

### AUXILIARY MESSAGE

### WHAT A YEAR!

#### By President; Hal Ries

Well it's almost time for our winter visitors to leave our beautiful Havasu area, we will miss you. The Desert Hills Fire

Department and Auxiliary would like to thank those who have volunteered and made each and every event a giant success.

The past two months at our pancake breakfasts, we served almost 1100 hungry folks and our spring spaghetti dinner hit a record high. With this level of community support the Auxiliary will be able to add much needed funding

for safety equipment and supplies to The Desert Hills Fire Department.

This year the Auxiliary has already provided funds to place safety striping on all Department's vehicles, as well as replace a couple of older inefficient light bars on vehicles with new efficient LED light bars.

The Auxiliary was also able to assist in the unexpected kitchen remodel. The ending

result has made a better layout for the functions as well as provide space for two refrigerators for the firefighters.



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Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped clean and rearrange the Auxiliary storage area at the Fire Department. It makes things a lot easier to get to when working at our dinners and such.

The Auxiliary is always looking for Volunteers to play an active role in the community. If you have any suggestions on how we can make the breakfasts or dinners better please drop a note at the Fire Department addressed to the Desert Hills Auxilia*ry*.

The best way to cause change is to Volunteer!

Don't forget to wear / buy your Auxiliary Tee shirt for the April breakfast, it will be the last chance to get a ticket from Shirley for the \$200 gift certificate. The drawing will be some time during the April breakfast. The Spring Spaghetti Dinner turned out to be our most successful dinners ever. When the doors opened at 4:00pm folks were chomping at the bit to get in; that kept up until we had served 457 dinners in a little over 3 hours. The last dinner served about 7:15 pm. Janice prepared every ounce of sauce and spaghetti in the kitchen with no left overs That was calling it close to say the least. Thru the generosity of our Desert Hills Community we had a very successful silent auction that brought in \$400 for the Auxiliary.

So for those that will be leaving us for the summer, good luck, safe travels, and we will see you next season.

### AUXILIARY CONT...

At the March breakfast we held a raffle for a St. Patrick's Day basket that consisted of Guinness Beer, Irish whiskey, and a variety of candies and other goodies, which had a value of \$75.

The lucky winner was Bill Vance.





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### FROM THE DEPARTMENT



### By Captain Bryant Stanec

It's been another busy month for the Fire Department. We purchased a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Z71 through the state bid process. This will serve the community as a fully functioning mobile command vehicle. The department also completed outfitting all of our emergency vehicles with Safety Chevrons on the back. This was made possible by donations from the Desert Hills Fire Department Auxiliary.

Engine 212 needed repairs done on its water tank. Firefighter Smith with help from Sky High Crane Company made these repairs. (Pictured)

DHFD is happy to report that we sent 4 firefighters to Prescott for the Annual AZ Wildfire Academy in March.





Setting back the welded water tank.

This training was made possible by receiving funds from the Arizona Department of Forestry VFA Grant program. Our Wildland Firefighters took Medical Unit Leader and Firing Operations classes.



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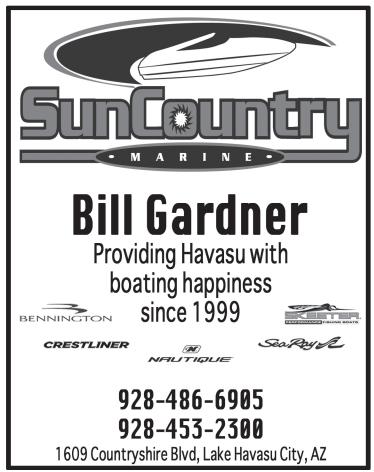
The Wildfire firefighters have more training planned in April. Their Annual Refresher will be held in Desert Hills which consists of a 3 mile hike carrying a 45lbs weighted pack in under 45 minutes, followed by a class room and field skills day. We also have firefighters attending a 3 day wildfire Urban Interface class in Mohave Valley in April.

Other exciting news Lowes Home Improvement has awarded the Fire Department with a station remodel. The remodel will consist of adding a new office for the Administrator and a waiting area for visitors. Construction on the remodel is planned for after the last Pancake Breakfast of the season.

With the start of Spring we would like to remind everyone with the rising temperatures heat related illness is a big concern for our community. People who stay in doors should



What the inside of a fire engine looks like without the tank.



drink at least 2 liters of water a day. If you are spending time outdoors it's recommended you drink 1-2 liters per hour. Don't forget to dress for the heat. Wear light weight, light colored clothing and a brimmed hat. Don't forget Sunscreen.



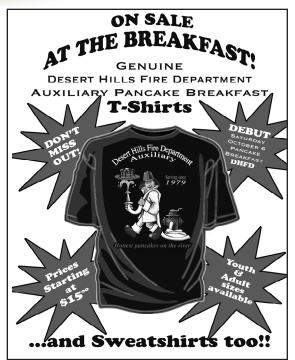
Firefighter/EMT; Susan Smith preparing for the water tank to be lifted out.

## DESERT HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY



### Biscuits and Gravy TOO! Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 8 to 10:30am

at Station #1 (London Bridge Rd & Chenoweth Dr) \$5.00-Adults \$3.00-Kids





### DHFD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING

The Desert Hills Fire District Community Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 7PM in the Si-Mock Room behind the Station #1. Our guest speaker is Ron Nicholson, the Mohave County Tax Assessor. At this meeting we will be electing new officers for the 2015-2016 term. This will be our last meeting until October 6, 2015. I wish everyone a safe summer and will see you in October when we resume our monthly meetings.

#### MARCH REPORT

The Community Association meeting was held on March 3rd, 2015. Dr Kathleen Blair, Wildlife Ecologist with the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge was our guest speaker. Dr Blair presented a fantastic historical report on our fabulous Colorado River. The report was fascinating and very informative, including how the river came to be as it is now, history of the dams and of course the wildlife and vegetation both native and non-native that surrounds our district.



#### THE NEXT DESERT HILLS FIRE DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 3RD, 7PM IN THE SI MOCK ROOM AT ST.#1.

All residents, business owners and property owners, in the Desert Hills Fire District; Desert Hills, Crystal Breach, Havasu Heights, are members of the Desert Hills Fire District Community Association.

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE MEETINGS

We'd sure like to see you this season.





We are located in beautitul downtown Desert Hills 3620 London Bridge Rd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404 928•466•9960 See you soon!



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#### THANK YOU TO THE DESERT HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT By Judy Moore

I am so fortunate to live in Desert Hills Fire District because we have the best firefighter/paramedics in the entire state. I want to thank all of you for everything you did to get me to the ER before my heart quit. On March 12 a group of you came busting into my home, thanks to the quick thinking of Administrator Kentch, and from that point on I was not aware of what was happening. I would like to thank the entire department for their on going dedication to our community, but I want to especially thank Administrator Kentch, Chief Weber, Paramedic Yuricek and all of the other firefighters who were there that day. I totally apologize for not knowing all of your names, but there is a time period during that afternoon I have no recollection of. I am sure no matter which shift was on any and all of you would have done the same great job.

KUDOS AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU.

My family thanks you also.









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