

# **Tucson Fire Department**

## **2019 (1)**



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January 2, 2018, MM001, TFD—



## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 2, 2019

TO: All TFD Personnel

FROM: Joe Gulotta  
Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Happy New Year

Happy New Year! The past year has been very busy. The men and women of this department have served our community with professionalism, integrity, and distinction. We responded to nearly 90,000 emergency calls for help, drove hundreds of thousands of miles, extinguished hundreds of fires, and performed lifesaving procedures on thousands of patients. Together, we provided hundreds of requests for services to schools and citizen groups, conducted hundreds of building inspections, filled many food boxes and wrapped many gifts for the less fortunate. We helped people out of homelessness and helped many more find appropriate social service care reducing their dependency on the 911 system. In the past year, we experienced grief for the untimely death of one of our own, cared for those who have received diagnoses of cancer and other life-threatening medical illnesses, and helped those suffering from mental health conditions that threaten their wellbeing. During the year, like everyone else, we stumbled, had accidents, and made mistakes. We also accomplished much, helped many people, and saved many lives. We did all of this together. Thank you for a great year. I am very proud of the work you have done serving this community.

In 2018, the City of Tucson experienced the restructuring of many departments. The City combined all human resources and financial services into the new Business Services Department, we combined Fire and Police emergency communications into one free-standing department, and we began the merging of some warehousing functions including Fire, Police, and Procurement. The goal for each restructuring is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization with the limited resources available. Over the past year, Fire Administration reached out to you to identify what your concerns were. We were able to collect valuable information that has guided many of our actions. You expressed concerns about compensation, call loads, workloads, professional development, and employee stress as well as a lack of direction for the department and accountability of our leadership. We end 2018 having accomplished much with employee pay decompression being at the top of the list and developed a plan to address the remainder. Pay compression required significant work by Local 479, Fire Administration, and the City Manager's office. We continue working on improving your work environment as we move into the new year.

As we enter 2019, I predict we will be just as busy serving our community and taking care of each other. Early in the year, we will complete the process to permanently appoint a Fire Chief. I am not exactly sure what that will look like or how long it might take. In the meantime, we will continue moving forward. We will also continue to be challenged with the high workload of our emergency response crews, inspectors, mechanics, training, and administrative staff. To overcome many of these challenges, the department will continue moving forward with the administrative restructure plan, as well as call reduction programs such as TC3 and the Social-



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Medical Alternative Response Tier (SMART) which is intended to redirect 911 calls directly from the dispatch center to a social service professional.

In addition to these call and workload reduction plans, later in the year, we will be introducing a new ambulance transport tier staffed with a civilian EMT and Paramedic. These employees will not be replacing commissioned positions but instead expanding our response and transport capability. We will also launch the Dynamic Service Delivery (DSD) program which includes a small group of first responders working a 40-hour per week schedule. Our primary goals are to provide our first responders with additional resources, a more flexible response capability, an expanded PAU program, and a reduction in call load. None of these programs reduce commissioned positions.

I know change makes people uncomfortable, but the current condition is not sustainable. As a department, we must evolve with the needs of our employees and community while working within the resources we have available. You will have opportunities to participate in the development of these programs. I encourage you to become part of the solution and help build a stronger and more effective first response model for our future.

Be safe, get engaged, remain open minded, and stay informed. Continue to take care of yourself, your co-workers, and the community. Let's have a great year!

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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 23h

Cause/origin are under investigation in yesterday's midday RV fire off of Craycroft/N of I-10, however the suspect cause may have been an unattended space heater. Practice some simple steps to keep you & your family warm & SAFE this winter: [nfpa.org/Public-Educati...](https://nfpa.org/Public-Educati...) #StaySafeTucson



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 22h

Take advantage of the COT treecycle program to keep your family safe. Dry trees are dangerous trees #TFD #BearDown [tucsonaz.gov/treecycle](https://tucsonaz.gov/treecycle)





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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 20h



We pause for and reflect on those lost and injured this day back in 2011 on Tucson's northwest side. The bell rang after each name was read.



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 20h



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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 16h

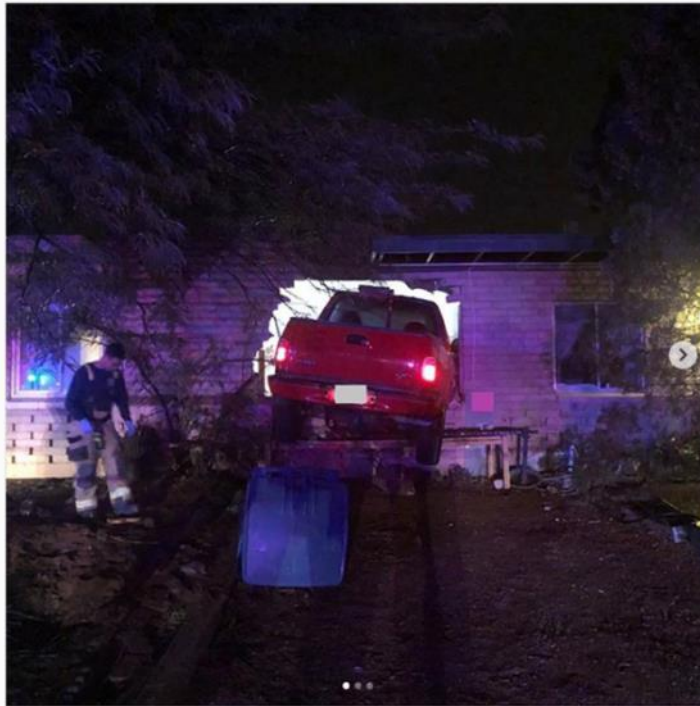
Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 27th 2pm when @ArizonaWBB hosts their "Hero Appreciation Game" against UCLA. Join us pre-game for fire/police equipment display out front of McKale AND @TucsonFirePIO vs. @Tucson\_Police halftime scrimmages! 🏀 #StaySafeTucson #BearDown





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January 11, 2018, TFD—



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tucsonfiredepartment #FirefighterFriday look from a rescue scene crews with Station 13 A Shift responded to on New Year's Day. A truck went into the wall and bedroom of a home near Escalante and Kolb early in the morning. Crews rescued one woman who was trapped under one of the truck tires on the bed. They were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after being freed by crews raising the truck up with a jack a neighbor had brought over before they arrived and the Spreaders (Jaws of Life). Thanks to Captain Schierling for providing the pictures from the scene. #tucsonfiredepartment #staysafetucson  
janetnelson6653 D U I big time  
jaydizzlin.jpg Holy cow! Some scary stuff there. Props to the neighbor for getting in there and helping out.



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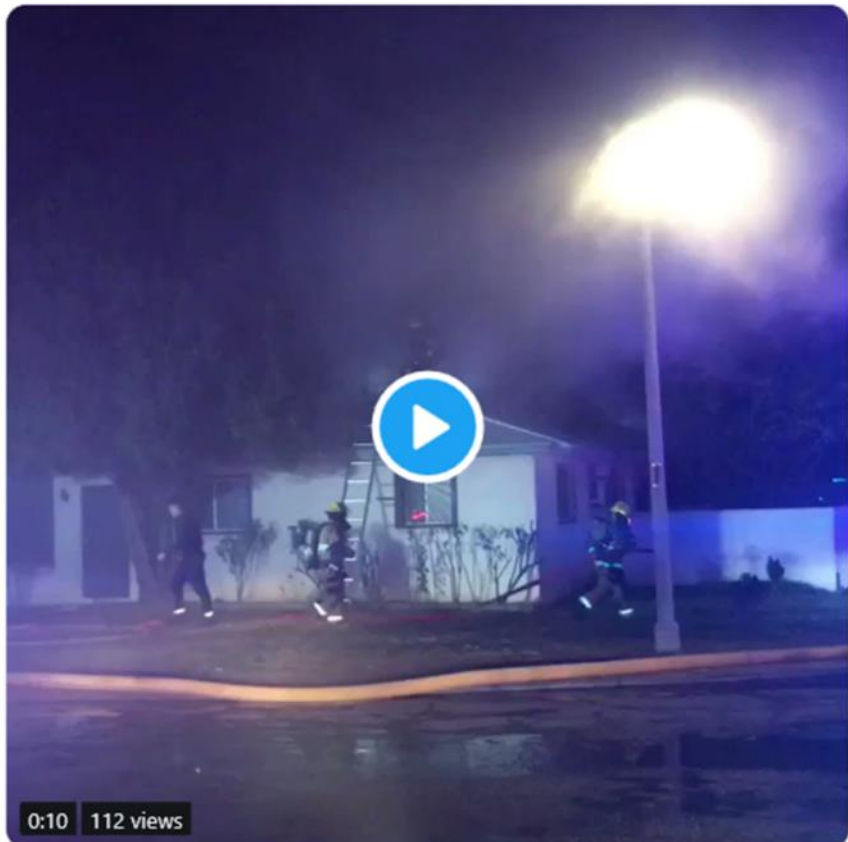
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Tucson Fire Department @TucsonFirePIO · 14m

TFD responded to a SW side house fire just before midnight last night. The attic fire was extinguished safely with no injuries reported as thankfully no one was home. @Tucson\_Police officers were first on scene after they noticed heavy smoke in the area while patrolling. #TFD



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January 13, 2019, <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/01/14/fire-damages-west-side-home/>

## Fire damages west-side home



Fire damages west-side home

By [Tucson News Now](#) | January 14, 2019 at 5:50 AM MST - Updated January 14 at 5:50 AM

TUCSON, AZ (Tucson News Now) - Firefighters from the Tucson Fire Department were dispatched to a report of smoke from a house on the west side late on Sunday, Jan. 13.

A Tucson police officer was first on the scene in the 700 block of West Calle Lerdo and had just forced open the front door when firefighters arrived.

As an interior crew searched the house for occupants, firefighters from the ladder crew focused their attention on the fire in the attic. They used a pointed nozzle to pierce the roof from above and sprayed water into the attic, which extinguished most of the flames. After confirming that the house was unoccupied, the interior crew then extinguished remaining flames in a utility closet.

It took 25 firefighters and nine units 19 minutes to get the fire under control. No injuries were reported.

Fire investigators are working to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

Damages have not yet been determined.



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Contact: Jessica Nolte  
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Date: 1/16/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT CLASS 18-1 Graduation Ceremony Invitation

Interim Fire Chief Joe Gulotta cordially invites you to attend the graduation ceremony for the newest members of the Tucson Fire Department. Twenty-eight recruits, who have successfully completed the twenty-two week training academy will graduate to the rank of firefighter on Friday, January 18th, 2019. The graduation ceremony will commence at 9:30 AM in the Grand Ballroom of the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church.

On the evening of Thursday, January 17th, Recruit Class 18-1 will hold a skills demonstration at the Public Safety Academy, located at 10001 S. Wilmot Road. The skills demonstration will begin at 5:00 PM and will feature the recruits performing extrication drills, an aerial climb, walking into the dragon, and rappelling down the tower.

### *Tucson Fire Department Recruit Class 18-1*



*Graduation*



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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 22h

Crews were called to the SE corner of Swan/29th early this AM for reports of a building fire. Fire was under control within 7 mins of arriving. One victim, who was transported w/ life threatening injuries, has died. #TFD/@Tucson\_Police are investigating the cause of the fire.



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 15h

Earlier look from a 3 vehicle accident scene around Valencia/Country Club. TFD, @Tucson\_Police & @PimaSheriff were on-scene after 3pm. Two taken to the hospital w/ injuries; 3 vehicles involved. Watch for any lingering clean-up & travel w/ care through that area. #StaySafeTucson



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January 16, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-man-dies-after-being-pulled-from-burning-abandoned-building/article\\_ef76cca0-19a0-11e9-90ca-43be94a5a1a6.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-man-dies-after-being-pulled-from-burning-abandoned-building/article_ef76cca0-19a0-11e9-90ca-43be94a5a1a6.html)

# Tucson man dies after being pulled from burning abandoned building

Danyelle Khmara Arizona Daily Star Jan 16, 2019 Updated 8 hrs ago



One victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries after a fire in an abandoned building.

Tucson Fire Department

A man died from after being pulled from a fire in an abandoned building on Tucson's southeast side Wednesday morning, officials say.

Firefighters were notified of the building fire by a resident of at an apartment building near [East 29th Street and Swan Road](#) about 5:30 a.m.

Flames were coming off the roof of the building when firefighters arrived, according to a Tucson Fire Department news release.

The man was pulled from the building and rushed to the hospital where he died, said Sgt. Pete Dugan, a Tucson police spokesman.

The man appeared to be sleeping in the abandoned building when the fire started. Police have identified the man, but are not yet releasing his identity to the public.

The fire was under control in seven minutes. No firefighters were injured.

The investigation continues.



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January 16, 2019, <https://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/01/16/four-people-taken-hospital-after-apartment-fire/>

## UPDATE: Fire in abandoned building turns fatal



A fire near Davis-Monthan Air Force Base sent one person to the hospital on Jan. 16. (Source: KOLD News 13)

By [Tucson News Now](#) | January 16, 2019 at 6:07 AM MST - Updated January 16 at 9:07 AM

TUCSON, AZ (Tucson News Now) - One person has died after an early-morning fire in an abandoned building near Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

According to information from the Tucson Fire Department, the fire was reported just before 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the building in the 4700 block of E. 29th Street, near Swan Road.



The fire sparked in an abandoned building in the 4700 block of E. 29th Street. (Source: KOLD News 13)

A resident in a nearby apartment building called 911 to report the fire.

When firefighters arrived, they found and paramedics treated one victim, who was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

No firefighters were injured.

The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation. Damages have not been determined.

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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 11h

The family & friends of Class 18-1 spent the evening out at the Public Safety Academy, celebrating the end of their 22-week Academy stretch. The Firefighter Recruits performed various... [instagram.com/p/BswxdDHDMK4/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/BswxdDHDMK4/)



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 19h

Take in a piece of Tucson & #TucsonFire history at #DillingerDays this weekend downtown at the @hotelcongress! Learn more about the 1934 Hotel Congress Fire & Dillinger's Capture via @FIREFOUNDATION1 Archives: [tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive-do...](https://tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive-do...) #StaySafeTucson #TucsonHistory



**hotelcongress** @hotelcongress

Did you know? Proceeds from #DillingerDays go to Greater Tucson Fire Foundation to support the refurbishment of ladder truck that fought the 1934 fire! Get all the Dillinger Speakeasy & Dillinger Days details at ...



**hotelcongress** @hotelcongress · Jan 15

The #DillingerDays fun goes down this Saturday, January 19th starting at 9am! Get all the details at [hotelcongress.com/experiences](https://hotelcongress.com/experiences)

January 18-19 Hotel Congress

**DILLINGER DAYS**

A portion of the weekend's proceeds to benefit Greater Tucson Fire

**JANUARY 19**

**FREE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

**RE-ENACTMENTS**

**VINTAGE CAR SHOW**

**BEER GARDEN W/ FOOD TRUCKS**

**VINTAGE ENTERTAINMENT**

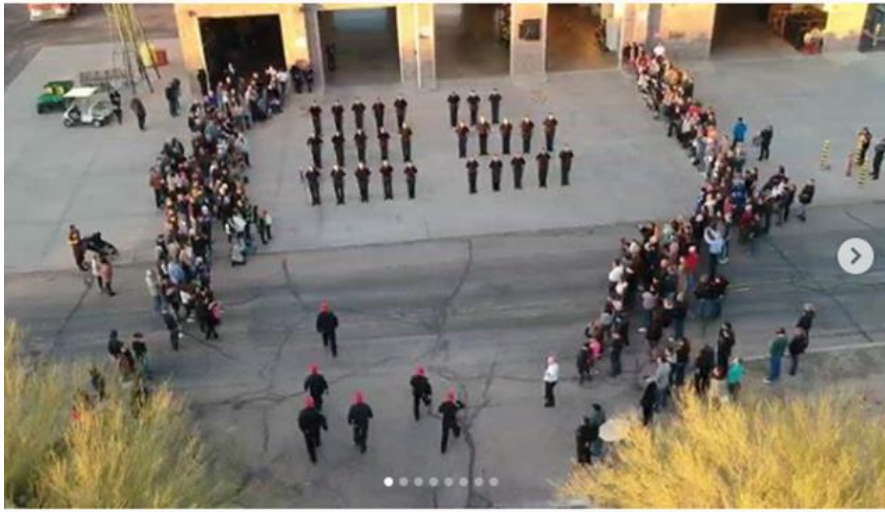
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tucsonfiredepartment The family & friends of Class 18-1 spent the evening out at the Public Safety Academy, celebrating the end of their 22-week Academy stretch. The Firefighter Recruits performed various tasks and displayed the new skills they've learned and will use in joining TFD as new firefighters. Way to go 18-1. We're excited for you to join the TFD Fire Family! #tucsonfiredepartment #staysafetucson #firefamily

danielgarcia199 I really want to get into Firefighting when can I go to a training academy to get in it!! What can I do?

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swan.dentalaz congratulations class 18-1! Godspeed 🇺🇸

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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 18h

Congratulations to TFD Recruit Class 18-1 on their graduation to the [#firefighter](#) rank today. These 28 now Probationary FFs will head to their new shift & station assignments over the next few days. Welcome to the [#TFD](#) [#FireFamily](#)! [#StaySafeTucson](#)



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Cody Hill, Staff Voted Award of Excellence  
Captain James Heal & Cody Hill

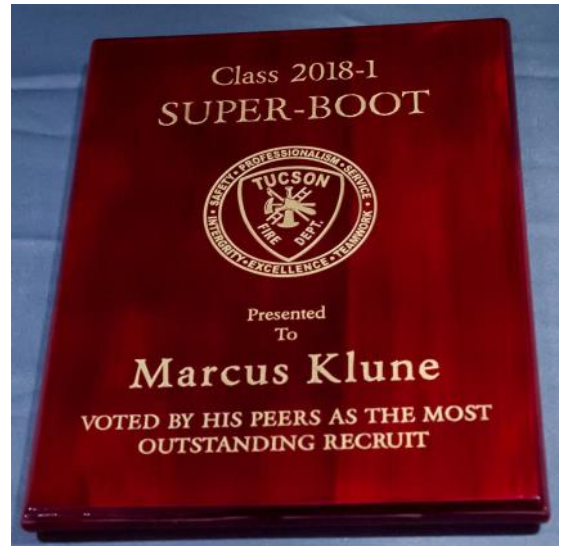


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Marcus Klune, "Super-Boot" — Outstanding Recruit

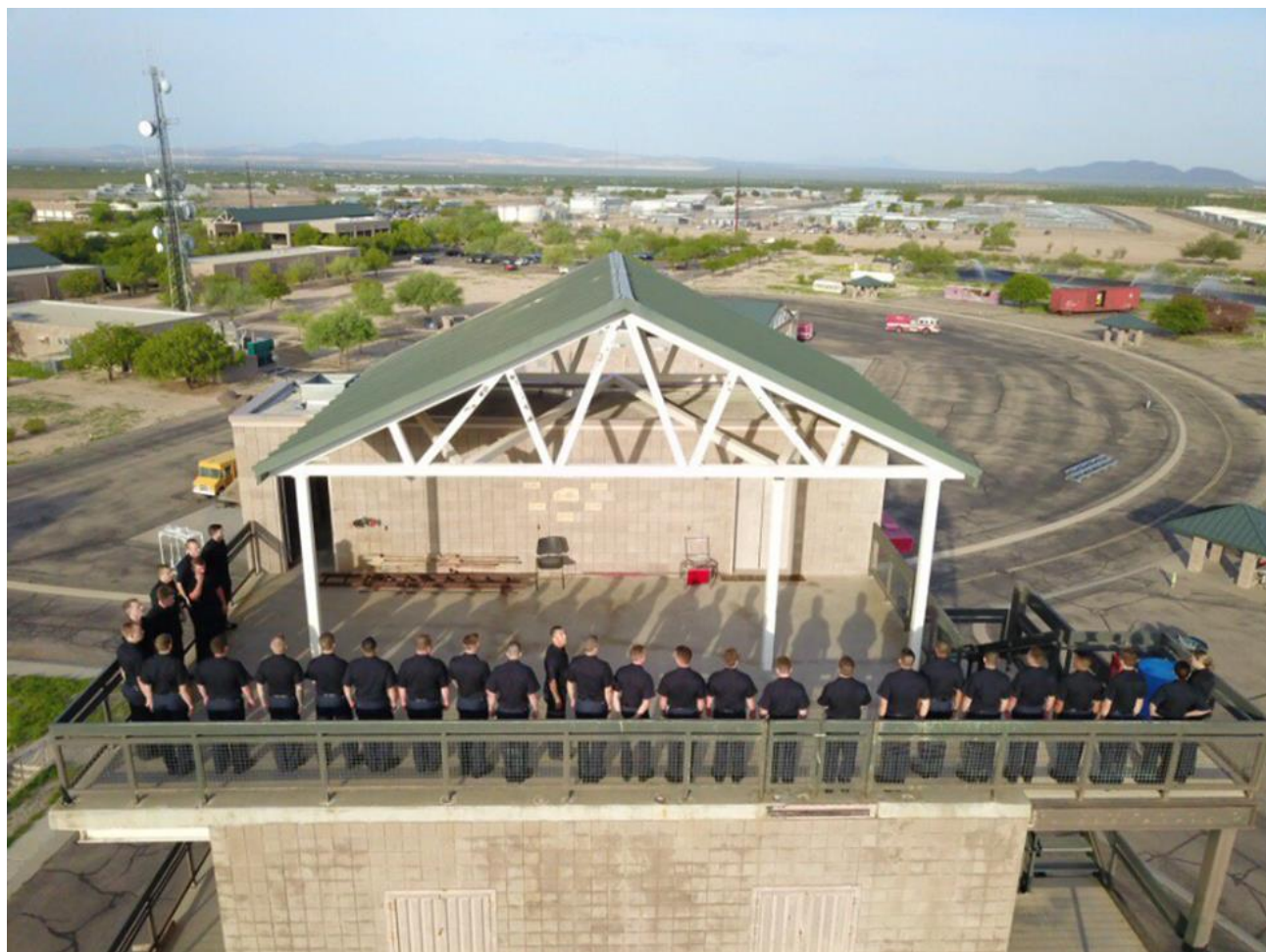
Chief Joe Gulotta & Marcus Klune





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January 19, 2019, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## No damages for man wrongly jailed in Pioneer fire

By Andrew Howard

CRONKITE NEWS

A Tucson man who spent 42 years in prison on 28 arson-related murder counts that were later vacated cannot now collect damages for the years he spent behind bars, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

A divided three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it took 'no pleasure in reaching this unfortunate result,' but said the deal that allowed Louis Taylor to go free after decades in jail also prevents him from winning damages from Pima County.

In a sharp dissent, Judge Mary Schroeder said the court's ruling 'magnifies an already tragic injustice' against Taylor, who was 16 at the time of the fatal fire at Tucson's Pioneer Hotel.

'He was convicted on the basis of little more than (his) proximity and trial evidence that 'black boys' like to set fires,' Schroeder wrote of the case against Taylor, who is black.

Timothy Stackhouse, one of Taylor's lawyers, declined Thursday to comment on the ruling. Nancy Davis of the Pima County Attorney's Office said the office would not comment on the case because it could go back to district court.

Taylor was 16 in 1970 when a fire broke out at the Pioneer Hotel, ultimately killing 29 people. Investigators said the fire was arson, and Taylor was arrested for setting it, then convicted in 1972 of 28 counts of murder in the blaze and sentenced to 28 consecutive life sentences.

But in 2012, Taylor and others working on his behalf presented new evidence that they said showed the fire was not set. The government disputed the new claim, according to the court, but offered Taylor a deal: It would vacate his

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Louis Taylor was released in 2013 after more than 40 years in prison. A deal with the government vacated his convictions.

BENJIE SANDERS / ARIZONA DAILY STAR 2013/

## PIONEER

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convictions and reduce his sentence to time served if he pleaded no-contest to the murder charges.

After his release, Taylor sued the county and the city of Tucson, claiming his rights to due process and a fair trial were violated in the original prosecution, including racial bias and withholding evidence, according to Schroeder.

A district judge rejected the county's claim that it was immune from the suit, but said Taylor could not recover damages for wrongful imprisonment.

The appeals court agreed. Judge Susan Graber wrote for the majority that under Supreme Court rulings, a plaintiff 'may not seek a judgment that would imply the invalidity of a state-court conviction,' and while his original convictions were vacated, the no-contest plea is in essence a valid conviction on the same charges.

Schroeder said in her dissent that Taylor took the quickest route to getting out of jail instead of pressing for a new trial that could have taken years. She said the deal, offered to an inmate already in his 60s, was coercive.

'We should not tolerate such coercive tactics to deprive persons of a remedy for violations of their constitutional rights,' she wrote.

'To say such a plea justifies the loss of 42 years, as the majority asserts, is to deny the reality of this situation and perpetuate an abuse of power.'



Three Tucson firefighters use a ladder to rescue survivors from the 1970 Pioneer Hotel fire that killed 29 people.

JACK W. SHEAFFER / ARIZONA DAILY STAR 1970



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## Fallen Firefighters Memorials Ceremony

A special thank you to the following supporters for helping make our Memorial Ceremony possible:

Tucson Firefighters Local Union 479

Judy Huch  
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Brittany Mazur  
Bud Wray

THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE FIRE FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



## TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

January 19, 2019

10 a.m.

### PROGRAM



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January 19, 2019

10 a.m.

### PROGRAM

Welcome — Assistant Chief Laura Baker  
TFD Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums Procession  
The Star Spangled Banner — Brittany Mazur  
Invocation — TFD Chaplin Scott McKinney  
Bell Ceremony — Firefighter Mario Carrasco  
President, Tucson Fire Fighters L479, Josh Campbell  
Interim Fire Chief Joe Gulotta  
Keynote Speaker —  
Dr. Andrew Tang, Trauma Medical Director of Banner University Medical Center  
Reading of the Names — Assistant Chief Mike Garcia  
Special Song — Brittany Mazur  
Flag Folding Ceremony  
Laying of the Wreath and Flag  
"Amazing Grace" — Pipes and Drums  
Closing — Assistant Chief Laura Baker

REFRESHMENTS SERVED INSIDE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

### LAST CALL

#### Tucson Fire Department — In the Line of Duty

Fire Chief William "Jack" Boleyn	June 1, 1881—November 18, 1910
Assistant Chief William Katzenstein	November 1, 1899—July 26, 1902
Hoseman Fred L. Van Camp	June 9, 1938—July 8, 1946
Firefighter Edward H. Bell	October 26, 1959—December 7, 1979
Firefighter Samuel M. McAnally	October 27, 1969—July 14, 1987
Investigator Tom Quesnel	September 18, 1988—March 14, 2014

#### Tucson Fire Department — Active

Captain Glenn Fleck	November 18, 1996—August 1, 2018
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#### Tucson Fire Department — Retired

Captain John Brethour	October 26, 1959—October 31, 1979
Captain John Conahay	February 20, 1973—December 29, 2006
Engineer Lawrence Duffy	April 5, 1957—August 31, 1980
Firefighter William Fisher	December 1, 1959—October 7, 1967
Firefighter Jack Gleason	December 1, 1959—December 21, 1969
Inspector Effrim Griffin	June 28, 1982—September 23, 2010
Engineer John Harrison	July 22, 1985—May 29, 2011
Battalion Chief William Kaveloh	April 6, 1959—January 1, 1980
Firefighter Martin Kneuer	June 28, 1982—November 30, 2002
Captain Jeff Leach	December 3, 1979—July 29, 2010
Captain Ruben Morales	August 16, 1950—January 31, 1973
Captain Gus Moreno	May 27, 1968—January 31, 1999
Firefighter Charles Rogers	April 6, 1959—August 28, 1984
Engineer George Steadman	April 6, 1959—April 30, 1989
Firefighter Kenneth Van Zandt	October 5, 1959—February 29, 1980

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## Fallen Firefighters Memorials Ceremony



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 19h

Today we remembered, paused for & celebrated those in our Tucson Fire Family we've lost in the line of duty, on active duty & those who have passed after retiring. Our hearts & our love go with you.





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Before the event



Before the event



Before the event



TFD Honor Guard



Assistant Chief Laura Baker



TFD Honor Guard



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**Raising the Flag**



**The Star Spangled Banner—Brittany Mazur**



**Invocation — TFD Captain Scott McKinney**



**Bell Ceremony — Firefighter Mario Carrasco**



**President, Tucson Firefighters L479—Josh Campbell**



**Interim Fire Chief Joe Gullotta**



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**Dr. Andrew Tang—Keynote Speaker**



**Reading of the Names—Assistant Chief Mike Garcia**



**Special Song — Brittany Mazur**



**Flag Folding Ceremony**



**Flag Folding Ceremony**



**The Bell**

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The Flag



The Wreath



The Cake



TFD Central Station



Afterword



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January 21, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/fire-breaks-out-in-abandoned-building-for-second-time-in/article\\_99c7b780-1d86-11e9-b8b2-1360632c16b1.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/fire-breaks-out-in-abandoned-building-for-second-time-in/article_99c7b780-1d86-11e9-b8b2-1360632c16b1.html)

# Fire breaks out in abandoned building for second time in a week

Danyelle Khmara Arizona Daily Star Jan 21, 2019 Updated 1 hr ago



Tucson Fire Department

A fire broke out on Tucson's southeast side early Monday morning in the same building where [a man died in a fire](#) last Wednesday, fire officials say.

As with the Jan. 16 fire, firefighters were notified of the fire by a resident at a nearby apartment building, who saw flames and smoke coming from the abandoned building near [East 29th Street and Swan Road](#) at about 1 a.m., according to a Tucson Fire press release.

The release says firefighters saw flames coming off the roof upon arrival and contained the fire within seven minutes.

No victims were located, and no firefighters were injured.

The man who died in last week's fire appeared to be sleeping in the abandoned building when the fire started. Police have identified the man, but are not yet releasing his identity to the public.

Police and fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the fire. There is no more information at this time.



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 1/22/2019  
TDD: 791-2639



### LATE AFTERNOON APARTMENT FIRE IN CENTRAL TUCSON APARTMENT KILLS TWO DOGS

DISPATCH TIME – 4:24 P.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 4:28 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 4:36 P.M.

Tucson Fire units responded to reports of smoke from a house near Speedway and Campbell this afternoon just before 4:30 PM. Engine 5 reported smoke in the area en-route and once on-scene began investigating around the house structure located in the 2100 block of East Helen Street. Smoke was visible coming from the east side of the structure and crews began forcing entry. The structure was divided up into three separate apartment units. The front unit was found to be empty and the resident in the rear unit was safely evacuated, with the middle unit found to have the working fire in the kitchen. Additional TFD units arriving on-scene secured the utilities and made water supply lines. The interior crews found that resident(s) was(were) not home, however three dogs were at the apartment. Unfortunately, two of them were found dead while another was safely rescued and taken outside to the fresh air. The fire was under control within eight minutes of arriving on-scene. It was found to be limited to the middle apartment and did not extend further into the structure. Fire Investigators were on-scene and Building Safety/Code Enforcement was en-route. Efforts were underway to make contact with the resident(s) as no one was home and neighbors on either side of the property did not have the contact info or were not home. Twenty-one firefighters responded to the scene and there were no injuries reported. Pima Animal Care also responded to the scene to help with the one surviving dog while also taking the two that did not. Cause/origin of the fire are under investigation.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined





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January 21, 2019, <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/01/23/dogs-dead-after-apartment-fire-midtown/>

## 2 dogs dead after apartment fire in midtown



Midtown apartment fire where 2 dogs were killed. (Source: Tucson Fire Department)

By [Tucson News Now](#) | January 22, 2019 at 9:25 PM MST - Updated January 22 at 9:25 PM

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 13) - Sadly two dogs have died after a late afternoon fire in a midtown apartment.

The Tucson Fire Department responded to reports of smoke from a residence in the 2100 block of East Helen Street, near Speedway and Campbell, shortly before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Crews arrived at the scene and reported smoke coming from the side of the structure.

According to TFD the structure was split into three different apartment units, with the fire coming from the kitchen of the middle unit. Firefighters were able to get the fire under control within eight minutes of arriving at the scene.

There were no residents at home in the middle unit at the time of the fire, though there was someone home in the back unit that was able to get out without any problems.

While there were no human injuries reported, according to TFD there were three dogs inside the middle unit. Crews found two dogs dead, but were able to save a third by taking it outside to the fresh air.

Pima Animal Care Center responded to the scene to help with the one surviving dog while also taking the two that did not.

The cause and origin of the fire are under investigation.



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It is with deep sadness that I pass along the untimely passing of retired Engineer Jack Herron on 1/22/19. As information becomes available regarding service or funeral details I will pass them along.

A learning organization—facilitates learning to its members, transforms itself continuously, and presents favorable organizational learning conditions

Battalion Chief Dan Burke  
Battalion 4 "B" Shift  
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## OBITUARY

# *Jack Chandler Herron*

APRIL 18, 1944 – JANUARY 21, 2019

*Jack Chandler Herron was born on April 18, 1944 in Salinas, California and passed away on January 21, 2019.*



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### MORNING HOUSE FIRE ON TUCSON EASTSIDE

DISPATCH TIME – 8:58 A.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 9:02 A.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 9:09 A.M.

Reports of smoke in the area of Sarnoff and Escalante turned into a full alarm dispatch when another call came in to 9-1-1 from a caller in front of a home with smoke coming from it in the 3700 block of South Sarnoff, near Escalante and Camino Seco. Units arrived on-scene just after 9:00 A.M. Engine 13 was first in, described smoke coming from the attic, and began setting up to investigate and work on fire attack. Additional arriving units secured the utilities to the home and made additional hydrants for water supply. The interior crew found and extinguished the fire inside the home, however crews outside were still reporting dark smoke coming through the attic vents. The crew from Ladder 9 headed to the roof to create some inspection holes, seeing if any fire had worked its way into the attic space. A handful of inspection holes yielded no fire extension to the attic but the Ladder crew did take the attic vent off the north side of the home to help with smoke ventilation. The fire was called under control seven minutes after crews arrived on-scene. Twelve Tucson Fire units responded with twenty-five firefighters on scene. Two persons and two dogs inside the home evacuated safely and were not in need of services from the American Red Cross. Fire Cause Investigators and Tucson Police responded to the scene. Cause and origin of the fire are suspicious and under investigation.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined



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January 24, 2019, [ps://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/two-people-two-dogs-escape-southside-house-fire](https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/two-people-two-dogs-escape-southside-house-fire)

# Two people two dogs escape southside house fire

**Posted:** 1:01 PM, Jan 24, 2019 **Updated:** 1 hour ago



Tucson Fire crews put out a southside house fire Thursday morning. Two people and two dogs escaped the blaze.

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TUCSON, Ariz. - Tucson Fire crews put out a southside house fire Thursday morning. Two people and two dogs escaped the blaze.

Twelve units with 25 firefighters responded to the 3700 block of South Sarnoff -- near Escalante and Camino Seco -- around 9 a.m. They had the blaze under control within seven minutes.

Tucson Fire says the cause of the fire is suspicious and is under investigation.



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January 24, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 15h

Catch Fire on Ice at the @RoadrunnersAHL game Sat Feb 2nd when they celebrate First Responders Night! Pregame "Lights and Sirens" event starts at 5:00 PM & check out #TFD & #TPD on the ice scrimmaging during the first intermission! 🚒🚒🚒 @TFD\_Charity



January 25, 2019, TFD—



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### AFTERNOON TRAILER HOME FIRE IN CENTRAL TUCSON SENDS ONE TO THE HOSPITAL

DISPATCH TIME – 2:02 P.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 2:05 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 2:17 P.M.

Smoke and flames were reported to be coming from a trailer in the 200 block of West Delano Street this afternoon just after 2:00 PM and multiple calls to 9-1-1 were placed. Responding Tucson Fire crews confirmed smoke in the area and when arriving on-scene of the park, reported one unit was fully involved. The unit was not occupied by the time fire crews arrived, with neighbors and those on-scene prior to fire crews reporting that two persons had evacuated the trailer and another was helped from it. That individual helped from the trailer, a female, was transported to the hospital as a precaution. Crews performed fire attack from the exterior to start until it was knocked down enough to perform interior attack and a primary search of the trailer structure. Quick knock down of the fire protected nearby trailers or exposures from catching fire themselves. The fire was called under control twelve minutes after firefighters arrived on scene. Fourteen TFD units and twenty-seven firefighters responded. Fire Cause Investigators were on-scene. There were no injuries to any of the responding crews.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined

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 **Natalie Tarangioli** @ntarangioli · 16h

Tucson Fire arson investigator Tom Quesnel died of cancer a few years ago. Since his death, the department has taken steps to lower the high risk of cancer firefighters face.

What they're doing — and how they're tracking their exposure — tonight on @kgun9 at 6.



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January 25, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 8h

TFD working on scene of a structure fire 900 block east 7th.





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January 27, 2019, TFD—



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January 25, 2019, <https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/tucson-fire-reducing-tracking-cancer-exposure>

# Tucson Fire reducing, tracking cancer exposure

Posted: 5:33 PM, Jan 25, 2019 Updated: 6:37 PM, Jan 25, 2019

TUCSON, Ariz. - Firefighters put their lives on the line extinguishing fires, all while increasing their chances of developing cancer. The Tucson Fire Department is working to reduce and track their exposure to cancer-causing elements.

TFD began taking a deep dive into understanding and tracking cancer risks when they lost one of their own five years ago. Tom Quesnel was an arson investigator and with TFD for 25 years.

"His emphasis on his diagnosis with cancer was really important for us to understand what he went through," Darin Wallentine, Deputy Chief of Safety and Wellness said.

Wallentine says TFD has been implementing practices to mitigate the high risk of cancer firefighters face.

"It's all of the stuff that we have in our homes that burns," Wallentine said. "And often times, when we go into a fire, we have no idea what's burning. So we're going into this, what we would call a toxic soup of all of these chemicals, having no idea what we're encountering."

Over the past five years, TFD has implemented keeping air packs on longer at scenes, and washing turnout gear with soap and water after a fire, to lower cancer-causing elements.

Wallentine says research shows washing turnout gear can reduce cancer contaminants up to 80 percent.

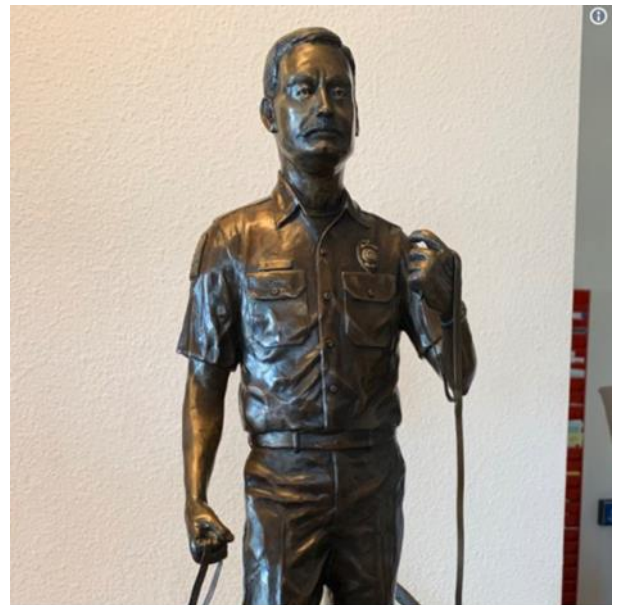
"It's not one big fire [that] is going to potentially result in cancer," Wallentine said. "But it's those small fires over the course of 20 to 25 years, that as they build up over time, puts all of our firefighters at risk for cancer, just by becoming a firefighter."

These practices and policies are then stored in cloud technology, Wallentine says, so firefighters are able to track their exposures from each fire they respond to. After certain fires, blood and urine will be tested and compared to baseline numbers, taken as a recruit or at a yearly physical.

TFD will publish their findings soon, but preliminary data looks promising, Wallentine says. The department has seen some improvements already and cancer exposure has gone down.

"It's important that our firefighters come on, they understand the risks, but now we're trying to give them the tools that they can best protect themselves and prevent those exposures -- whether they're breathing it in, or if they get it on their skin."

Now, TFD is tracking new recruits, to see if there's any changes for them over the next 20 years or so, as they move through their career.



 **Natalie Tarangioli**  
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### TFD RESPONDS TO EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE

DISPATCH TIME – 5:37 A.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 5:42 A.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 5:53 A.M.

Tucson Fire Department units responded to the 2800 block of North Estrella Avenue to reports of heavy smoke and flame coming from a bedroom in a single story home. Upon approach smoke and flames could be seen from the street. Engine 8 crews initiated an aggressive interior attack and had initial knock down within minutes of arriving on scene. It took over 20 firefighters approximately 11 minutes to get the fire under control. Upon arrival all occupants had evacuated from the structure. No injuries to firefighters or civilians were reported on scene. Five people were displaced and are being provided assistance by the Red Cross. Tucson Fire Investigators are investigating the cause of the fire at the time of this release.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Undetermined



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 4m

Smoke & flames could be seen coming from a bedroom in a single story home near Glenn/Stone early this AM around 5:30. TFD crews responded, including units from Stations 1, 4, 5, & 8, and... [instagram.com/p/BtMDrGtjxDY/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/BtMDrGtjxDY/)



January 31, 2019, TFD—

## CHASE ENDS WITH A BUMP

Pima County sheriff's investigators examine a car that crashed near South Nogales Highway and East Olive Street after a pursuit on Tucson's south side. A man suspected of armed robbery was in custody after the 15-minute chase Wednesday.



PHOTOS BY RON MEDVESCEK / ARIZONA DAILY STAR



A man is moved to a Tucson Fire Department ambulance after crashing a car in an alley. He had been pursued by Tucson police and Pima County sheriff's deputies.



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January 31, 2019, <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/01/31/fire-sparks-vacant-property-third-time-this-month/>

## Fire at vacant property near D-M is third this month



An abandoned complex of buildings near Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has been the scene of multiple fires this month. (Source: KOLD News 13)

By [Tucson News Now](#) | January 31, 2019 at 8:26 AM MST - Updated January 31 at 8:37 AM

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 13) - For the third time in 15 days, Tucson firefighters were called to a vacant property near Davis-Monthan Air Force Base because of a fire in one of the abandoned buildings there on Thursday, Jan. 31.

According to a Tucson Fire Department representative, the fire happened near 29th Street and Swan Road just before 8 a.m. It is not known yet how the fire started.

The former DES property in the 4700 block of E. 29th Street contains vacant boarded-up buildings.

The property has been the scene of three recent fires, one fatal, and TFD has been called out to the property five times in the past two and a half months.

Most recently, crews responded to a fire there early on Jan. 21.

Six days before that, one person died in a fire there on Jan. 16.

No injuries were reported in Thursday's fire.

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January 31, 2019, [tps://tucson.com/news/local/third-fire-breaks-out-in-abandoned-building-in-tucson/article\\_239d494c-2571-11e9-9046-1f9a690831c8.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/third-fire-breaks-out-in-abandoned-building-in-tucson/article_239d494c-2571-11e9-9046-1f9a690831c8.html)

## Third fire breaks out in abandoned building in Tucson



Danyelle Khmara Arizona Daily Star Jan 31, 2019 Updated 15 hrs ago



The Jan. 21 fire was the second fire that week in the same abandoned building. Larfayette Cotton, 66, died from injuries he suffered in the Jan. 16 fire when he appeared to be sleeping in the building.

Tucson Fire Department

The third fire in 15 days broke out in an abandoned building on Tucson's south side, officials say.

Tucson Fire Department crews responded at 7:52 a.m. to the building near [East 29th Street and Swan Road](#) Thursday morning after reports of a fire. Crews had the blaze contained in four minutes, according to Jessica Nolte, a Tucson Fire Department spokesperson.

The contents inside the building caught fire rather than the structure itself, Nolte said.

No one was inside the building and no injuries were reported.

However the [first fire](#), on Jan 16, resulted in the death of 66-year-old Larfayette Cotton, who appeared to be sleeping in the abandoned building, according to the Tucson Police Department.

The investigation into the causes of the Jan. 16 fire is ongoing, but little information is available. There are plenty of transients coming and going out of the building, according to Ray Smith, a Tucson Police Department spokesperson.

No one was injured in the [second fire](#), on Jan. 21, as no one was inside the building.

The building used to be a Department of Economic Security building, but has been abandoned for some time.





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### **EAST SIDE HOUSE DAMAGED BY EARLY MORNING FIRE MULTIPLE CALLS MADE TO 911 REPORTING THE FIRE**

Dispatch Time – 6:23 A.M.  
On-Scene Time – 6:29 A.M.  
Under Control – 7:12 A.M.

Tucson Fire responded to a house fire in the 800 block of North Fleetwood Lane Friday morning, with the fire severely damaging the attic of the home. Multiple calls were made to 911 reporting smoke and flames coming from the home, including a call from the neighbor. Fire crews arrived and confirmed heavy smoke and flames from the roof. They pulled hose lines to begin extinguishing the flames and searching the home. Firefighters reported heavy fire in a bedroom while searching but were pulled out of the house by the safety officer on scene. The AC unit appeared to be collapsing through the roof due to heavy fire conditions in the attic and it was no longer safe to be inside. Firefighters transitioned to a defensive fire attack, extinguishing the fire from the exterior. A Ladder Truck on scene was put up and sprayed water into the attic from above. A second alarm was dispatched for additional resources but most crews were cancelled before they got on scene once the fire was controlled. The initial alarm consisted of nine units and twenty-three firefighters. The fire was called under control approximately 40 minutes after the first unit arrived. There were no reports of injuries to firefighters. Red Cross was not initially needed as officials were still determining the living situation of the home. Fire investigators were on scene and working to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

Origin – Under investigation  
Cause – Under investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined



February 2, 2019, TFD—

#### An update on the status of Tucson Delivers Rebuilds and Remodels.

Fire Station 11: The remodel of Fire Station 11 is actively underway. A design consultant and general contractor are on board and working to develop the design of this fire station to address both remodel and rehab scope as a result of the kitchen fire. We will be sending out an update shortly regarding the expected timeline for this project.

Fire Station 7, 14, and 18 remodel: This work will be bundled together under a single solicitation for a design consultant and construction manager using the construction manager at risk project delivery method. Assessments of all three of these locations has been conducted with key stakeholders including building occupants, Facilities and Communications Maintenance and Information Technology to identify building and system related issues that should be evaluated and potentially addressed as part of the remodel scope. This information has been compiled and will help to inform the scope of each project and the design when a consultant is brought on board. We will be sending out an update shortly regarding the expected timeline for these projects. Planning for continuity of operations while these and other stations are being rebuilt or remodeled is currently underway.

Fire Station 9: The solicitation for a design consultant will be published in February. This will be followed up soon after with the solicitation for a construction manager.

It may seem that not much has occurred up to this date; however a lot of behind the scenes work goes into these station rebuilds that is not always visible to all. I'd like to outline the work that has occurred on this first station rebuild as the steps involved will be similar for all rebuilds.

The first step in planning these rebuilds is a determination whether the station can be built in another location or it should be built on the existing site. Building in a new location is the more ideal scenario, as it is easier in terms of planning for the continued operation of fire crews during construction. There are many challenges associated with finding temporary housing to accommodate a unique 24 hour operation with large apparatus. If the station can be built at another location, response crews can stay in the existing fire station while the new building is constructed. However, the work of assessing alternate locations takes time and analysis.

In the case of Fire Station 9, it was determined, based on a review of available parcels and call load statistics, that the most viable option was to build on the current parcel. After that decision was made, we moved quickly to acquire the adjacent parcel that could provide additional adjacent lot space and temporary housing. There are a few more steps involved with the City purchasing property than an individual private citizen; however, the purchase was approved by M&C in May 2018 and finalized in June 2018.

During this time, the program team was meeting with Fire Station 9 representatives to develop project goals, design goals, and an initial programming draft. Programming is the process of collecting the end users building use requirements to determine design elements, space requirements, and critical adjacencies. This information helps inform the solicitation for the design consultant and ultimately the



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building design. Unfortunately, shortly after we completed this process the Program (and the City) lost the employee that had the expertise specific to these types of projects.

In an effort to not delay the design consultant solicitation while we recruited to fill the position vacancy, we reached out to the County to see if we could utilize the expertise of their architecture and design team. The County agreed to help and assigned a staff architect to develop an initial draft of the design solicitation. The City has not hired a design consultant for a new fire station in over a decade, so it is critical we take the time to review the solicitation information, criteria, and resulting process closely. It is this document that helps ensure we target and hire the most qualified firm. These documents also become part of the contracts that help us manage our contractors and their work. For these reasons, the development of this solicitation took time, but it will create a template we can use as we move forward with the remaining Tucson Delivers Projects. This solicitation is now in the final stages of review and is being moved forward by the Program's new Project Manager and the Business Services Procurement Team. So, while there have been some hiccups, the team has worked hard to keep making progress on this initial project and while also managing all other Tucson Delivers related projects and acquisitions.

Once we have gone through the solicitation process and awarded a contract to a design consultant, here is what we can expect in terms of a general timeline, both for the Fire Station 9 project and other programmed rebuild projects:

- Programming: 1 Month
- Design: 10-12 Months (shall include a concept/schematic design, design development, and construction development phase allowing 2-3 weeks for internal review of plans at each stage)
- Bidding and Permitting: 3 Months
- Phased Construction: 14-16 Months

We have been asked if we can expedite the above schedule. This is a valid question, but it is important to understand that expediting any schedule comes with tradeoffs and risks. Some of those being increased cost and rushed reviews with the potential of things being overlooked or missed that could translate to change orders and added costs during construction. Fire Stations are complex buildings and, as such, we need to allow the design process the time it requires. Our design consultants have no incentive to draw the work out longer than necessary. They are paid a negotiated fixed fee based on the scope of work. They will be working with us and alongside our contracted construction manager to deliver a project within our budget that meets our defined operational needs. This work takes time, but in the end it is essential to better ensuring we have an end product that our City and the community can be proud of.

The extensive work we have done already on Fire Station 9 will provide a template and process for our future rebuilds so that we can gain momentum in delivering these projects to our Firefighters and our Community!

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February 4, 2019, TFD—



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### EXTERIOR FIRE AT NORTHWEST STRIP MALL

DISPATCH TIME – 7:22 A.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 7:28 A.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 7:38 A.M.

Tucson Fire crews responded to the 3300 block of North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for multiple reports of a fire at a strip mall. As the first engine company arrived, they identified an exterior fire in front of a business that was quickly extinguished. They followed that up by accessing the business to check for fire extension into the interior. No extension was found and smoke was cleared from the structure using positive pressure fans. Nobody was displaced or injured as a result of the fire.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Undetermined





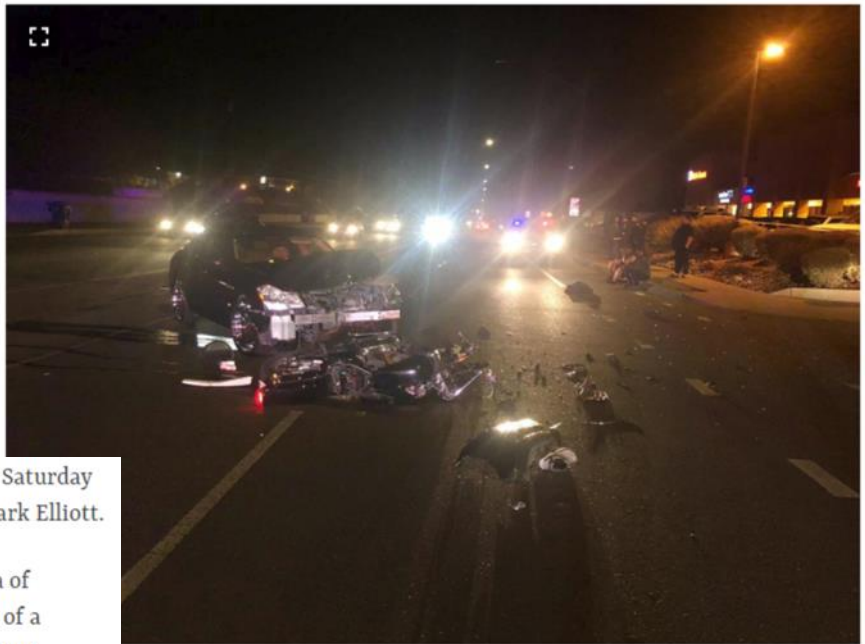
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February 4, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/motorcyclist-died-saturday-night-from-injuries-in-two-vehicle-crash/article\\_309f1a08-2792-11e9-9117-a72d37899a7a.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/motorcyclist-died-saturday-night-from-injuries-in-two-vehicle-crash/article_309f1a08-2792-11e9-9117-a72d37899a7a.html)

## Tucson police identify motorcyclist killed in Saturday crash



Arizona Daily Star Feb 5, 2019 Updated Feb 5, 2019



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Police have identified the motorcyclist killed in a Saturday night crash in midtown Tucson as 60-year-old Mark Elliott.

Just after 8:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Alvernon Way near East Grant Road after reports of a collision, according to the Tucson Police Department.

According to witnesses, Elliott was traveling westbound on Grant, then made a right turn onto Alvernon. As he traveled north, he moved into the median lane.

At the same time, a southbound passenger car was making a left turn across Alvernon at a break in the median. The motorcycle and passenger car collided head-on, causing Elliott to be thrown from his motorcycle. Police say Elliott was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Witnesses at the scene were performing CPR when Tucson Fire Department units arrived, according to Sgt. Pete Dugan, a spokesman with the Tucson Police Department. The man was transported to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

The driver of the passenger car remained at the scene and it was determined he was not impaired. Speed does not seem to be a factor in the collision. No arrests have been made or citations issued.

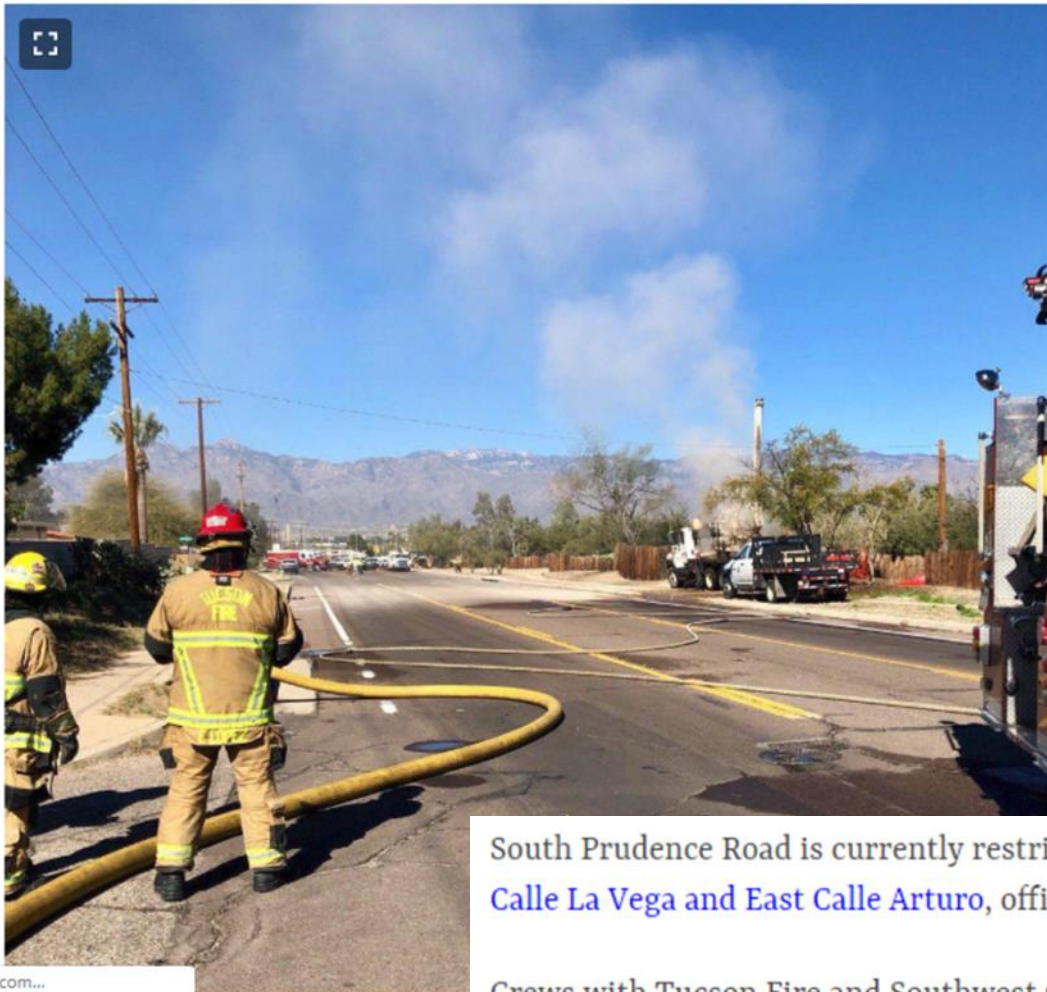
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February 8, 2019, TFD—

# Gas line repairs close portion of Prudence Road in Tucson



By Gloria Knott Arizona Daily Star Feb 8, 2019 Updated 14 hrs ago



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South Prudence Road is currently restricted between [East Calle La Vega](#) and [East Calle Arturo](#), officials say.

Crews with Tucson Fire and Southwest Gas are currently working to repair a struck gas line, [officials said on Twitter](#). Tucson police are also on scene.

Officials responded to the scene shortly after 1:30 p.m. Friday. Prudence was originally closed between East 22nd Street and East Broadway for about an hour and a half. The break was secured shortly after 3 p.m.

It's unknown when the area will reopen. Drivers should avoid the area.



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Tucson Fire Department @TucsonFirePIO

Gas line break scene on Prudence. #StaySafeTucson



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**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 15h

This past wknd [#PublicSafetyPartners](#) & the [@GirlScoutsSoAZ](#) hosted [#CatchingFury](#), a 1-day camp giving girls a taste of careers in [#PublicSafety](#). [#CampFury](#), the longer 5-day adventure/immersion camp will be hosted at the Tucson Public Safety Academy in late May 2019. [#WeAreFury](#)



February 13, 2019, TFD—



**City of Tucson** @cityoftucson · 20h


[#TucsonDelivers](#) celebrates 4 new Paramedic Ambulance Units going into service. Thank you Tucson voters. We will continue to keep our Prop 101 commitments! [@TucsonFirePIO](#) – at Fire Station 9







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 **Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 19h

#TucsonDelivers  
@cityoftucson  
#StaySafeTucson  
#ThankYouTucson!



 **Denelle Confair** @DenelleKVOA

Tucson Fire Station 9 is getting a make over along with new paramedic vehicles. It's part of the Tucson Delivers Safer City initiative. We're live at 12 on @KVOA with more details. @TucsonFirePIO

 **Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 18h

The #TucsonDelivers program hosted a community update event today at Station 9, featuring one of four new paramedic units going into service soon and giving tours of Station 9,... [instagram.com/p/Bt1iAnzDn0W/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bt1iAnzDn0W/)

 **Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 17h

Join the Heart Health Movement! ❤️ 1 more day until #LoveYourHeartPima! Stop by any Tucson Fire Station from 9 AM to 5 PM tomorrow for free blood pressure screenings. 🚒 Not in Tucson? Find a free blood pressure screening location near you: [webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?p...](http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?p...) #StaySafeTucson



 ¡Aquí! **LOVE YOUR HEART**  Here!

Participate in the Heart Health Movement with a **free blood pressure screening** and a chance to **win a Fitbit Ionic!** Join us here at the following time\*:

#1 300 S. Fire Central Pl.	<b>February 14, 2019</b> <b>Tucson Fire Department</b> (All Stations) <b>9:00 AM to 5:00 PM</b>	#12 250 S. Harrison Rd.
#3 24 N. Norris Ave.		#13 7975 E. Stella Rd.
#4 2102 N. Dragoon Ave.		#14 5757 S. Liberty Ave.
#5 2835 E. Grant Rd.		#15 2002 S. Mission Rd.
#6 10251 S. Wilmot Rd.		#16 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.
#7 4902 E. Pima St.		#17 5270 S. Houghton Rd.
#8 250 W. King Rd.		#18 1855 W. Drexel Rd.
#9 6275 E. Eastland St.		#19 9700 E. Esmond Loop
#10 801 E. Ajo Way		#20 4798 N. 1st Ave.
#11 4075 E. Timrod St.		#21 8620 E. Tanque Verde Rd.
		#22 6810 S. Alvernon Way

\*Due to the unpredictability of 911 emergencies, we can't guarantee staff will be available during these times to assist with your blood pressure screening. If this occurs, please come back at a later time or visit the website below to find other participating locations throughout Pima County.

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February 13, 2019, *Tucson Delivers:*



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tucsonfiredepartment The #TucsonDelivers program hosted a community update event today at Station 9, featuring one of four new paramedic units going into service soon and giving tours of Station 9, which is planned to be rebuilt. The new Medic units are slated to go into service at Stations 7, 9, 12, and 13 later this Spring. Many thanks again to our Tucson citizens for their support of Tucson Delivers and public safety and transportation here in Tucson! #tucsonfiredepartment #staysafetucson #paramedic #ems

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satnin71 That's awesome all of these stations are getting new rugs! 7,9,13 run nonstop 🙌



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February 14, 2019, [https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=837c2df914a7901349bb30517323ca31&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190214&licenseType=paid\\_subscriber&](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=837c2df914a7901349bb30517323ca31&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190214&licenseType=paid_subscriber&)

## Upgrades at Fire Station 9 among first fruits of '17 tax

By Danyelle Khmara

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Fire Station 9 crew members lovingly dubbed the busy battalion headquarters the 'house of pain.' As Tucson grew around the station, near South Wilmot Road and 22nd Street, the crew's size and workload also grew.

But the station, housed at 6275 E. Eastland St. since 1966, has primarily stayed the same- until now.

Fire Station 9 is the first of five Tucson Fire Department stations getting a complete rebuild thanks to a 2017 voter-approved, half-cent sales tax dubbed the Tucson Delivers program.

The station is also receiving the first of four new paramedic ambulance units, which is getting ready to roll onto Tucson streets within the next few weeks. These units are equipped with the latest technology, including enhanced safety features and lower emissions.

The rebuild, which should begin in 2020, will increase the fire station's footprint and include new apparatus bays, expanded living quarters and kitchen area, and an upgraded workout space.

In addition, nine other fire stations will get a remodel, and four new firetrucks will be on the road by May, says the program's manager, Amber Kerwin. These are some of the big-ticket items, and a similar list of upgrades big and small are in store for the Tucson police force in the next few years.

During an unveiling ceremony for the Fire Station 9's new paramedic unit Wednesday morning, an older emergency vehicle took a moment to fire up, as if reminding onlookers of the timeliness of the Tucson Delivers program. As people crowded in to better inspect the new paramedic unit, crew members worked on attaching the new 'house of pain' decal.

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild said that thanks to Tucson voters, the city continues to progress in funding critical public safety needs.

'It really was our citizens that are the reason why we're having this new equipment, why we're having this new technology,' he said. 'We'll really be able to use our community tax dollars to literally save lives.'



Capt. Tony Pierotti, left, and interim Fire Chief Joe Gulotta show Councilwoman Regina Romero a hydraulic gurney on a new paramedic ambulance at Tucson Fire Station 9. Other fire stations will be getting improvements or complete rebuilds.

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Living quarters and a kitchen area will be expanded at midtown Station 9. The renovations should begin in 2020. In addition, four new firetrucks will be on the road by May.

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**The Old and The New**  
Tucson's oldest fire station, at S. Wilmot Road and E. Eastland St., is the home of a half dozen fire engines and two trucks, one of them (left) a 1966 Chevrolet. The new paramedic unit, a new EMT pump, and a new fire engine are at the top of the page for Station 9.

The Tucson Citizen was on hand when Station 9 opened in 1966. At the time, it had two equipment bays and a staff of six.

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Tucson Fire Station 9, 6275 E. Eastland Street, on Feb. 13, 2019.

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"House of Pain," the decal for fire units at Tucson Fire Station 9, 6275 E. Eastland Street, on Feb. 13, 2019.

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Tucson Fire Interim Chief Joe Gulotta at Tucson Fire Station 9, 6275 E. Eastland Street, on Feb. 13, 2019.

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February 14, 2019, TFD—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 2/14/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### TFD RESPONDS TO MUTUAL AID APARTMENT FIRE IN SOUTH TUCSON

DISPATCH TIME – 1:05 P.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 1:10 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 1:25 P.M.

Tucson Fire crews responded to the 400 block of East 28<sup>th</sup> Street aiding the South Tucson Fire Department just after 1 P.M. South Tucson Fire was originally dispatched for a general fire alarm and enroute reported the heavy smoke coming from the complex. An additional 9-1-1 caller reported black smoke and flames from an apartment unit on the first floor. Crews reported the first floor unit was fully involved. South Tucson Fire performed an exterior reset and fire attack from the courtyard of the complex. The fire was called out on the first floor but crews continued to determine if the fire had extended further into the apartment building structure or was active in the apartments directly above the fully involved unit. Additional Tucson Fire units worked on clearing the second and third floors, performing searches for anyone in need of rescue or further fire extension. Fire was called under control at 1:25 P.M. One South Tucson Fire, one AMR ambulance and nineteen Tucson Fire units responded to the scene. A contact at the property was able to confirm the fully involved unit was vacant and a primary search came back clear. However, units above and to the side of the involved apartment were impacted and those residents were referred to the Red Cross. Last count of impacted residents was at six before Tucson Fire crews cleared the scene. No injuries were reported by any civilians or responding fire crews. Cause and origin are under investigation.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be Determined



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## Power of teamwork



The Tucson and South Tucson fire departments responded to a blaze in a three-story apartment building at 420 E. 28th St. on Thursday. Apartments on all three floors were damaged, but nobody was reported injured, said Tucson Fire Department spokeswoman Jessica Nolte.

Up to six apartments were made uninhabitable by either water, smoke or fire damage, and the people living in them were referred to the Red Cross. The cause of the fire wasn't immediately known.

MIKE CHRISTY / ARIZONA DAILY STAR



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 18h

#TFD units responded in aid to a fully involved apartment fire in South Tucson near 3rd Ave/29th St around 1 PM. No injuries reported so far. Cause/origin are under investigation. #StaySafeTucson #MutualAid





2019

February 15, 2019, *TFD*—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Date:** 02/15/2019  
**TDD:** 791-2639

### **TUCSON FIRE/NW FIRE RESCUE ONE FROM STRANDED CAR STRANDED MOTORIST CALLED 911 FROM CAR**

Firefighters from Tucson Fire and Northwest Fire responded to the area of River and Camino De La Tierra just before 5:00 am, rescuing the stranded motorist just before the vehicle was swept further downstream. A single call was made to 911 by the person in the car, stating he was stuck after water had moved the car. Firefighters arrived to the area and had to branch out up and downstream as poor visibility made it difficult to locate the car. Once located, firefighters from both agencies were able to lower a ground ladder down the bank of the wash and to the car, securing it with ropes. They walked down the ladder to the patient and assisted the patient up the ladder and to safety. Minutes later, the car was swept further downstream. The patient was warmed up by paramedics on scene but was otherwise uninjured and didn't require further medical attention.





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February 16, 2019, *TFD*—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Date:** 02/16/2019  
**TDD:** 791-2639

### **TFD RESPONDS TO REPAIR YARD FIRE ONE PERSON TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL WITH BURNS**

**DISPATCH TIME – 7:33 A.M.**  
**ON-SCENE TIME – 7:37 A.M.**  
**UNDER CONTROL – 7:46 A.M.**

The Tucson Fire Department responded to a fire in a repair yard in the 5200 block of S. Nogales Highway early Saturday morning, sending one patient to the hospital due to burns and smoke inhalation. An initial call was made to 911 reporting a tree on fire. Additional information upgraded the dispatch to a mobile home fire, which sent more resources to the scene. The first Engine company arrived on scene and described the fire as more of a shed but the yard had vehicles and appliances stacked throughout the property. While firefighters were extinguishing the fire, additional firefighters found a patient on scene suffering from smoke inhalation and burns. Paramedics on scene immediately starting assessing the patient and transported the patient in his 40's to the hospital for further medical care. Nine TFD units consisting of 25 firefighters had the fire under control within 9 minutes of arriving on scene. Fire investigators were on scene working to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

**Origin – To be determined**  
**Cause – To be determined**  
**Damages Estimate – To be determined**





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February 20, 2019, TFD—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 2/20/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### EARLY MORNING MOBILE HOME FIRE

DISPATCH TIME – 3:51 A.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 3:55 A.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 4:13 A.M.

A call to 911 was made reporting smoke and flames from a mobile home with a known occupant in the 1000 block of West Prince Rd. The first crew on scene reported a mobile home that was heavily involved with fire and the occupants had already evacuated. They initiated an attack from the exterior with additional units surrounding the home to prevent fire spread to nearby structures. Once the fire was knocked down from the exterior, crews were able to enter the home and perform a search. Crews brought the fire under control in 22 minutes and prevented fire spread to nearby homes. The displaced residents are being assisted by the Red Cross. There were no injuries to residents or firefighters.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Undetermined



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February 20, 2019, TFD—



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Date: 02/20/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### FIRE IN FRONT ROOM OF SOUTHSIDE HOUSE DISPLACES ONE; FIVE GUINEA PIGS RESCUED

DISPATCH TIME – 8:35 AM  
ON-SCENE TIME – 8:39 AM  
UNDER CONTROL – 8:46 AM

A call to 9-1-1 was made by a neighbor a few doors up from a house in the 5500 block of South Santa Cruz this morning, reporting smoke coming from the AC unit on top. First arriving Tucson Fire Engine, Engine 14, made a visual confirmation of smoke coming from the AC unit and their crew began pulling hose for fire attack. Upon making entry to the home, the crew encountered active flames inside. Additional crews in the alarm balance pulled more hose lines and also prepared to perform the primary search of the structure. Fire was called under control seven minutes after crews arrived on-scene. It was deemed a contents fire in a front/living room of the house and after further investigation was found to have not extended into the attic/house structure. Fire damage was primarily focused inside that front room, however smoke damage was noted throughout other rooms. No residents were home however firefighters did find a sawdust-filled tub housing five guinea pigs that they moved to the fresh air outside. The homeowner responded to the scene after being contacted by a neighbor/family member who lived on the street behind the home. He was working to make contact with the resident, an adult female who also was a family member, while Fire Investigators and Building Safety were at the scene. No injuries were reported by responding fire crews. Thirteen Tucson Fire units responded with twenty-five firefighters on scene. Official cause remains under investigation, however Investigators were looking into unattended smoking materials as a possible cause in this morning's fire.

Origin – Front/Living Room Area of Home  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet To Be Determined





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February 20, 2019, *TFD*—



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## Tucson residents displaced after early morning mobile home fire



Danyelle Khmara Arizona Daily Star Feb 20, 2019 Updated 19 hrs ago



A mobile home fire on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 displaces residents, officials say.

Tucson Fire Department

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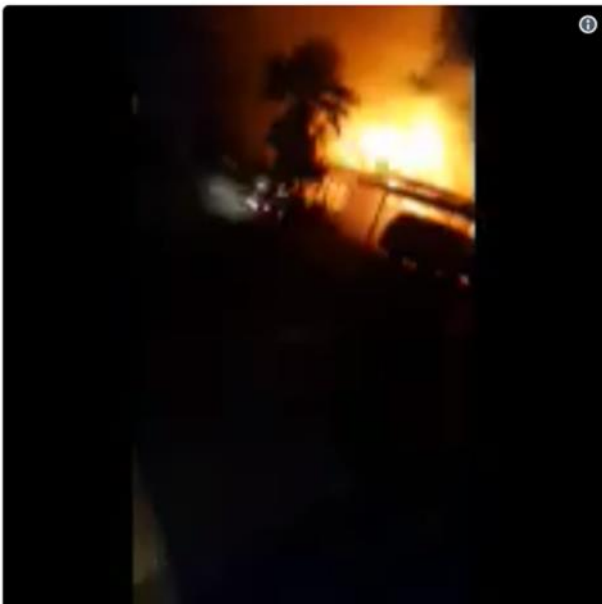
January 20, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-residents-displaced-after-early-morning-mobile-home-fire/article\\_d8e2eeb2-3519-11e9-b27c-474adfdfada6.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/tucson-residents-displaced-after-early-morning-mobile-home-fire/article_d8e2eeb2-3519-11e9-b27c-474adfdfada6.html)

A mobile home fire early Wednesday morning has displaced the residents living in the home on the 1000 block of Prince Road, officials say.

Fire crews responded to the fire just before 4 a.m. and found the mobile home burning heavily, according to a Tucson Fire Department press release. The occupants had already evacuated the home.

Crews controlled the fire in 22 minutes and were able to prevent it from spreading to other homes, the press release says.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. The Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents.



**Tucson Fire Department**  
@TucsonFirePIO



A little grainy but this video was captured from the cab of a first arriving unit to this morning's mobile home fire on Prince. This is why having an escape plan is important. Could you get out at 3:00am? #TFD #staysafetucson

♡ 5 7:24 AM - Feb 20, 2019



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 22h

TFD units are clearing the scene of the house fire on South Santa Cruz. Resident was not home; owner of the house was at the scene working w/ Fire Cause & Building Safety. No injuries reported by responding crews. #StaySafeTucson





2019

January 21, 2019, TFD—



## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 02/21/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### TUCSON FIRE RESPONDS TO HOUSE FIRE NEAR MIDTOWN; TWO DISPLACED

DISPATCH TIME – 2:17 PM  
ON-SCENE TIME – 2:19 PM  
UNDER CONTROL – 2:29 PM

A house fire in the 2100 block of North Bell Ave displaced two residents this afternoon. One call to 9-1-1 was made reporting smoke coming from the house while also relaying that everyone was believed to have made it out. Tucson Fire crews arrived and confirmed smoke was coming from one of the back units of the multiple unit dwelling. Crews went to work on fire attack, while also securing the utilities, preparing to vertically ventilate the affected unit and performing a primary search. Upon entering it, crews reported there were no flames and only smoke. While fire attack was underway additional crews made contact with the resident, a 35-year old female with her 2-year old son, who were evaluated for smoke inhalation. They were cleared by medics on scene and not transported. Crews called the fire under control ten minutes after arriving. Twelve Tucson Fire units responded and twenty-three firefighters were on scene. The resident reported they were pets in the home and crews came across their dog and ferret. They were removed from the unit alive, the dog was given some oxygen, and firefighters held on to them until Pima Animal Care arrived. Three cats were also reported to be in the home and two of the three had been found alive and hiding under furniture; the third was believed to be hiding out under a dresser in a back bedroom but not found as crews cleared the scene. The resident and her son initially reported they were not in need of the Red Cross and planning to stay with family, however Red Cross was later requested and en-route to the scene. Building Safety, Fire Investigations and Tucson Police were on-scene; cause/origin remain under investigation.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet To Be Determined



2019

Febvruary 25, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 20h

Last Friday, six TFD Firefighters graduated from a 5-week Hazardous Materials Technician course. The course, put on by the State (Arizona Department of Emergency & Military Affairs), had... [instagram.com/p/BuUMzHNj3Qq/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/BuUMzHNj3Qq/)



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tucsonfiredepartment Last Friday, six TFD Firefighters graduated from a 5-week Hazardous Materials Technician course. The course, put on by the State (Arizona Department of Emergency & Military Affairs), had fire personnel from Nogales up through to Tucson area departments and districts as well three law enforcement officers from DPS and Pima County. Congratulations to Firefighters Walter, Valencia, Thompson, Johnson, Gonzales and Goheen on completing the course.

Special kudos to our own Firefighter Matthew Johnson on achieving the highest grade in the course and being named the Class Valedictorian. #tucsonfiredepartment #staysafetucson #hazmat

mon.anderscarpe Congratulations @ivalencia12 !

therealtorlife.tucson Congrats guys!

lovebalove Congrats Gentlemen!!! Go be amazing and thank you for taking care of our beautiful community ususus

franbunge So proud of our fire department congratulations 🙌



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 15h

Congratulations to Engineer Audy Amos on his retirement today after 28 years of service! Joining TFD in 1996, he promoted to the Engineer rank in 1999 & Captain rank in 2007. He retired off of Ladder 4 C Shift today. #StaySafeTucson #FireFamilyForever #TucsonFire





2019

February 25, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 18h

Another round of turnout sizing is underway at Fire Central (HQ) this wk. This round of turnouts (3 of 3) are a part of the [#TucsonDelivers](#) effort. For some FFs this replaces an aging set OR gives them a 2nd set so they can clean their primary set after a fire. [#StaySafeTucson](#)



2019

February 26, 2019, <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/02/27/second-set-gear-tfd-firefighters-can-help-reduce-exposure-cancer/>

## Second set of gear for TFD firefighters can help reduce exposure to cancer



New set of gear for Tucson firefighters

By [Karly Tinsley](#) | February 26, 2019 at 8:17 PM MST - Updated February 26 at 10:28 PM

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 13) - A jacket, pair of pants, and boots. They're simple items of clothing that protect firefighters from the dangers of their job. But now research is showing that the real danger could be linked to the clothing itself.

That is why this week has been dedicated to turnout sizing for the Tucson Fire Department. The new turnouts will either replace aging gear or provide a second set. Having a second set allows firefighters primary gear to be cleaned after working in a fire and having a second clean set to use.

Cleaning the gear is about more than just having a fresh set. It is about removing the carcinogens and cancer causing elements on the gear that firefighters are exposed to while in fire environments.

That is part of what the University of Arizona is researching thanks to a \$1.5 million grant. Since 2014, the U of A has been studying firefighters and finding out how crews are being exposed to carcinogens and what steps can be taken to prevent it.

Deputy Chief of the Tucson Fire Department, Darin Wallentine said that study has already helped them greatly.

"Everything that we're learning through safety and especially through the cancer study has been vitally important for us to make decisions that are based in research and data rather than anecdotes."

For Wallentine, this is personal. He received his own cancer diagnosis back in 1998 and has since seen the department lose members all for simply doing their job.

"Part of that service is the chance that you're going to be exposed to things whether it's cancer whether it's PTSD, whether it's any other assortment of things that people just don't see in an ordinary job." said Wallentine.

This is the final round of gear fitting for fire crews and now, 500 front line firefighters with TFD will have new gear or a second set. These turnouts, as with the two other rounds before them, were purchased through the Tucson Delivers (Prop 101) Initiative.

Engineer Phillip Anderelli, who received his second set on Tuesday, said the community will see the benefits as well. "It's going to increase our longevity it's going to increase our ability to continue doing our job to the best of our ability for longer."

And even though steps like this one are being taken, Chief Wallentine said there is still a long way to go.

"It's encouraging to see the changes that are being made but there's a whole lot more work that we have to do."

He said they are expecting the results from the U of A study sometime this summer that will then be peer reviewed. That way they can show that firefighters are being exposed and what intervention methods are working best to help limit exposure.



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March 1, 2019, [https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=d9903891945f96071fb5e2b692e420dd&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190301&licenseType=paid\\_subscriber&](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=d9903891945f96071fb5e2b692e420dd&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190301&licenseType=paid_subscriber&)

## LAW& ORDER BRIEFS

### Suspected carjacker shot in parking lot

A young man attempting to carjack a vehicle at gunpoint in an east-side Walmart parking lot was shot and killed by the car's occupant, police said Thursday.

Officers went to the 24-hour Walmart, at 7150 E. Speedway, late Wednesday in response to a shooting, police spokesman Sgt. Pete Dugan said.

Juan Andres Allen, 18, was found shot and on the ground, Dugan said. Officers and Tucson Fire Department paramedics tried to save Allen but he was declared dead at the scene.

Allen had arrived in an SUV with three young men, Dugan said. While armed with guns, Allen and 19-year-old Eduardo Carranza approached a man sitting inside a car. In the attempted carjacking, the man pulled out a gun and shot Allen multiple times, police said.

The occupant of the car stayed on scene and cooperated with police, who are considering him the victim in this case, Dugan said.

Carranza, Francisco Morales, 18, and another 17-year-old teen drove away in the SUV, leaving Allen behind.

Police found the SUV, first reported stolen Feb. 20, in the 8600 block of Old Spanish Trail and arrested the three teens, Dugan said. They all had gang affiliations, police said.

Carranza is facing charges of first-degree murder, attempted armed robbery and attempted aggravated robbery. Francisco Morales was arrested on one count of grand theft auto and the 17-year-old teen faces felony charges.

Danyelle Khmara, Shaq Davis



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 21h

Way to go, Station 20! 🚒🇺🇸 #StriveforSafetyKiddos  
#StaySafeTucson @AmphiSchools



**Andy Morales** @AndyMorales8

@TucsonFirePIO thanks Station 20 for coming out to @AmphiSchools @RioVistaBulldog to show our third graders your equipment @MargoSusco

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March 1, 2019, 2018 Awards Program



## Tucson Fire Department

Annual Awards Program

March 1, 2019, 10 a.m.

Fire Central



Opening Remarks

Battalion Chief Barrett Baker

Posting of Colors

Tucson Fire Department Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums

Invocation

Chaplain Mike Coyle

### 2018 Awards Presentation

#### Award of Service

Ms. Adriana Tovar, Captain DeCastro, Eng. Robles, Ms. Jennifer Peel-Davis, Battalion Chief Kearney, Battalion Chief Stevens, Battalion Chief Heffelfinger, Station 9 "C" (Captain Nielson, Eng. Harper, FF Valencia, FF Wilborn, Captain Rhyner, Eng. Snyder, FF Sauber, FF Alexander, Paramedic Martinez, Captain Bourie, Paramedic Nadler, Paramedic Clegg, Battalion Chief Lopez, Captain Fyffe)

#### Award of Merit

Paramedic Blume, FF Tribolet, FF Anguiz, FF Harris, Mr. Jerry Drake, Captain Bourie, Captain Heal, Mr. Kevin Zurbrick, Captain Bathe

#### Employee of the Year

Mrs. Brittney Spangle

#### TFFA Award

CM Shirley Scott

#### TFD Medal of Merit

Engine 7 "C"

Captain Max Johnson, Engineer Frank Granados, FF Ben Goheen, FF Daniel Harris

Paramedic Victor Espinoza

Firefighter Ross Bosworth

#### TFD Medal of Valor

Paramedic Jason Christison

Captain James Kelaher

Firefighter Brett Bradshaw

#### Edwin L. Neville, III Award

Terence Valenzuela, MD

#### Fire Chief's Award

Battalion Chief Kris Blume, Captain Elliot Anderson, Engineer KP Maxwell

#### Firefighter of the Year

Captain Joseph Noriega

#### Closing Remarks

Interim Chief Joe Gulotta



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**March 1, 2019, 2018 Awards Program**

**See separate section under Awards**



**Battalion Chief Barrett Baker**



**Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums**



**Ms. Adriana Tovar, Award of Service**



**Mrs. Britney Spangle, Employee of the Year**



**Chief Joe Gulotta**



**Captain Joseph Noriega, Firefighter of the Year**

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March 1, 2019, TFD—



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TDD: 791-2639

### TFD RESPONDS TO FIRE INSIDE SAFEWAY ALL EMPLOYEES, PATRONS EVACUATED SAFELY

DISPATCH TIME – 8:08 P.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 8:11 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 8:35 P.M.

The Tucson Fire Department responded to a fire inside the Safeway located in the 1900 block of East Broadway Blvd. Friday evening. Multiple calls were made to 911 reporting a fire inside the Safeway and the first TFD unit on scene confirmed heavy smoke coming from the store as they pulled into the parking lot. Initial reports were that an employee noticed the fire and another employee tried to extinguish the flames with a fire extinguisher. This slowed the growth of the fire dramatically. Fire alarms were sounding with employees and patrons evacuating the store as additional TFD crews arrived on scene. A second alarm was called by command upon arrival due to the size of the building, which would bring additional personnel to the scene. Firefighters pulled hose lines into the store to locate the fire and extinguish the flames. Firefighters did locate the fire in a particular aisle and were able to extinguish the flames. The sprinkler system had also activated which kept the fire from growing. Once the flames were initially extinguished, efforts were made to begin ejecting as much residual smoke from the building as possible. High powered fans were put in place to blow smoke out of the building, reducing smoke damage. Firefighters also continued to ensure the fire didn't spread into the ceiling of the building with crews making their way to the roof with thermal imaging cameras. Nine TFD units consisting of 25 firefighters were involved in the initial dispatch and most of the second alarm units were able to cancel before being utilized on scene. Approximately 15 employees 30 patrons evacuated the store safely. Fire investigators were on scene working to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Building Safety/Code Enforcement and the Health Department were also called to the scene to assist Safeway.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – To be determined





2019

March 2, 2019, TFD—



## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: March 2, 2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### TFD EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE NW SIDE

DISPATCH TIME – 6:35 AM  
ON-SCENE TIME – 6:40 AM  
UNDER CONTROL – 6:54 AM

At 6:35 AM multiple Tucson Fire units were dispatched to the 1000 block of E. Simmons St. for a report of a house fire. While enroute units were advised by dispatch that there were multiple 911 calls coming in for this fire. EN20 was first unit on scene and reported smoke coming from the single story residential structure as well as smoke from the attic vents which can mean that the fire has spread into the attic space increasing the risk for firefighters entering the structure as well as any trapped occupants. As you can see in the scene photos this house also had some additional clutter inside and out which also increases the risk to firefighters.

EN20 pulled a fire attack hose-line off of their unit and entered the structure to search for victims and also extinguish the fire. Additional support units arrived in support roles including additional hose-lines, water supply from a hydrant, assisting with victim search, controlled utilities, and performed ventilation. The single occupant of the structure was found safe outside and the fire was brought under control in 14 minutes. No citizens or firefighters suffered any injuries as a result of this fire.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet To Be Determined



2019

March 2, 2019, *TFD*—





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March 2, 2019, <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/2019/03/02/tucson-firefighters-battle-blaze-safeway/>

## UPDATE: Midtown Safeway reopens after Friday night fire



Firefighters responded to a small fire at a Safeway in midtown Tucson late Friday, March 1.

By [KOLD News 13 Staff](#) | March 1, 2019 at 8:33 PM MST - Updated March 4 at 10:20 AM

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 13) - A midtown Safeway was open again Monday after a fire broke out late Friday, March 1.

The store in the 1900 block of East Broadway was partially open, according to a customer service representative.

The employee said they don't have hot water yet as they are waiting for their gas to be turned back on.

The grocery and produce sections are open, as is the pharmacy.

As of 10 a.m., the deli, meat market, bakery and Starbucks were still closed.

Everything was expected to be open again by noon.

The store is popular hub for Wildcats, due to its proximity to the University of Arizona.

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March 3, 2019, TFD—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 03/03/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### TFD RESPONDS TO MOBILE HOME FIRE, 3 DISPLACED REPORTS OF TRAPPED VICTIM, POWER LINES ON FIRE, FF MAYDAY

DISPATCH TIME – 7:58 P.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 8:05 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 8:30 P.M.

The Tucson Fire Department responded to a mobile home fire in the 400 block of East Teton, displacing 3 residents and posing several challenges to control the fire. An initial call was made to 911 reporting the side of a mobile home on fire. Access was blocked to the mobile home park by a locked gate which also had a roll off dumpster restricting access. Power lines on the east side of the mobile home were also being heavily impinged upon by flames, posing a safety hazard. Additional information also stated that a victim might be trapped in the home. Firefighters pulled hose lines to the mobile home to begin extinguishing the fire from multiple sides due to the amount of flames. Firefighters also immediately made efforts to evacuate the neighboring mobile homes, as there was very little space between homes in the park. One patient required medical attention during the fire due to smoke inhalation. Approximately 13 minutes into the call, a mayday was called as fire conditions changed with firefighters inside the home while performing a search. Emergency traffic was activated and additional resources were dispatched to the scene. The firefighters were able to escape safely on their own. Firefighting efforts transitioned to a defensive operation, which meant putting the fire out from the outside due to the instability of the home. A secondary search of the home was deemed all clear though efforts are still being made to locate one of the tenants. Nine TFD units consisting of 25 firefighters were involved in the initial dispatch. Three people were displaced and Red Cross is assisting. Fire investigators were on scene working to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Building Safety/Code Enforcement was called to the scene as the home was to be condemned due to the damage.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – To be determined





2019

March 3, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 10h

Firefighters responded to this mobile home fire just before 8:00 pm near Nogales Highway/Valencia. Power lines on fire, reports of a victim inside, and obvious heavy fire conditions. Thankfully no one was injured. 3 people were displaced, Red Cross will be assisting them. #TFD



2019

March 4, 2019, <https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/firefighters-call-for-mayday-in-south-side-mobile-home-fire>

## Firefighters call for mayday in south side mobile home fire

Posted: 5:55 AM, Mar 04, 2019 Updated: 5:55 AM, Mar 04, 2019

By: KGUN 9 Digital Staff



Tucson firefighters say it was a close call after having to send out a mayday while battling a mobile home fire on the south side Sunday night.

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TUCSON, Ariz — Tucson firefighters say it was a close call after having to send out a mayday while battling a mobile home fire on the south side Sunday night.

A 9-1-1 call came in around eight yesterday evening about the fire near Nogales Highway and Valencia that one person may be trapped inside.

During an initial search, fire crews had to get out because conditions were changing inside the home.

After getting out safely, they were able to go in again but could not find anyone.

At least one person was treated for smoke inhalation.

At this time, the cause of the fire has not been determined.

Fire investigators are still trying to find one of the three people who were living there.



2019

March 4, 2019, <https://kvoa.com/news/local-news/2019/03/04/mayday-called-during-tucson-trailer-fire/>

## "Mayday" called during Tucson mobile home fire

Denelle Confair 10:14 pm March 4, 2019



TUCSON- Crews fighting a mobile home fire on Tucson's Southside ran into dangerous conditions inside. Forcing them to call for help. It happened Sunday night near Nogales Highway and Valencia Road.

News 4 Tucson spoke to Tucson Fire Captain Garland Parris about the scary moments leading up to that call.

"We possibly have one child inside the residence still," the radio dispatcher said.

Captain Parris along with other Tucson Firefighters responded to that call ready to take on any risks to save a life.

"When we hear that there could be kids involved or a kid involved. It's game on and we're ready to try to save them and to take the necessary risk to make a rescue," Parris said.

Little did he know he would be in a situation where he might need help.

"I was unable to communicate with command and to let them know that we had some serious conditions that had changed inside the trailer that had happened in a matter of seconds," Parris said.

After that, time seemed to slow, as Battalion Chief Barrett Baker would get a radio call he would never forget.

"I'm going to call Mayday!" Parris yelled to dispatch.

"When that call came through at about the 13 and a half minute mark of fighting that fire. You better hopefully go back to that training that you've done throughout your entire career," Baker said. "And while you are absolutely panicked on the inside, on the outside you have to act like you've been there a thousand times and just walk through what you do with those training steps."

Parris says in over 20 years of fighting fires he has never had a Mayday call.

"We just needed to get focused and get them out of there," Parris said.

"It was about 45 seconds...It was the longest 45 seconds of my career," Baker said. "I hope it never happens again but the fact that we walked out of there and everybody was safe. That's the whole point and it gives you a good feeling to know that our training got us through that."

"We got it under control," Parris said to dispatch.

Tucson Fire says there were no reported injuries in this incident and no one was inside during the blaze. The fire is still under investigation.

2019

March 4, 2019, TFD— Captain Anderson



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 19h

1:00 PM: Burn operations at Sweetwater Wetlands have ended; there will still be some spots smoldering into the aftn. The Wetlands remain closed for the day.

@TucsonWater may have additional maintenance at the site this wk.

#staysafetucson



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 22h

Smoke is moving to the north-northwest from the Sweetwater Burn.

@TucsonWater @ArizonaDOT #staysafetucson #tucsontraffic



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 15h

Few more shots from today's controlled Sweetwater Wetlands Burn working w/ @TucsonWater on mosquito abatement. The Wetlands are a habitat home for many critters - including this little hopper Capt. Anderson safely kept in his front pocket during part of the burn. #StaySafeTucson





2019

March 5, 2019, [https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=6509c4bcc9200b272efeb175bd7de5c8&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190305&licenseType=paid\\_subscriber&](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=6509c4bcc9200b272efeb175bd7de5c8&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190305&licenseType=paid_subscriber&)

## Keeping the skeeters in check



A firefighter watches a controlled burn at the Sweetwater Wetlands, 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive, designed to reduce mosquito habitat. Firefighters from Tucson, Elephant Head and Arivaca took part in Monday's annual burn. The wetlands' primary function is to naturally filter treated wastewater through sediments beneath recharge basins. The recovered wastewater is distributed to golf courses, parks, schools and other large irrigation areas, the city of Tucson says. The wetlands also has 2.5 miles of trails.

MAMTA POPAT / ARIZONA DAILY STAR

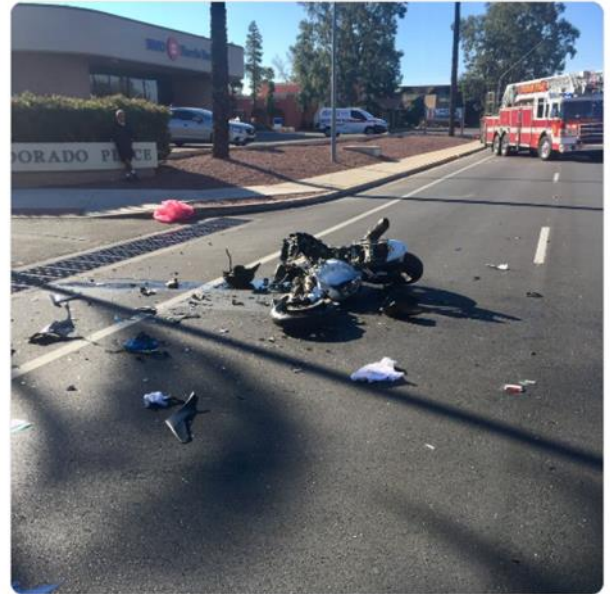
March 5 & 6, 2019, *TFD*—



Sergeant Pete Dugan @SgtDugan · 48m

TRAFFIC ALERT

North & southbound Wilmot Rd is shut down from Speedway to Pima while detectives investigate a serious injury collision involving a motorcyclist & passenger vehicle. Please avoid the area.



Police have identified the [motorcyclist killed in Wednesday's crash](#) on Tucson's east side.

According to Tucson police, the motorcyclist was identified as 35-year-old Noah J. Duke.

Shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday, Tucson police were dispatched to the intersection of North Wilmot Road and North El Dorado Place, near Speedway, for a motorcycle crash.

Tucson Fire also responded to the call and took Duke to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. He died shortly after, according to a news release from the Tucson Police Department.

According to interviews by officers and detectives, Duke was riding a white 2008 Suzuki motorcycle north on Wilmot from Speedway. Witnesses said he was driving at a high rate of speed, the release shows.

2019

March 6, 2019, TFD—



March 8, 2019, TFD—




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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 03/08/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

 **Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 5h  
TFD units responded to a house fire just after midnight in the 100 block of W. Palmdale. No one was injured as the home was under construction. The fire was controlled in 17 minutes. #TFD #staysafetucson



### FIRE DAMAGES SOUTH SIDE HOME MULTIPLE CALLS REPORTING SMOKE AND FLAMES FROM HOUSE

Dispatch Time – 12:25 A.M.  
On-Scene Time – 12:28 A.M.  
Under Control – 12:45 A.M.

A fire damaged a home in the 100 block of West Palmdale Street just after midnight. Multiple calls were made to 911 reporting smoke and flames coming from the home, with one caller stating they could see people jumping out of the yard. The first TFD unit on scene confirmed heavy flames from the back of the house as they arrived on scene. Firefighters pulled hose lines to the house to begin extinguishing the flames while searching the home. Additional crews were assigned to assist in evacuation efforts of neighboring homes that were very close in proximity as well as pulling back up lines to confine the fire to the house before it could spread elsewhere. The primary search of the home was deemed all clear, meaning no one was in the home. The interior crew was able to find the fire quickly and extinguish the flames. The Ladder crew on scene controlled the utilities for safety reasons and also had taken a hose line up onto the roof in case the fire had moved into the attic but the fire was extinguished before it spread. Nine units and twenty-three firefighters were dispatched to the scene and the fire was called under control seventeen minutes after arriving. There were no injuries to firefighters. Building Safety/Code Enforcement was called to the scene to secure the property. There were multiple homes on the property but no one was living in the home that caught fire so Red Cross was not needed. Fire investigators were on scene and working to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

Origin – Under investigation  
Cause – Under investigation  
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined



2019

March 8, 2019, TFD—



2019

March 8, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 19h

Happy [#InternationalWomensDay](#) to the amazing women across the Tucson Fire Department! [#StaySafeTucson](#) [#FireFamily](#)



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On GTEF Archives site—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 13h

The Slideshow shown at our [#TFD](#) Annual Awards Ceremony last Friday (Mar 1) is available on [@YouTube](#):  
[youtu.be/p3pLxp4DX9o](https://youtu.be/p3pLxp4DX9o)



2019

March 10, 2019, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## Tucson Fire responds to early morning mobile home fire, midtown

Posted: 11:03 AM, Mar 09, 2019 Updated: 11:06 AM, Mar 09, 2019



By: Maria Arey



TUCSON, Ariz. - Tucson Fire responded to a fire earlier this morning.

TFD responded to reported smoke and flames near 200 Block South Norris Avenue at 12:53 a.m.

Firefighters were able to search the mobile home and control the fire within fourteen minutes.

TFD says, they secured the rest of the mobile homes.

Eleven TFD units and twenty-five firefighters arrived on scene.

There were no injuries to any crew members.

There are not any details about the cause of the fire.

The investigation is ongoing.

2019

March 10, 2019, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## ■ Kenneth O. STEWART

1946 - 2019  Obituary  Condolences  Flowers



STEWART, Kenneth O. 72, passed away after a brief illness on January 31, 2019 with his family at his side. A devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Mary of 36 years; son, Matthew and stepson, Joshua. He was born on June 28, 1946 in Ashland, Kansas. He was an Air Force veteran and graduated from the University of Arizona with honors. He was preceded in death by father, Leland; mother, Wanda and his daughter, Kelly Christine. He retired as a Chief from the Tucson Fire Department after 35 years. A private memorial service to celebrate his life will be held with family and friends. Arrangements by ADAIR FUNERAL HOMES, Avalon Chapel.

March 12, 2019, *TFD*—

Published in the Arizona Daily Star on  
Mar. 10, 2019



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tucsonfiredepartment #TrainingTuesday look from late February when Stations 6, 17, & 19 met with LifeNet. Thanks to LifeNet & Captain Karnap (EN 19 C) for sharing the photos.

#tucsonfiredepartment

#staysafetucson

#ems

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Great LZ class today with @tucsonfiredepartment Sta 19 and 17.

Great turnout and met some great providers! #oneteamonemission #flightmedic #flightnurse #avgeek

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2019

March 12, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-starts-house-fires-then-shoots-critically-wounds-woman-and/article\\_61025b6a-46be-11e9-960c-cb9f24c1e0a4.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-starts-house-fires-then-shoots-critically-wounds-woman-and/article_61025b6a-46be-11e9-960c-cb9f24c1e0a4.html)

# Man starts house fires, then shoots, critically wounds woman and self, Tucson police say

Shan Davis Arizona Daily Star Mar 15 2019



Tucson Police investigators on Roger Road at the scene of a shooting and fire bombing in the 1400 block of east Duke on March 14, 2019.

Kelly Presnell / Arizona Daily Star

After fighting with a neighbor, a Tucson man threw flammable devices at two neighbors' homes, then shot and critically wounded a woman before shooting himself, police said.

Both the woman and the shooter, who are north-side neighbors in their 50s, were taken with life-threatening gunshot wounds to a hospital, police said.

Officer Frank Magos, a Tucson Police Department spokesman, gave the following account:

At about 5:30 p.m. Thursday, firefighters were dispatched to a home in the 1400 block of East Duke Street, near East Roger Road and North Mountain Avenue.

Crews reported a small fire was under control, and Tucson police were called to the scene.

Police learned that after getting into an altercation with a neighbor, the man threw at least two flammable devices at two neighbors' homes. At least two homes caught fire.

Soon after, the same man shot the woman and then shot himself.



Tucson Police units on Roger Rd. Investigating the scene of a shooting and fire bombing in the 1400 block of east Duke on March 14, 2019.

Kelly Presnell / Arizona Daily Star



Tucson Police Department officers search for evidence the yard of a house on E. Roger Rd & N. Vine Ave. where Tucson Fire Department and Northwest Fire District responded to a fire on March 14, 2019. Firefighters said a woman with gunshot wounds was found in the front yard.

Ron Medvescek / Arizona Daily Star

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March 12, 2019, [https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-starts-house-fires-then-shoots-critically-wounds-woman-and/article\\_61025b6a-46be-11e9-960c-cb9f24c1e0a4.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-starts-house-fires-then-shoots-critically-wounds-woman-and/article_61025b6a-46be-11e9-960c-cb9f24c1e0a4.html)

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Neighbors gather on the corner of E. Duke Dr. and N. Vine Ave. where three houses were involved in the fire incident on March 14, 2019 in Tucson, AZ.

Ron Medvescek / Arizona Daily Star



Tucson Police Department officers and firefighters gather on E. Duke St. west of N. Vine Ave. where three houses were involved in the fire incident on March 14, 2019 in Tucson, AZ.

Ron Medvescek / Arizona Daily Star



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March 14 & 17, 2019,, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 14

We Remember: Tom Quesnel, a former Tucson Fire Investigator, passed away 5 yrs ago on this day after battling Leukemia for nearly two yrs. His diagnosis was traced back to his work as an fire investigator.

[tucsonfirefoundation.com/wp-content/upl...](http://tucsonfirefoundation.com/wp-content/upl...)

#StaySafeTucson #LODD



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 17

Everyone needs to wear a seat belt - whether your riding in a car or van, or on a Engine or Ladder Truck. 🚒 🚒 #BuckleUp #EverybodyGoesHome

[youtu.be/hOfEsnvXSD8](https://youtu.be/hOfEsnvXSD8) #StaySafeTucson @NFFF\_News



**Firefighters - We've heard all of the excuses. Buckl...**

An important message from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation <http://www.firehero.org> : The redesigned seatbelt pledge is ready to roll. Take the Int...  
[youtube.com](https://youtube.com)

2019

March 17, 2019, <http://www.kold.com/2019/03/17/tucson-fire-department-responds-abandoned-building-fire/>

## Tucson Fire Department responds to abandoned building fire



Source: (TFD)

March 17, 2019 at 11:47 AM MST - Updated March 17 at 11:47 AM

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 15) - Firefighters responded to an abandoned building near E. 29th St and S. Swan Rd just before 4:30 a.m. for a building fire on Sunday morning.

A call to 911 was placed by a security guard of a nearby apartment building reporting smoke in the area.

A single engine company was initially dispatched to investigate. When firefighters arrived at the intersection they found light smoke in the area that seemed to be coming from the abandoned complex.

The initial arriving Captain requested an expedited response from TPD as fire crews have encountered what equates to booby traps on previous incidents at this complex.

Once crews were able to access the complex, the fire was controlled in less than ten minutes.

This is the fifth working fire incident at this complex since late Dec. of 2018.

There were no injuries to firefighters.



2019

March 17, 2019, *TFD*—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 03/17/2019  
TDD: 791-2639

### **TUCSON FIRE RESPONDS TO ABANDONED BUILDING FIRE FIFTH WORKING INCIDENT AT COMPLEX IN FOUR MONTHS**

DISPATCH TIME – 4:16 A.M.  
ON-SCENE TIME – 4:26 A.M.  
UNDER CONTROL – 5:00 A.M.

Firefighters responded to an abandoned building near E. 29<sup>th</sup> St and S. Swan Rd just before 4:30 A.M for a building fire. One call to 9-1-1 was placed by a security guard of a nearby apartment building reporting smoke in the area. A single engine company was initially dispatched to investigate. When firefighters arrived at the intersection they found light smoke in the area that seemed to be coming from the abandoned complex. The initial arriving Captain requested an expedited response from TPD as fire crews have encountered what equates to booby traps on previous incidents at this complex. Once crews were able to access the complex, the fire was controlled in less than ten minutes. This is the fifth working fire incident at this complex since late December of 2018. There were no injuries to firefighters.

Origin – Under Investigation  
Cause – Under Investigation  
Damages Estimate – Undetermined



# New safety equipment for first responders

## Tucson Delivers

**Posted:** 2:03 PM, Mar 18, 2019 **Updated:** 7:01 PM, Mar 18, 2019

TUCSON, Ariz. — Thanks to a half cent sales tax approved by voters two years ago, the city of Tucson continues to make progress in funding public safety need. By the end of the month the Tucson Fire department will have four new paramedic units on the street.

Prop 101, also known as Tucson Delivers is part of a five year plan to provide more efficient resources for first responders.

"It helps us work safer, it helps us work smarter and at the end of the day when we're able to do that then we are able to do what we need to do to, protect the citizens when they call us," said Battalion Chief Barret Baker.

The new technology in the units are designed with firefighters safety in mind. The gurneys will be now lowered out of each vehicle automatically and are able to lower and raise with the click of a button.

"We don't have to hurt our backs, we don't have to hurt you if a gurney doesn't catch properly," said Baker. "If you're the patient that's on the receiving end of this it benefits you tremendously.

Funds from Tucson delivers will also be used to completely rebuild station 9. When it was built in the 1960's it was intended to house a much smaller response crew, now more than 40 years later more firefighters are stationed there. The department also deals with a number of zone dispatching, an issue that will be fixed when refurbished.

Officials with the TFD say they hope to break ground on station 9 by early summer of next year. Since the sales tax increase passed, Prop .101 has purchased new turnout gear, cardiac monitors and trucks for the department.



2019

March 19, 20 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 19

Today our Tucson Collaborative Community Care (TC-3) Team held their first partner meeting of 2019. Thank you to all the community partners who could make it today; our community's most vulnerable who come through 9-1-1 frequently are in good care b/w TFD & all of you!



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 20

Special event or photo shoot going on out front of Station 1 today? Not so much, instead it's maintenance work in the bays & Station. [#StationLife](#)  
[#StaySafeTucson](#) [#TucsonFire](#)



March 19, 20 2019, [https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=343b57a9e1107a1ebd4facdbf4ffff59&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190331&licenseType=paid\\_subscriber&](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=343b57a9e1107a1ebd4facdbf4ffff59&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190331&licenseType=paid_subscriber&)

## Police: Man held in shooting, fires had threatened neighbors

By Gloria Knott

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Police have released the name of the 54-year-old Tucson man who allegedly 'fire-bombed' three homes and shot a neighbor before shooting himself last week.

Shortly after 5:30p.m. Thursday, officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of East Duke Street, near East Roger Road, after receiving a call about an armed man chasing after a neighbor, according to a Tucson Police Department news release.

Officers found Donald Shoemaker in his front yard with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, police say. He was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, and he remains hospitalized.

Meanwhile, Tucson Fire crews responded to a report of a structure fire on the same street. Two houses near Shoemaker's home sustained fire damage, police say.

Officers then discovered a third home, in the 1400 block of East Roger Road, just one street over from Duke, that was also on fire. A woman was found with obvious signs of a gunshot wound in the entryway of the home, police say.

She was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries and remains hospitalized. Her name has not been released.

Police say it appears Shoemaker 'fire-bombed' the three homes and then shot the woman at her home. He then returned to his home where he shot himself, police say.

Detectives also learned that Shoemaker had prior disagreements with neighbors in which he allegedly threatened to kill them.

During a search of his home, investigators said they found additional incendiary devices and canisters of gasoline. Military ordnance was also found in the home, police say. The items were removed.

Shoemaker has one prior felony conviction in Pima County Superior Court for a 1993 aggravated assault for which he was placed on five years probation, court records show.

Anyone with further information is asked to call 88-CRIME, the anonymous tipster line.

Danyelle Khmara contributed to the reporting in this story. Contact reporter Gloria Knott at [gknott@tucson.com](mailto:gknott@tucson.com) or 573-4235. On Twitter: @



Officers went to the scene of two shootings and three arsons last week in the 1400 block of East Duke Street. Police say it appears Donald Shoemaker, 54, 'fire-bombed' three homes, shot a woman at her home and then himself.

KELLY PRESNELL / ARIZONA DAILY STAR



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March 20, 2019, TFD—[https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=343b57a9e1107a1ebd4facdbf4ffff59&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190331&licenseType=paid\\_subscriber&](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?token=343b57a9e1107a1ebd4facdbf4ffff59&cnum=6249723&fod=111111STD-0&selDate=20190331&licenseType=paid_subscriber&)



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 20

And here we all thought it was a pot of gold. Nope, just TFD firefighters doing annual proficiency at the end of the rainbow. 🇺🇸🌈 #TFD #staysafetucson



## Car slams into pole on south side



MIKE CHRISTY / ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Tucson Fire Department paramedics remove the driver from her vehicle after it collided with a traffic-signal pole at South Nogales Highway and West Valencia Road. The driver and passenger were both transported to hospitals after the accident Tuesday afternoon. A Tucson Fire spokesperson said multiple callers notified 911 about the collision at about 12:30 p.m. Southbound Nogales Highway was blocked for a short time during the cleanup and investigation into the incident.



2019

March 22, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 22

Congratulations to Engineer Dave Mockbee on his retirement today from Ladder 4 A Shift. Dave joined TFD in 1988 & promoted to the Engineer rank in 2003. Now it's your time to ROCK retirement, Dave! [#StaySafeTucson](#) [#FireFamily](#)





2019

March 22, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 24h

Very busy training day for TFD at the Public Safety Academy & Fire Central HQ; EN6 yearly proficiency, CE w/ new extrication equipment, TRT structural collapse training, Fire simulator for Captains testing, & Lead 101 for Chief Officers.

[#StaySafeTucson](#) [#Training](#)





2019

March 27, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 27

#TFD presented at the 1st ever Community Risk Reduction Leadership Conf. this wk in Reno, NV. Deputy Chief Carsten & TC-3 Team Members Rizzi & Becker represented #TucsonFire & shared w/ our fire service family/partners our on-going CRR efforts & approach. #StaySafeTucson #CRR2019



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · 24h

#FirefighterFriday look at a roll-off dumpster fire from earlier in the year that EN08 C Shift was dispatched to extinguish. Timely reminder to properly extinguish any smoking or BBQ materials before disposing of them. Video credit & thx to Capt. Steffens. #StaySafeTucson





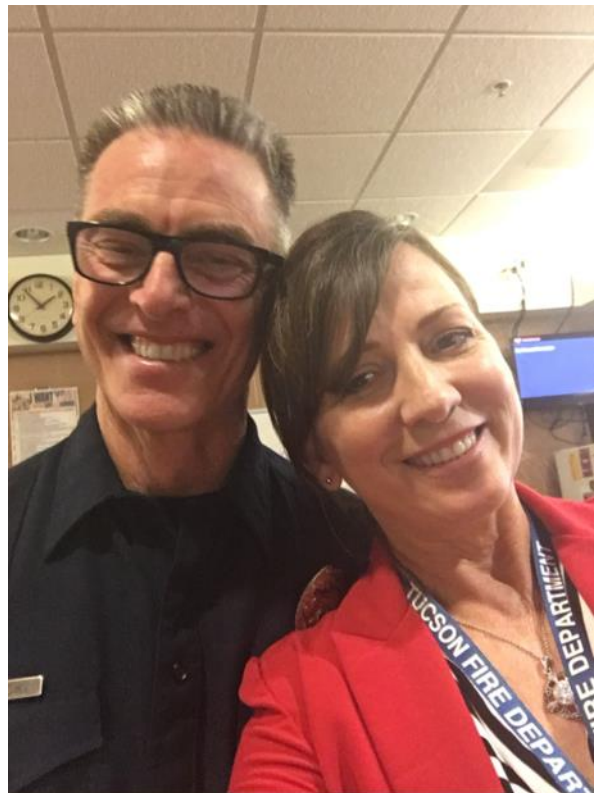
2019

March 27, 2019, TFD—



**Tucson Fire Department** @TucsonFirePIO · Mar 28

Congratulations to Captain Wodecki on his upcoming retirement this wknd! His celebration was at Station 21 this aftn. He joined TFD in 1986 & promoted to the Captain rank in 1999. After his shift on Saturday, he'll reach the rank of Retired after over 32 yrs w/ TFD. #FireFamily



2019

March 29, 2019, TFD—



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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Date:** 03/29/2019  
**TDD:** 791-2639

### **TFD RESPONDS TO COOKING FIRE DAMAGE CONTAINED TO KITCHEN, FAMILY DISPLACED**

Dispatch Time – 11:51 A.M.  
On-Scene Time – 11:55 A.M.  
Under Control – 11:58 A.M.

A cooking fire displaced a family from their home in the 3700 block of South Domenic Place after cooking oil ignited while warming up. A call was made to 9-1-1 stating the entire kitchen was catching on fire after the oil on the stove caught fire. The family was advised to evacuate and was able to get into the back yard safely while TFD units responded. The initial Tucson Fire Engine arrived on scene and confirmed smoke and flames coming from a window of the home. They pulled hose lines to the window and performed an exterior reset, a technique which banks water off the ceiling through the window which cools the room and extinguishes the majority of flames. After the reset, firefighters went inside the home and extinguished any remaining flames. After the flames were extinguished, the ladder crew immediately set up a high powered fan to blow out the residual smoke, which helps reduce smoke damage. Additional firefighters used thermal imaging cameras and pulled down some of the ceiling drywall to expose any hot spots. Nine units and twenty-three firefighters were dispatched to the scene but because the initial crew was able to extinguish the fire so quickly, most units never made it to the scene and were able to go back in service.

Origin –Kitchen Stove  
Cause –Accidental Cooking Fire  
Damages Estimate - Yet to be determined





# Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

## Thank you for taking an interest in Tucson Fire Department history —

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