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Fire Truck Repaired for AVVFD Use

The 1942 International Fire truck which was acquired by the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department from the Marana School District has now been renovated and placed in active service, according to Department Information Officer C.R. Hudson.

When acquired, the vehicle was in need of repair and upgrading to meet the requirements of fire service in the Avra Valley Fire District. All pumps and valves on the truck have been repacked and the electrical system changed from six to 12 volts. The truck's former 750 gallon capacity has been increased to over 1,200 gallons. The renovation was accomplished by members of the department.

The repaired truck with its 1,200 gallon capacity, combined with the AVVFD tanker truck's capacity of

1,000 gallons, now gives the Department a fire-fighting capacity of over 3,000 gallons of water plus other extinguishing media.

So that the Department's equipment and personnel will not be called out when not needed, persons within the Avra Valley Fire District who have County permits to conduct controlled burns are requested to call the Department at 682-5147 and give the dispatcher the date and time of the burn and the permit number. The Department responded needlessly to one such controlled burn on April 14 after it had been reported as a brush fire. Because of the high fire danger from brush and weeds in the District, however, officials are anxious to keep personnel and equipment ready for actual emergencies, according to Information Officer Hudson.

Bike Marking, Registration Program Set

A "Lite-a-Bike" program will be sponsored by the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday April 22, at three locations in the Fire District. From 10 a.m. to 12 Noon, the personnel of the Department will be at the corner of Cocio and Chinle in the Green Acres neighborhood to register bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles and install reflective striping. The registration will be to aid the Pima County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies in the recovery of stolen property.

From Noon to 2 p.m., AVVFD personnel will conduct the program at Hulsey's Market on El Tiro Road, and from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. they will be at the Valley Mart on West Avra Valley Road at Anway Road.

Parents are encouraged to have their children bring their bicycles to one of the Lite-a-Bike locations on Saturday for this free service from the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department.