



# TOWN OF CAVE CREEK MARSHAL'S OFFICE



## Emergency Management

- Cave Creek is prepared for this fire season and every fire season.
- In the event of a fire in town limits, be it a brush fire or a structure fire, car fire etc.
  - A. Rural Metro Fire Department responds anywhere in town limits
  - B. A Captain (Senior Officer) is assigned to an engine company
  - C. If the fire is large or has the potential to impact more than one residence, a Battalion Chief Responds.
  - D. Based upon the initial dispatch information, does the person calling 911 actually see flames or simply sees smoke? Is this a structure fire, brush, a vehicle? Depending on this information 911 it will determine what resources are dispatched.
  - E. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is notified.
  - F. Marshal Stein is notified and responds to the scene.
  - G. The on scene Rural Metro Officer will determine if additional resources are required. Rural Metro typically starts sending additional resources as soon as the 911 caller reports a fire. Typically a Tanker (additional water) a Brush Truck and an additional Engine are started from another station. (Carefree Station, Rio Verde etc.)
  - H. If the fire is large and additional resources are needed then MUTUAL AID is activated. Typically for a structure fire or large brush fire, Cave Creek will have, Rural Metro Fire, Daisy Mountain Fire, Scottsdale Fire and City of Phoenix Fire onsite. Tonto National Forest Hot Shots are also available to respond in an emergency and we typically see the Tonto Forest Resources in town on a weekly basis.
  - I. The Town also has an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Maricopa County Emergency Management. When activated, we have the full resources of the entire county.
- The Town has CodeRed Emergency Notification and WeatherAlerts. We encourage all community members to sign up for CodeRed by going to the town's website <http://www.cavecreek.org> and clicking on the CodeRed sign up link. Cave Creek was the first jurisdiction in the State of Arizona to offer this service to its residents. After the Cave Creek Complex Fire in 2005. The Town would issue an Emergency Notification to our residents in the event of a serious fire or other emergency. Emergency Notifications can be received via phone call or text message.

- Upon receiving a notification of a fire in town limits, Cave Creek will typically dispatch / notify our utilities staff and ensure all available water resources are available to divert to the fire.
- The Town of Cave Creek has three water tanker trucks. Cave Creek has the ability to dispatch these vehicles to fires in the event of an emergency at Rural Metro Fire Department's request. Cave Creek also has additional resources as far as chain saws / shovels / rakes that can be dispatched to fire areas if requested.
- Cave Creek conducts an annual drill with Rural Metro Fire Department, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. These drills are meant to familiarize all these resources with Cave Creek and how to rapidly deploy assets in the event of a Wildland Brush fire.
- Cave Creek has Fire Danger Notification Signs advising of the current fire conditions in town. We also have on the home page of the [town's website](#) a notification of the current fire danger level.
- Cave Creek benefits greatly from our relationship with MCSO. On any given day in town, you can typically look up and see an MCSO helicopter overhead at some point throughout the day. Part of the MCSO Aviation unit's job is to look for smoke / fires.
- Cave Creek is a small town. We are all neighbors and we all have the best interest of Cave Creek in mind. Cave Creek is prepared and ready to handle any emergencies that should arise.

The Town offers more literature at Town Hall if anyone is interested in further readings. Available in the lobby and the utilities area and on our website [www.cavecreek.org](http://www.cavecreek.org).

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