



City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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Cottonwood Fire Department Open House

COTTONWOOD, AZ (October 15, 2013) – On Friday, October 11, 2013, the Cottonwood Fire Department hosted an Open House. Our theme was “*Cottonwood Fire Department Supports Our Heroes, Our Military and Veterans.*” Attendance throughout the evening is estimated at between 250 and 300 local residents including many veterans and even some active duty military personnel. City of Cottonwood Mayor Diane Joens delivered a welcome address and we were pleased to have Sergeant Jordan Maynard in attendance. Sergeant Maynard sustained extensive injuries after stepping on an improvised explosive device (IED) in Afghanistan two years ago.



Attendees enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza prepared and served by Cottonwood Fire Corp volunteers, fire department personnel and family members. Activities included live propane fueled fire demonstrations, a military uniform display provided by local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7400, a ‘bounce house;’ for the children and various information booths manned by local area veteran’s and civic organizations. Also on display were a Verde Valley Ambulance Company ambulance, a Guardian Air medical helicopter as well as the various apparatus of Cottonwood Fire Department.



Various items and services provided by local businesses were raffled off bringing in \$500.00 which will be donated to “Homes for Our Troops” to help build a home in the Verde Valley for Sgt. Maynard and his family that meets his accessibility needs due to his injuries.

The Cottonwood Fire Department would to extend our thanks to all the local businesses and individuals that contributed to the success of our Open House event.

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