific information about how we protect you on a daily basis. Please visit us at www.gvfdaz.com for more information.

• ***A message from the Golden Valley Fire District, Chairman of the Board of Directors:***

At the start of a new year, it is important to acknowledge all that we have accomplished over the past year, but it is more crucial to focus our energies on the challenges and opportunities awaiting the Golden Valley Fire District in 2012 and beyond.

First, let me say our community is fortunate to have such dedicated and professional firefighters and staff. It is with enormous pride I recognize their unwavering support and devotion to duty.

I am pleased to report that we have a healthy physical and financial organization. The present Board of Directors, along with the Fire Chief continues on a course of sound financial management. In addition to taxes, the Golden Valley Fire District engages in contracts for services with facilities just outside our jurisdictional boundaries that bring in an additional three quarters of a million dollars that otherwise would not have received.

Safety measures, such as the flashing warning signs on Highway 68 at Mayer Road, are always at the top of our list for the benefit of the community and the firefighters. Apparatus upgrades that give the Fire District more flexibility and the acquisition of the new Public Safety Training Center facility on Colorado Road are but a few of the many accomplishments in 2011.

Curt Hardy, Chairman, Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors

2011 BOARD MEMBERS:



Curt Hardy Jim Kanelos Bill McCarter Jeff Morcom Barbara Samaniego Mark Vanik
(Through Nov. 2011) (Appointed Nov. 2011)

District Overview:

In 1975 a group of citizens sought to form a formal volunteer fire department in Golden Valley, Arizona with petition number 384 to provide a vital service to the community. The notice of election was completed with resolution number 1030, and the election for formation was held November 4, 1975 with the following results; 88 votes in favor, 13 opposed votes and one spoiled vote.



Earl Misak was the first elected Fire Chief and Mrs. Marian S. Evans was the first Secretary-Treasurer. The roster in December 1975 showed Chief Earl Misak, Assistant Chief Beryl L. Agee, Secretary-Treasurer Marian Evans, Captain David Bonnee, Henry Barzowske, Lloyd Chadwick, Mary Coffee, Robert Cornman, Jesse Edwards, Ken Farr, Aubray Gist, Howard Harrison, Donald Harrison, Arnold Hill, Abel Lamorie, Ernest Lunsford, John Marex, Raymond McVoy, Wayne Nelson, D.B. Nunneley, Edgar Richardson, Victor Righter, Arthur Talley, Michael Tharp, Joe Wales, John Williams and Ray Wills.

The Golden Valley Volunteer Fire Company was formally established November 10, 1975 under resolution number 1043 and was Duly Organized with resolution 1116. At that time, the Fire District covered 171 square miles. The approximate border landmarks were: East to West, the base of the Cerbat Mountains to the base of the Black Mountains; North to South, from Mohave Estates to portions south of Oatman Road.

Over the years the Golden Valley Volunteer Fire Company evolved into a full time paid department with a growing contingent of volunteers.

Today, the Golden Valley Fire District, governed by a five member elected Board of Directors, is operated under the direction of Fire Chief Thomas O'Donohue implementing Board policy. District staffing includes an Assistant Fire Chief, a Fire Marshal, three Captains, twenty-two full-time Engineers and Firefighters certified at either the EMT or Paramedic levels, an EVT/ASE Certified Mechanic, an Administrative Manager and an Administrative Assistant.

We provide All-Hazard emergency services including fire prevention, fire suppression, paramedic level emergency medical response, hazardous material response, special operations, technical rescue for high-angle and low-angle rescues, confined-space rescue, public education and code enforcement for general fire safety.

Our District is large, officially covering over 220 square miles, from three fully staffed fire stations. Our firefighters continually train via a structured cyclical training plan following national standards and guidelines to ensure the highest level of competence and proficiency for your emergencies.

Fire Chief, Thomas O'Donohue:

Chief O'Donohue began his career in Southwest Washington State in 1983, worked both for the private sector ambulance, and served as a volunteer firefighter before being hired full-time. In addition to firefighter duties, Thomas developed and implemented the first Fire Marshal and Code-Enforcement program for the city, serving as the Fire Marshal for nearly ten years. During his tenure with the City, he served as firefighter, Fire Captain and Fire Marshal.

After nearly 18 years of working for the City, Thomas was hired in 2001 as the Assistant Fire Chief for a Fire District on the Washington coast. In less than two months, the fire chief left and he filled in as the acting Fire Chief until February 2002 when officially appointed as the District Fire Chief.



During his tenure as Fire Chief, he opened a second full-time station, hired fourteen firefighters in a single day and promoted the department's first shift officers. Under his direction, the District purchased the local private ambulance company and began serving the Advanced Life Support ambulance transport needs for the entire South County area of 88 square miles. This bold move reduced countywide ambulance response times from approximately 20-minutes to an average of 5.1 minutes. During his tenure, he served as President of the County Fire Chiefs Association from 2002 through 2005, was a Board member of the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Board of Directors for the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs for 5 years.

In 2005, Chief O'Donohue moved to a community just west of Seattle, Washington, accepting the position of Deputy Fire Chief of Operations in a progressive fire service community with a Fire District that provided All-Hazard responses for a region bordered by water and housed a nuclear submarine facility. Preparing for retirement from Washington State, he decided to change scenery completely and tested for

the Assistant Fire Chief position with Golden Valley, serving in that capacity from April 2010 until being appointed as the Fire Chief February 2011.

Chief O'Donohue is dedicated to improved community service, firefighter safety, and financial responsibility through sound management practices. In addition, Thomas engages with civic organizations as often as possible to educate the public about the services provided and the challenges their Fire District faces.

Assistant Chief, Ted Martin:

Assistant Fire Chief Theodore "Ted" Martin arrived from the Midwest State of Illinois October 2011 to begin his career with Golden Valley Fire. Assistant Chief Martin brings with him over 30 years of fire service experience, with over 20 years of experience managing personnel in a paid, combination, and the volunteer setting.



Assistant Chief Martin started his fire service career at the age of fifteen as a Cadet with an all volunteer fire district in a suburban setting 20 miles southwest of Chicago. That district had two very dubious distinctions: until 1980, it was the site of the worst fatal aviation accident in United States History, and was once the proud owner of "Ecto-1", the ambulance used in the "Ghost Busters" Movie series.

In 1984, at 19 years of age, Assistant Chief Martin became the youngest Civil Service Firefighter hired for the Tri-State Fire Protection District in southwest suburban unincorporated Hinsdale, Illinois, which ironically has Interstate 55 running through the center of its district, which is the same path as U.S. Route 66 leaving Chicago. Assistant Chief Martin's career spans over 27 years, and he is proud to be part of their significant growth from a rural to a suburban Fire Protection District.

Assistant Chief Martin had several other pertinent experiences over his lifetime including volunteering for other small fire districts in the state of Illinois. Assistant Chief Martin was a Field Instructor for the Illinois Fire Service Institute, engaged in local politics, being elected as Alderman, and a term as Mayor for the small Midwestern Illinois City of Watseka, which was the county seat of Iroquois County, which was the third largest land county in the State.

Watseska was a mere 8 miles from Crescent City, Illinois and for those who know their fire service history, was the site of a B.L.E.V.E. (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion) in 1970, ironically 3 years later a similar event struck Kingman, Arizona which is about 8 mile east of Golden Valley, with a tragically different result.

Fire Marshal, Randy Osborn:

Fire Marshal Osborn began his fire service career with Golden Valley Fire 20-years ago, working through the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer and Captain.

Now as the Fire Marshal, Randy performs inspections and assists local businesses to ensure they meet required codes, investigates fires for cause and origin and is the District's Lead Arson Investigator.

He also assists our crews on motor vehicle accident scenes to manage traffic and provide a sufficient safety barrier.



David Martin, Administrative Captain:

Captain Martin began his fire service career in Golden Valley as a volunteer Firefighter at the age of 16. Looking for more challenges, he moved to California to work for the California Division of Forestry, but his roots here in Golden Valley called him back.

Captain Martin has been with the Fire District for approximately 16 years and is now responsible for multiple administrative duties in addition to being one of three Duty Officers who is on-call 24-hours a day to take over as Incident Commander at large emergency incidents.



Captain Martin manages the following District programs:

- Oversight of Shift Captains daily activities
- Apparatus Committee member
- Project Manager for the following:
 - Out of District fire suppression and Emergency Medical Service contracts
 - Arizona State Prison inmate work program
 - Hazardous Materials Team
 - Technical Rescue Team
 - Emergency Communications/911 Information Technology
 - District representative at the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) agreement oversight
 - Alternate Training Officer
- Captain Martin oversees the following delegated assignments and projects:
 - Inventory, small projects as assigned – Firefighter Longfeather Fox
 - Technical Rescue Team, small projects as assigned – Firefighter Robert Cole
 - Paramedic, Wildland Personal Protective Equipment, assists with Wildland training – Firefighter Kevin Gifford
 - Hazardous Materials Team, Communications Equipment and Mohave County Emergency Management Team – Engineer Duane Dunn
 - Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Team, Fire Academy Coordinator/Instructor – Engineer Stephen Winn
 - Paramedic, Technical Rescue Team, Griffith Energy safety inspections, Cardiac Monitors, SCBA Technician/Program Coordinator – Engineer Tony DeMaio
 - Paramedic, Technical Rescue Team, Griffith Energy inspections – Firefighter James Childers

Dave Cunningham, Captain

Captain Dave Cunningham was raised in Golden Valley from the age of two and lived most of his life in Golden Valley. He started his career with the Golden Valley Fire District as a volunteer firefighter while still attending High School in 1986. He joined the military in 1988 and served time in South East Asia during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

After coming home from the military in 1992, Captain Cunningham rejoined the ranks as a volunteer firefighter with the Golden Valley Fire District. In 1995, he was hired as a full time firefighter. Captain Cunningham has an AAS degree in Fire Science and Para-medicine.



Captain Cunningham has served as a Firefighter, Engineer and now as a Captain / Paramedic where he manages and oversees the following projects and daily activities:

- Leads daily training activities for fire suppression and emergency medical training
- Refresher training for firefighters and engineers
- Conducts fire inspections
- Assumes the Incident Commander role at most emergency scenes
- Quality control of all incident reports
- Captain Cunningham is the Project Manager for the following:
 - Uniforms and associated policy
 - Volunteer Program to create and train a strong contingent of volunteers
 - Paid-on-Call (POC) Program to provide a contingent of POC's to meet staffing needs
 - Grant writing
- Captain Cunningham oversees the following delegated assignments and projects;
 - Hose testing, inventory and repairs – Firefighter Gus Alvarez
 - Turnouts/Protective Gear purchase, inventory and repairs – Firefighter David Guerrero
 - EMS Coordinator, Extrication Equipment, ordering and repairs – Engineer Rob Arnold
 - Electronic Media public relations and YouTube/Video projects – Engineer Chad Lewis
 - Station cleaning and maintenance inventory and supplies – Engineer James McGee

Boyd Lewis, Captain

Captain Lewis is the first in his family to be a firefighter. He came upon his new career at 10 years of age after getting into trouble hanging out with the wrong crowd. His punishment was 16 hours of community service at what is now NACFD Station-31 in Kingman. During fire engine washing duties he saw how the firefighters interacted with each other and admired the service that they did. Later in life he pursued a career in firefighting and even before finishing high school, he took an EMT class.



Captain Lewis has nearly 11 years in the fire service which began after he graduated from Kingman High School, being hired with Valle Vista Fire District. He moved up to Golden Valley Fire Department in July of 2002. He worked as a Paid-on-Call firefighter with Northern Arizona Fire District off and on for about 3 years total and as an EMT & Paramedic with River Medical Ambulance from 2004 to 2009.

Captain Lewis currently serves as a Fire/Arson Investigator, is a member of the Hazardous Materials Team, Technical Rescue Team and is a fire instructor. He says he is proud to serve Golden Valley because he feels at home in a smaller community and believes that we accomplish a lot on a daily basis to provide a solid service to the community.

- Captain Lewis is the Project Manager for the following:
 - Public Education/Annual Safety Fair
 - Annual & on-going Physical Agility testing
- Captain Lewis oversees the following delegated assignments and projects;
 - Small projects as assigned – Firefighter Chris Beckes
 - SCBA Technician, Arson Investigation and apparatus tools – Firefighter Daniel Burgan
 - CPR Instructor, Hazardous Materials Team and ladder testing – Engineer Chris Hinds
 - Fire Extinguishers and small construction – Engineer Scott Proudfoot

- SCBA Technician, Arson Investigation, EMS supplies, Fire Instructor, Technical Rescue Team – Engineer Luke Weber

Fleet Maintenance:

John Sutherland:

John has been busy all year keeping our fleet running in top form. He is an ASE/EVT Certified Mechanic, whose expertise has served the district well, providing our fleet of vehicles and apparatus the care and maintenance needed to ensure longevity and reliability our crews count on.



Administration:

Betty Jean "B.J." Kasso

Golden Valley Fire said goodbye to a long time employee, B.J. Kasso, after she died unexpectedly in February of 2011.

B.J. managed the District's finances for many years before her passing and played an important role in the progress of the organization.

Faye Morcom:

Faye stepped into the role of Administrative Manger in February 2011 after working as Administrative Assistant for nearly 4-years. She has brought a fresh perspective to the management of the Administrative Office and has implemented many cost effective changes and improvements.

Nicole Guerrero:

Nicole joined GVFD as the Administrative Assistant in May 2011. Nicole is the "voice" of the organization when people call the District looking for answers, which demands multitasking abilities to juggle issues and questions from the community as well as the multitude of administrative assignments to keep the District running smoothly. Nicole also manages the District website, assuring all training calendars, press-releases and other information is up to date.

Recognition:

Additions:

In 2011 Golden Valley Fire was pleased to welcome;

- Ted Martin, Assistant Fire Chief
- Kevin Gifford, Firefighter/Paramedic
- Nicole Guerrero, Administrative Assistant
- Mark Vanik, Board Member, Board of Directors

Promotions:

- Thomas O'Donohue promoted to Fire Chief
- Randy Osborn promoted to Fire Marshal
- Faye Morcom promoted to Administrative Manager
- Boyd Lewis promoted to Captain
- Robert Arnold promoted to Engineer
- Christopher Hinds promoted to Engineer
- Scott Proudfoot promoted to Engineer

Resignations:

Employee resignations included Paul Hewitt, Roy Whitten and John Molitor. Barbara Samaniego resigned from her appointed position on the Board of Directors upon relocation out of the district.



Operations:

The Operations Division of the Fire District is the largest single division within the Golden Valley District, accounting for the most training, responses and financial cost outside of staffing. The Operations Division accounts for the following:

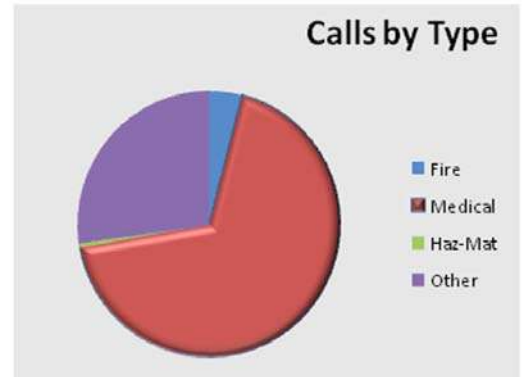
- *FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES:*
 - Residential Fires
 - Commercial Fires
 - Brush Fires
 - Vehicle Fires
 - Mutual-Aid Responses

- *EMERGENCY MEDICAL:*
 - Basic Life Support (BLS) treatment and transport assistance
 - Advanced Life Support (ALS) treatment and transport assistance

- *SPECIAL HAZARDS TEAMS:*
 - Hazardous Materials Team
 - Technical Rescue Team for high-angle, trench and confined space rescues
 - Fire / Arson Investigations Team

- *OTHER SERVICES*
 - Public Education and Fire Prevention Programs
 - Pre-Fire Planning / Engine Company Business Inspections

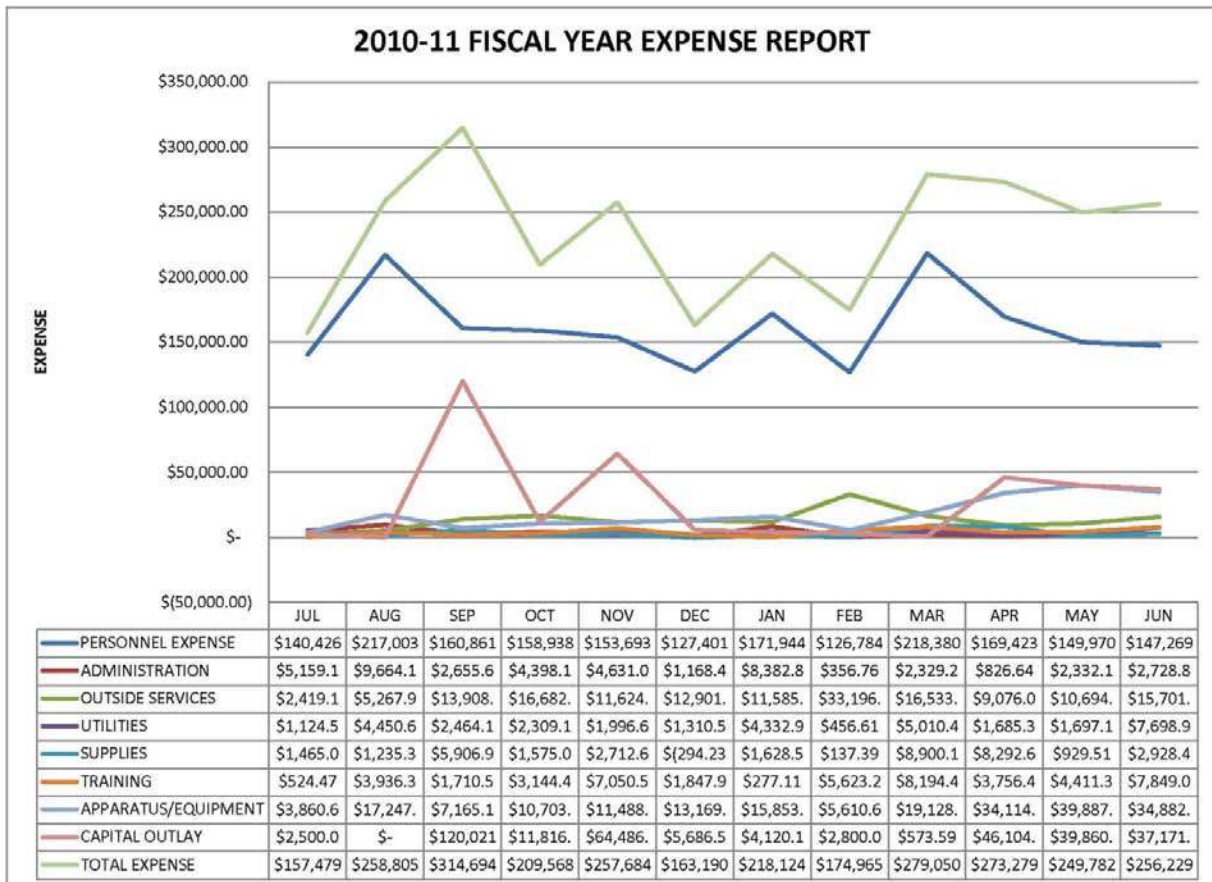
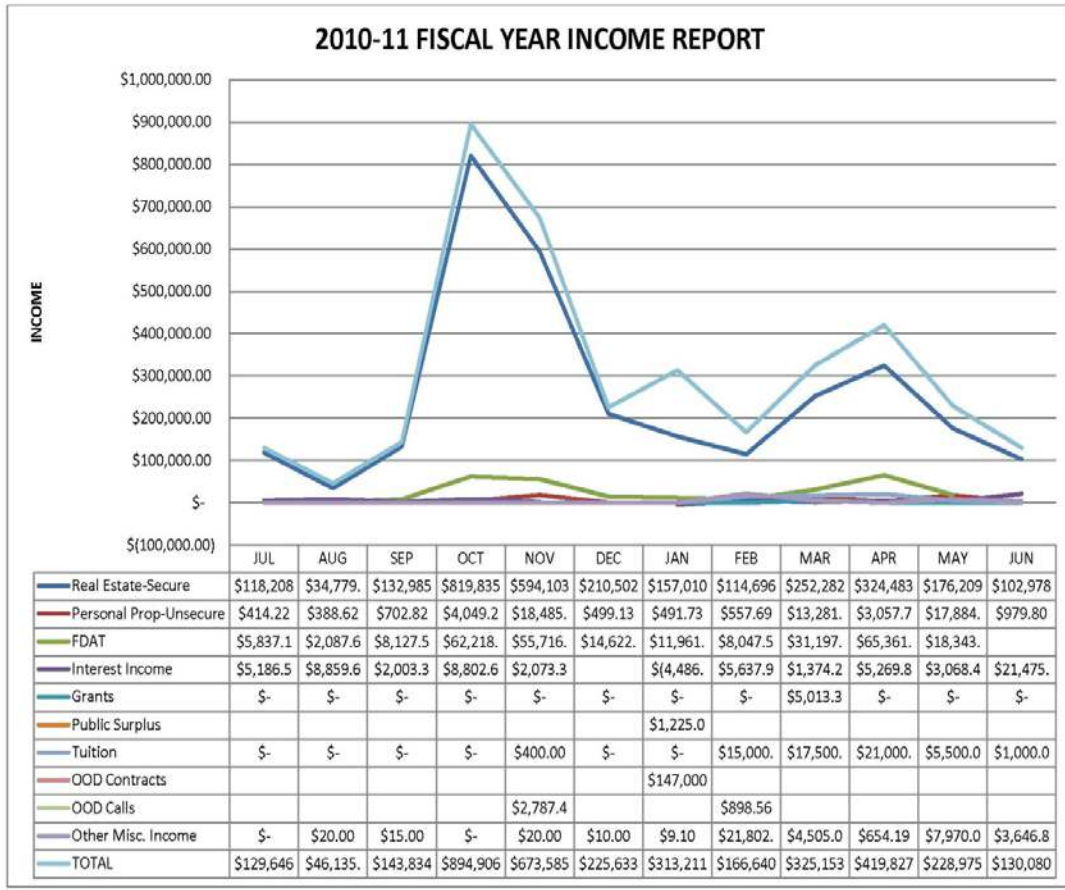
Throughout 2011, Golden Valley Fire responded to a total of 1,853 calls. Of those calls, 76 were fire suppression, 1,263 were to Medical Emergencies, 10 were to Hazardous Materials Incidents, 341 were to Service Calls and the remaining 163 calls were for other varied non emergency / public assistance incidents.



Budget and Finance:

The Golden Valley Fire District receives funds from tax revenue, grants, the GVFD Fire Academy and Paramedic Program tuitions, as well as Out Of District Contracts for services.

2010-2011 Budget and Finance – Income and Expense Reports:



Out of District Contracts:

The Fire District has worked diligently to secure contracts for service with major facilities that are just outside of the Fire District boundaries. These facilities include UniSource/Black Mountain Energy, Griffith Energy, Nucor Steel, Arizona State Prison and Western Wind Energy. In total, these contracts bring in an additional **\$848,950.00** in revenue and in-kind services to the district to supplement our budget and reduce the tax burden on the citizens.

Grants:

- ***Community Development Block Grant ~***

The District finished the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process and was awarded approximately \$102,000 from this grant, purchasing a new 3,000 gallon Water Tender

- ***Governor's Office Economic Recovery Grant ~***

The District used the last of their \$62,000 GOER grant for staffing overtime and equipment acquisition.

2011 District Acquisitions:

- Purchased the Eagle Academy facility, which is now known as the Public Safety Training Center
- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, fully outfitted for incident command
- Replaced Attack - 115
- Water Tender-138 through the Community Development Block Grant.
- New vehicle extrication equipment (Jaws of Life) for two stations

2011 Development:

Other advancements within the organization include the development of the following:

- Fire Marshal Program
- Technical Rescue Team
- Three-day Strategic Planning Retreat - resulting in an effective set of long term goals for the district
- Adoption and implementation of a new policy manual
- Automatic Mutual-Aid agreements were made with Kingman Fire Department and Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District
- Media relations campaign - providing press releases on many of the incidents within our district
- The Chief Officers also began working on the transition to the new dispatch service through the Kingman Regional 911 Dispatch Center and are in the process of pursuing levels of standardization in conjunction with other local fire districts and departments, to ensure better communication and dispatch flexibility.



2011 Strategic Planning Meeting

Professional Affiliations:

- Arizona Fire Chief's Association
- Arizona Fire Districts Association
- Mohave County Fire Officers Association
- Mohave Community College ~ Golden Valley Fire District has an inter-agency agreement with the college to ensure our Fire Academy Students receive college credit upon completion of the course.

Fire Prevention and Education:

Captain Boyd Lewis is the Program Manager for Community Education Program, which includes the Annual Safety Fair and supports school programs for Fire Prevention Week and general fire safety awareness and education. More educational information is available on our website www.gvfdaz.com.



- ***Annual Safety Fair:*** This event brings many public and private organizations that have a health and safety interest to the community of Golden Valley for a “meet and greet.” The Safety Fair is geared towards all ages with activities ranging from electrical safety games provided by Unisource Electric to Extinguisher use classes.
- ***Fire Safety Week at the schools:*** The 2nd & 3rd grade classes at Black Mountain Elementary School are given an informative and interactive safety message through the use of a fire safety activity course. Also during this week the Firefighters assigned to Engine 111 attended a lunch hour with the kids of all ages to show the equipment used by the Golden Valley firefighters.
- ***CPR Classes:*** Classes are provided by Firefighters in the school to all 8th graders by certified CPR instructors. CPR classes are also offered throughout the year. Please contact the Administrative Office to sign up.
- ***Fire Station Tours:*** For groups such as the boy scouts and girl scouts.

Volunteer Program:

Volunteerism in the fire service is a long-standing tradition and often the first step toward a fulfilling career. Golden Valley Fire District strives to provide an excellent program for young men and women to pursue their career goals by providing valuable training and leadership toward their goals in the rewarding field of emergency services. Applicants are screened and once selected; are put through rigorous training to help develop the skills and techniques that make them both comfortable and confident in their skills.

Health and Wellness:

Our Health and Wellness Program was implemented to encourage our staff members to maintain high levels of physical fitness, health and overall wellbeing. The District has adopted health and fitness policies, which demonstrates our commitment to the health and wellness of all employees. Employees whose primary position includes that of “Combat Firefighter” must pass an annual Pack-Test and participate in the Task Performance Tests (TPT) annually to demonstrate their physical ability to remain employed with the District. This assures a fit firefighter responds to your emergency and they can live a long productive life after serving their community.

Training and Education:

Our crews perform daily and monthly training tasks to maintain their skills. One of the biggest training events of the year was the county-wide Hazardous-Materials Drill at the Praxair facility which involved multiple agencies from around Mohave County and activated every Hazardous Material Team. Training on this scale takes months of planning and cooperation from multiple emergency response agencies.

Along with increased training, Golden Valley Fire District hosted two formal educational courses.

- ★ **2011 Fire Academy** ~ Twenty-one students completed our Firefighter Academy. The academy prepared them to sit for the State of Arizona test for IFSAC Accredited Firefighter I & II certification.



- ★ **2011 Paramedic Program** ~ Fifteen students completed our Paramedic Program. Four students were members of Golden Valley Fire. The others were members of local area departments.



Community Outreach:

- Our firefighters participated in the “Fill The Boot” Fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association raising money to help families facing Muscular Dystrophy.
- Golden Valley firefighters also participated in the Annual Fire Safety Fair in May. Captain Boyd Lewis organized the event.
- All crews wore pink uniform t-shirts during the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in conjunction with the “Pink Heals” tour.
- Many of the firefighters volunteered their time and service to participate in the M.I.K.I.D. fundraiser, hosted at the local Denny’s restaurants. Even Chief O’Donohue put an apron on and served diners to benefit the cause! The proceeds went to aid the M.I.K.I.D. (Mentally Ill Children In Distress) organization. We wish to extend a special thanks to Nancy Osborn, for organizing the event for yet another successful year.
- *G.V.F.F.A. ~ Golden Valley Firefighters Association:* The members of the association sponsored a team for youth basketball and donated funds and holiday gifts to a local family in need. The association also provided for the gift exchange for the District’s annual Holiday Celebration. The G.V.F.F.A. participates in helping provide for families who have lost their homes and possessions in a fire, gives assistance to families where a family member has suffered a tragic event, sponsors local community activities and provides scholarship assistance.





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