



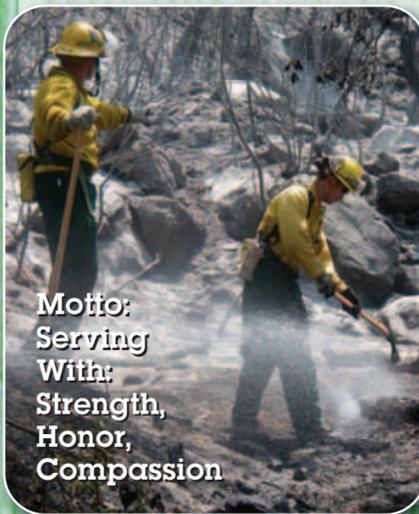
# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Fire Department submitted an application to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's (CFAI) Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), for candidacy for accreditation. The Department's goal is to have the requisite Self-Assessment Manual, Standards of Cover Document, and the Strategic Plan completed within 12 months. Once these documents are completed and submitted to the CPSE, a site visit will be conducted by four to six peer assessors who will complete a rigorous assessment of all of the inner workings of the Peoria Fire Department.

The EMS division conducted training with all of the department's 38 paramedics updating the department to the new American Heart Association guidelines for Advanced Cardiac Life Support as well as continued updates of guidelines for Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation.

Several engine companies from the Peoria Fire Department participated in a multi agency hi-rise firefighting and evacuation drill at the Cardinal's Stadium in December of 2007. This drill focused on evacuation techniques.

Central Arizona Wildland Response Team (CAWRT) members from Peoria were deployed to nine wildfires and worked 2,797 hours fighting wildland fires throughout the western United States.



**Motto:  
Serving  
With:  
Strength,  
Honor,  
Compassion**

Peoria Fire Department hosted its annual Fire Prevention Day event on October 13, 2007. It was estimated that over 3,000 people attended.

The department provided music, food, clowns, rescue dog demonstrations, a fire extinguisher simulator, smoke trailer, and inflatable bouncers. In addition to the important Fire and Life Safety messages that were shared at the event, over 40 babies



and children left the event safer than they arrived as car seats were inspected and installed at no cost to families.

The City of Peoria was selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in an Integrated Emergency Management Course on June 11-15, 2007 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg Maryland. This course was designed specifically for the City of Peoria. Seventy-one participants attended a week-long training in emergency management sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The 71 participants included 52 members of the city management team and 19 external agency and community representatives. The training consisted of classroom lectures, hands-on exercises, and a large-scale drill. This training allowed the City of Peoria to test current emergency response plans, assess their ability to effectively manage a crisis, and to help the city to identify potential vulnerabilities.



The Peoria Fire Department hosted the annual Lake Pleasant Wildland Drill. Fifteen agencies from around the State attended this one-day training event where crews prepared for the upcoming Wildland season.

The Fire Department continued its annual tradition of assisting area high-school seniors with their preparation for future employment. For two days, PFD members taught classes on job preparation and interviewing, and evaluated the personal and professional marketing strategies of over 150 students from three Peoria high schools.



Peoria Fire Department opened their seventh neighborhood fire station located at 7758 W Jomax Road. The 11,000 sq. ft. station will serve the citizens in northern Peoria. It has three bays, 10 dorm rooms and a patrol office. The station hosts a unique architecture design that compliments the surrounding communities.

The Peoria Fire Department started its own web-based training program in which actual members of the department do the content development, recording and narration. On-line Training videos have been developed on topics such as marine firefighting and drivers' training.



During the 2007 holiday season, two-hundred and forty seven hours were volunteered by Peoria Fire Department personnel to provide for those less fortunate in our community. Ninety families attended the Annual Children's Holiday Party and over 306 children received toys and other gifts. Over one-hundred and twenty five senior citizens enjoyed a hot



pancake breakfast at our two breakfasts with Santa events.

Peoria Fire Department assisted in the special operations staging for both the Fiesta Bowl and BCS Bowl by providing two MMRS Mass Casualty Modules and staff as well as staffing two toxicology Paramedic Engine Companies.



The Peoria Fire Department hired 26 new recruit fire fighters in 2007. The March academy class, which consisted of nine recruits, attended the Phoenix Regional Training academy. In July, eight recruits attended the first ever recruit academy class held at the new Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC). In October, another nine recruits graduated from the GRPSTC Recruit Academy.

The Peoria Fire Department hosted a water safety event at Sunrise Mountain pool with over 400 people participants. The event highlighted the water safety message "Kids Don't Float" and included a mock drowning that was televised on 3 local stations, CPR demonstrations, and information sharing.

Peoria firefighters completed training on carbon monoxide poisoning and the use of the carbon monoxide monitors.

The Peoria Regional Battalion Chief Academy met for the sixth time since its inception. Attendees participated from around the state coming from Tucson, Yuma, Payson, Flagstaff, and from the Metro area. One of the highlights was the keynote speaker Jack Lengyel who was the head football coach at Marshall University from 1971 to 1974. Mr. Lengyel's greatest task and achievement as a coach was rebuilding the football program and community at Marshall University after the tragic airline crash involving the entire team. His exploits were portrayed in the Movie *We are Marshall* starring Matthew McConaughey as Jack Lengyel.

New pharmacological agents to treat rapid heart rhythms have been implemented and are now carried by Peoria Fire Department paramedics.



In 2007, Peoria Fire Department promoted seven fire captains and six engineers.

The Emergency Management Section rolled out a new National Incident Management System (NIMS) database, which tracks IS class compliance for all city employees. The database was developed so that the city can ensure compliance with FEMA mandated IS training which requires every city employee to successfully complete IS100 & IS700 classes.



The Peoria Fire Department trained approximately 30 adults and 35 teens through the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program in 2007. A mock disaster exercise was conducted in May 2007 with all CERT members participating.



In December 2007, the Fire Department accepted a privately funded grant for \$17,000 from Compass Insurance Agency and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for the restoration of our 1929 antique fire engine. These funds will be used for the cosmetic repairs of this historic vehicle. Once restored to original condition, this antique fire engine will be displayed at public safety and education events throughout the valley.

## MISSION

**Peoria Fire Department**

**We are committed to protecting and caring for our neighbors, our guests, and each other while maintaining the community's trust and respect through superior life safety services.**

Ladder Tender 191 was purchased for approximately \$236,000 and put into service at Fire Station 191.



To date, twenty paramedics have completed Immunization Paramedic Training as part of a collaborative effort between The Arizona Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI), the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and local area fire departments.

The Peoria Fire Department received the following Homeland Security Grants in 2007:

- CERT grant from Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management \$3,300.
- CERT grant \$9,475 – May 2007.
- CERT grant \$19,320 – October 2007 to be expended in 2008.
- State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Program grant \$10,800.
- UASI TLO sustainment grant \$5,000.
- UASI Medium Duty Response \$750,000.

Fire department members came together for our sixth annual Fire Department picnic.

There was food and fun for all ages to enjoy. Some activities included clowns with face painting, potato sack races, an inflatable water maze as well as our annual egg toss event for the teens and adults.



Jomax Fire Station #7 received two top architectural awards for its unique design.



Fire Chief Magazine named the station as the Gold Satellite winner, and featured the station on its November cover, as well as inside the magazine with a two-page spread. The

Jomax Station is made of masonry, clad with natural stone tile that compliments the surrounding community's architecture. Additionally, Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization (FIERO) also honored Fire Station #7 for its unique design features.

# SERVICES

The following describes the breadth of programs and services provided by each of the four divisions of the Peoria Fire Department.



**The Fire Administration Division** provides leadership, long-range planning, budget development, financial management, personnel, payroll, and contracts administration, interdepartmental coordination, grants and project management, information technology coordination, and general customer service, in order to ensure the efficient daily operations of the Fire Department.

**The Fire Community Services Division** provides inspection services, plan review, issuance of permits, fire code enforcement, fire cause investigations, internal safety investigations, citizen safety awareness programs, public fire education, public information services, and fire department community relations events.

**The Fire Support Services Division** is responsible for computer aided dispatch coordination and database maintenance; capital construction; facility and equipment maintenance and repair, including fleet; EMS administration including supply acquisition, EMS training and certification, and ambulance transportation coordination. Support Services also includes the Training Section which provides continuing education in fire suppression and rescue, and supervisory and managerial development to all field personnel.

**The Fire Operations Division** provides fire protection, emergency medical service delivery, and technical rescue emergency response to the citizens of Peoria. The Operations Division currently staffs seven pumper trucks with paramedic capabilities and one ladder truck with fire support and technical rescue capabilities (i.e. swift water, trench, confined space and high angle rescue). The Operations Division is also responsible for emergency preparedness/homeland security programming for the City of Peoria.

[www.peoriaaz.gov/fire](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/fire)

# STATISTICS

## 2007 Statistics

### City Information:

Land Area – 185 square miles  
Population – 153,592  
Firefighters Per 1000 Population – .95  
Sworn Personnel – 146  
Civilian Personnel – 27

### Fire Community Services:

Community Events Held – 107  
Elementary Students Instructed on Fire and Life Safety Related Topics – 4,459  
New and Existing Occupancies Inspected – 2652  
Permits Issued – 418  
Fire Investigations Conducted – 53  
Four Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Trained

### Fire Operations:

Total Calls in Peoria – 13120  
Fire Calls – 1178  
EMS Calls – 11301  
Service and Other Calls – 641  
Average Response Time – 4:46

### Budget:

2007-2008 Operating – \$20.7 million  
2007-2008 Capital – \$1.4 million

### Equipment & Facilities:

Stations – 7 Full-time  
1 Part-time  
1 Fire Administration Building  
7 Fire Engines (front-line)  
2 Fire Engines (reserve)  
1 Ladder Truck  
1 Ladder Tender  
1 Technical Rescue Support Truck  
2 Brush Trucks  
2 Battalion Command Vehicles

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