



## City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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### Joe Odell – Safety Employee of the Quarter



Joe Odell, Firefighter/Paramedic is named Safety Employee of the Quarter. As part of his regular duties Joe oversees the fire department's EMS equipment and supplies inventory. Recently Joe has voluntarily undertaken the task of reorganizing our EMS supply area and has formulated a process to greatly decrease the amount of our inventory thus saving us budget dollars. His reorganization of our EMS supply room has greatly reduced the amount of time that it takes for an employee to locate needed supplies and equipment and has improved ergonomics by reducing the amount of items located in difficult accessibility locations thus increasing employee productivity. Joe also voluntarily partnered with our EMS transport agency, Verde Valley Ambulance Company (VVAC), to formulate and implement an inventory tracking system that will reduce the amount of "out of date" EMS supplies by ensuring that supplies are used before they reaching their expiration date and become unsafe/unusable for patient treatment. This will increase the safety of our public by helping ensure that no patients are treated with "out of date" supplies as well as reduce supply costs to both Cottonwood Fire Department and VVAC.