Santa Clara-Ivins Fire & Rescue

Serving the Citizens of Santa Clara and Ivins Utah

Monthly Update-March 2020

Trainings-
There were two training held prior to the social distancing mandates put into place. Fire personnel met and practiced on progressive hose lay application in wildland fire environments. EMS personnel were instructed on long bone traction splints and discussed procedures when responding to high risk-COVID-19 calls and exposure procedures.

Wildland-
On March 9th we had six Firefighters burn three acres behind Harmon's. On March 16th and 17th we had seven Firefighters burn 65 out of 110 piles of tamarack in the Tuacahn Wash. We are still planning on burning Laub Pond and the Arboretum when the weather allows. We are planning on opening up applications for the seasonal Wildland Firefighters the first part of April.

Response-
Our procedure and protocol have affected our daily operations during the mandated COVID-19 distancing instructions from the Governor and Health Department. As First Responders, we are taking every effort to follow the procedures and guidelines we receive almost daily.

Some things a citizen may notice during an Emergency Response-

- Beginning with dispatch, more questions may be asked regarding a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 exposure.
- Citizens may be instructed
- to meet First Responders outside their home in certain circumstances.
- Procedures regarding Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders and the patient with masks will be evident.
- During the "Stay at Home" mandate, non-essential services may be postponed, such as station tours and visits, home inspections and fire alarm battery exchanges.
- Walk up patients to the station will be asked to stay outside until properly protected personnel can assess the patient in the ambulance.

Citizens and Council can rest assured that we are available for 911 calls and will continue to respond as directed through the 911 system to your calls. We are committed to the care and protection of our citizens.