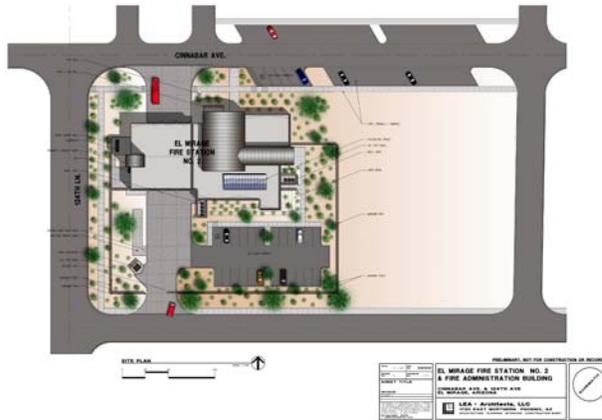


EL MIRAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW - 2009

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **New Fire Station in the works**
- **6 New Firefighters added to the roster**
- **Fire Safety Calendar**
- **Fire Operations**
- **Fire Prevention**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Emergency Medical Services**

NEW FIRE STATION ON THE HORIZON



In 2008, the voters in El Mirage approved a bond to construct a fire station in the southern end of the City.

In 2009 the City is began the design phase of the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2010, with a projected opening of March 2011.

The station will initially house two fire engines, one brush truck, and the fire administration staff.

EMFD RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO HIRE FIREFIGHTERS

The Federal Government awarded the City of El Mirage a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant of \$650,000 to hire six firefighters.

The SAFER Grant program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

Initially the grant pays the full cost of the firefighters and decreases over a five year period.

FM GLOBAL DONATES \$2,000 FOR SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

Factory Mutual donated \$2,000 for the department's smoke alarm program. Fire crews and volunteers from IAFF Local went door to door in the older neighborhoods and installed smoke alarms in homes that needed them.

Approximately 240 smoke alarms were installed in homes built prior to 1979, when smoke alarms became standard in all single family homes.



2009 Calls for Service

By EMFD = 2,752

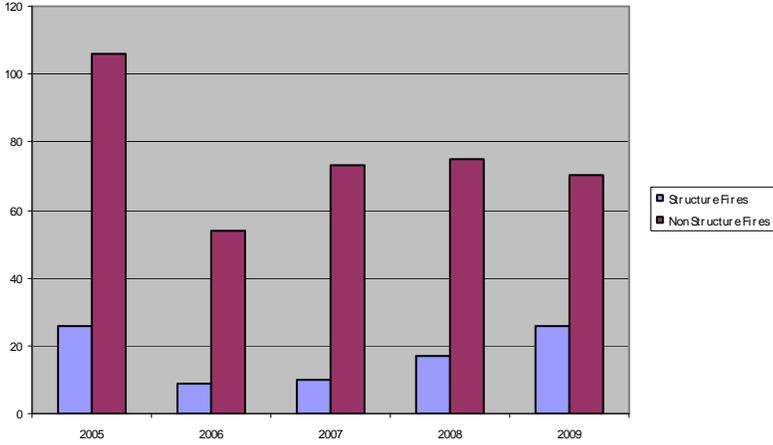
- Fires = 246
- ALS = 1099
- BLS = 750
- Special OPS = 8
- Misc = 57
- False Alarms = 133
- Outside of City = 518

By Other Cities = 1079

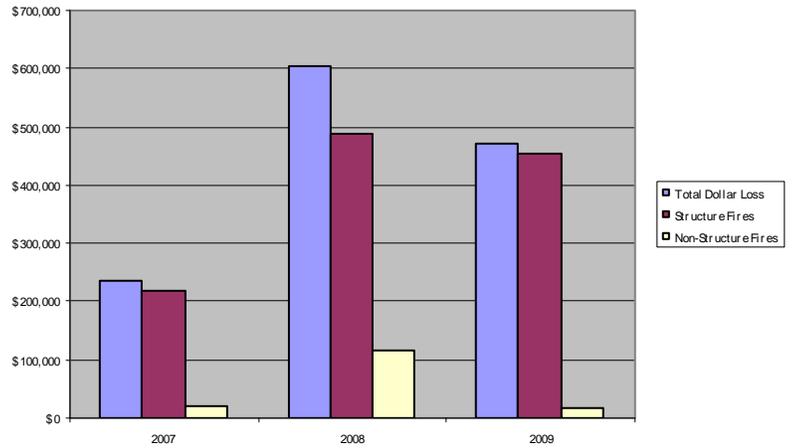
- Total Calls for Service = 3,313
- EMFD Response Time = 00:04:49

FIRE OPERATIONS

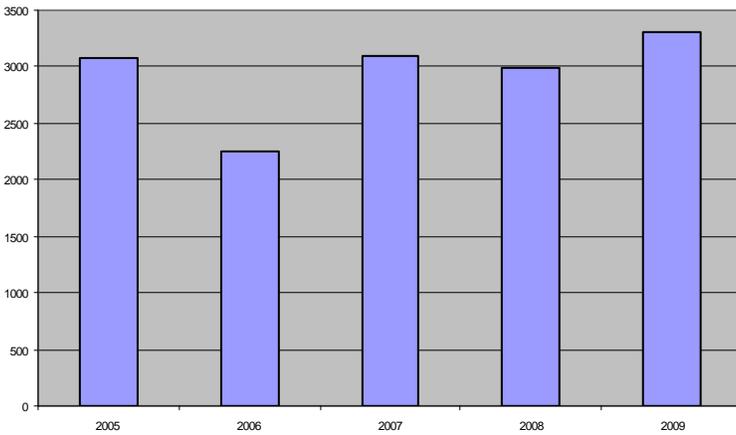
Fires by Calendar Year



Annual Fire Loss



Calls for Service



FIRE PREVENTION

January 2009, marked the beginning of an increased emphasis on fire prevention in the City of El Mirage.

Since January 2009, the department conducted 344 inspections of local businesses. Through these inspections more than 1,278 fire code violations were identified and abated. Through its public education program, the department

made fire and life safety presentations to 2,644 adults and 5,423 children.

During Fire prevention Week (October 4-10) the Fire Department sponsored a fire safety poster contest.

The winning posters became the monthly pictures for a 2010 calendar emphasizing fire & life safety. Thanks to the generosity of IAFF Local 4361 and Southwest Ambu-

lance, 5,000 calendars were distributed throughout the community.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMFD Paramedics and EMTs responded to 1,849 calls for emergency medical services.

EMFD received approximately \$54,324 in reimbursement for advanced life support treatment by EMFD paramedics from Southwest Ambulance.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The annual MDA Fill The Boot Drive was conducted over the Labor Day weekend. Fire fighters raised \$1,796.85
- EMFD trained 118 residents in CPR.
- Smoke Detector Walk crews and volunteers installed 240 smoke alarms in resident's homes.
- Ongoing training of City staff in CPR and AED use.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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2009 Accomplishments

- New Fire Engine purchased.
- Fireman's Fund Insurance Company awarded \$35,917 for extrication equipment.
- Worked with Southwest Ambulance to dedicate an ambulance station in El Mirage.
- Updated 5 year Hazard Mitigation Plan with Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management for FEMA.
- Members logged 37, 004 hours in proficiency training during 2009

Challenges EMFD overcame in 2009

- Reducing average response times from 00:05:27 to 00:05:08 by staffing the Brush truck with 2 personnel to care for lower priority calls
- Launching of the business fire safety inspection program.

Challenges facing EMFD in 2010

Given the current economic situation:

- Being able to fulfill safe staffing commitments and maintaining current levels of service to the community.
- Continue education and training to keep pace with industry standards.
- Reducing response times to achieve the goal 4 minutes or less.