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New REMS Team Enhances Remote Rescue Capabilities

Chino Valley Fire put a new Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) team into service today. This specialized unit is designed to improve emergency response in some of the Fire District's most remote and difficult-to-access areas.

The REMS team responds from Fire Station 62 in Chino Hills and serves two vital purposes. First, it acts as a life-saving resource for rescues in remote locations that are inaccessible to traditional emergency vehicles, such as hiking trails in Chino Hills State Park and other areas within the communities we serve. Second, it functions as a mutual aid asset, ready to deploy to wildland fires across the state where rapid medical intervention and extrication are needed for fire personnel on the fire line in remote areas.

“Chino Valley Fire recognized a growing need for this type of specialized resource,” said Fire Chief Dave Williams. “Putting the REMS team into service allows us to respond more efficiently and effectively to emergencies in areas where traditional vehicles simply can’t go. It’s another step forward in our commitment to protecting the health and safety of our community and supporting our partners statewide.”

The REMS unit is staffed with four personnel—each specially trained as a paramedic and in technical rescue operations. Members of the District’s Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team are integrated into REMS deployments to provide advanced capabilities in patient care and extraction.

Using specialized equipment, including rope rescue gear and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), the REMS team can reach, treat, and transport injured or ill individuals who are unable to move under their own power. Whether it’s a hiker suffering a medical emergency miles from the nearest road, or a firefighter injured on the front lines of a wildland fire, the REMS team is equipped to respond quickly and effectively.

Fire Station 62 was strategically selected as the home base for the REMS unit due to its close proximity to Chino Hills State Park and other heavily used trail systems in the city. The placement ensures faster response times and improved access to remote terrain when every second counts.

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