



Seasonal Brush Truck Staffing Initiated - 2026

On May 8, Scottsdale Fire Department initiated its seasonal brush truck staffing program in preparation for elevated wildland fire risk conditions.

Operational Overview

- Initial deployment will include Brush 613 and Brush 614.
- As seasonal temperatures increase and fire risk escalates, additional brush units will be staffed as needed.
- Battalion 603 will serve as the central point of coordination for all brush truck operations. This includes daily communication with the Phoenix Alarm Room to confirm which units are in service and their hours of operation.
- At a minimum, brush units will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with flexibility to extend coverage based on operational demand or available staffing.

Operational Priorities and Expectations

Personnel assigned to brush units will focus on proactive wildfire prevention and community risk reduction efforts, including:

Hazardous Vegetation Surveys

- Crews will conduct vegetation assessments using department-issued iPads through the FLS application. While all suppression personnel share responsibility for these surveys, brush units are expected to prioritize completion to maximize coverage. Company Officers are responsible for ensuring compliance and productivity.

Construction Site Inspections

- While operating in the field, crews will engage with active construction sites to verify safe practices, particularly regarding cutting or spark-producing activities. Crews will confirm that operations are conducted in appropriate areas and that required fire prevention equipment is present. Inspection forms are available both on apparatus and within FireHub. Questions or concerns should be directed to the on-duty Battalion Chief (C6030).

Brush Patrol Activity Logging

- All staffed brush units are required to complete a daily Brush Patrol Activity Log, accessible via FireHub under the Wildland Operations section. This ensures accountability and supports situational awareness across the system.

This seasonal staffing initiative supports Scottsdale's proactive approach to wildfire mitigation, emphasizing early detection, hazard reduction, and community engagement during peak fire risk months.