

Avra Valley FD Buys New Truck

The Board of Directors of the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department has approved the lease-purchase of a new pumper truck for \$45,000. The new truck will be delivered in 45 to 60 days, according to C.R. "Chuck" Hudson, department information officer.

The new equipment will supplement pumping, medical emergency, and water tank equipment already in use.

The Board also approved a budget for the coming fiscal year of approximately \$28,000 at their recent special meeting. Part of the funds will be used to finance the new truck.

Five of the department's personnel have now been officially certified as emergency medical technicians. Those who have graduated from the EMT course and been certified by the State of Arizona are John Deskins, Marcheta Deskins, Roger Mahnk, Kathy Mahnk, and David Watson.

Early this week Fire Chief George Kline returned from taking part in an arson investigation seminar in Sedona. The seminar was conducted for fire and police personnel by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Both fire and medical emergency calls kept the personnel of the department busy last week. A brush fire at Calle de la Solano and El Camino de Tres Arroyos was brought under control the evening of May 18 by a crew consisting of Captain John Deskins, Engineer Walter Osman, and Firefighters Chuck Hudson and Paul Aldrich, with one tanker truck.

The following evening, Fire Chief Kline and Firefighter Dan Wasciewicz, using a pumper truck, were able to contain a controlled burn that became temporarily uncontrolled at West Sandy and Avenida Saturna.

The first of two medical emergencies handled by the Avra Valley Volunteers last week was a medical assistance call in the Green Acres neighborhood on Monday morning. The patient was stabilized by AVFD medical officer Anna Garrison and firefighter-EMT Kathy Mahnk and then transported to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tucson by ambulance.

