

Firewise Community Recommendations

Your new home in Granite Mountain Ranch is located in an unincorporated area of Maricopa County. As such, the county does not collect a property tax in order to provide fire and emergency medical services to the area. These critical services are provided by Rural Metro Fire Department. In the absence of tax supported services, Rural Metro Fire is funded by membership subscriptions. Meaning, individual property owners subscribe directly to Rural Metro service, much like a utility. Thereby, in the event of emergency services rendered, the homeowner or recipient will not be billed after receipt of such services. For more information or questions, contact Shawn Gilleland 480-415-8897.

For questions about Firewise or to arrange your home Firewise assessment, contact

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Rural Metro Fire
480-415-8897

<https://www.nfpa.org/en/education-and-research/wildfire/preparing-homes-for-wildfire>

Firewise toolkit; file:///C:/Users/sgilleland/Downloads/Firewise_Band_Together_Toolkit.pdf

READY – Prepare to evacuate

- Have your “go bag” loaded with all needed supplies for up to 72 hours away from your home
- 5 p's (people/pets, prescriptions, papers, priceless)
- Prepare enough for all members of the family (personal hygiene, clothes, snacks, food, water) Include supplies for pets.\
- Prescriptions – medications, medical equipment, etc.
- Papers – important documents, insurance papers, birth certificates, passports, or hard drives with document and photos. Store them in the cloud
- Priceless – items that cannot be replaced
- Know/Identify route for evacuation and where you will go. Have these items in your car, staged to load Ready to go.

SET -

- Everything is loaded in the car
- Turn off all utilities not needed, power, gas, etc.
- Have large animals loaded and ready – including all supplies
- Monitor local emergency broadcast for information
- Secure your home, close all windows and doors, block off any opening to attics or other areas where embers could enter

GO

- Turn off all utilities if possible
- Evacuate
- Place a note on the door stating “Evacuated” and a contact number

This is the link to MCSO [Smart911.com](https://www.smart911.com) This would be the most applicable for your community.

https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=maricopaaz&fbclid=IwAR1wpqrTjirDM-p6prlQ1zTLsIIqaXHE6fApoYhO4FMMd8kPz7fT9TLod5k_aem_AWoPAKINjGWWa8xdEWUxht7sUAq0n2kuhhgJB92B0chEhxztHQjLJwowBU5g96s5FDw7VOHgxUj0fWsU-zLDaKhE



**RURAL METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT
SCHEDULE OF SERVICE CHARGES
FOR CAVE CREEK/RIO VERDE
EFFECTIVE 3/01/2025**

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT

The following rates shall be charged for emergency and nonemergency fire department service accounts annually, excluding registration fees. Fire service account fees for properties are based upon the total enclosed square footage of all real property on an improved lot and shall include all buildings, living areas, basements, garages, storage buildings, and barns.

Contiguous unimproved land up to five (5) acres included at no additional charge. These rates may change from time to time.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Square feet Annual Rate

0 - 1399	\$ 292.00
1400 - 1699	\$ 432.00
1700 - 2099	\$ 507.00
2100 - 2599	\$ 675.00
2600 - 3199	\$ 813.00
3200 - 3699	\$ 1,024.00
3700 and over..	\$1,109.00 + .301/Sq Ft over 3699

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Square feet Annual Rate

First 1000.....	\$ 1,250.00
1001 - 50,000	\$ 1,250.00 +\$0.389/Sq Ft. over 1,000
50,001 - 100,000....	\$ 15,094.00 + \$0.2542 / Sq Ft. over 50,000
Over 100,000	\$ 28,235.00 + \$ 0.211 / Sq Ft. over 100,000

UNIMPROVED/ VACANT LAND

Vacant land status is only applicable to parcels of land with no structures and no on-site activities in excess of 180 days.

Coverage fees are \$100.00 for the first acre or portion thereof plus \$ 2.00 per contiguous acre, after the first acre.

HOA MASTER FIRE PROTECTION ACCOUNTS

Properties may be eligible for fifteen percent (15%) rate reduction for activating properties into one master fire protection account with the Homeowners Association.

CHARGES FOR PROPERTIES WITHOUT FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES COVERAGE

When the Fire Department responds to a property that is later determined to be inactive for Fire Department services coverage, charges shall be assessed at a minimum rate of \$1,500.00 per hour per fire fighting vehicle plus \$150.00 per hour per fire fighter (\$1,500.00 minimum response charge) for fire suppression. Commercial properties shall be assessed at treble rates. A minimum rate of \$600.00 per call will be assessed for Emergency Medical Services.

FIRE ACCOUNT SERVICES

- RESCUE SERVICE
- FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

(Not to include ambulance services)

- FIRE SAFETY REVIEWS
- EMERGENCY UTILITY SHUTOFF
- REMOVAL OF POISONOUS DESERT REPTILES
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

(Excludes extraordinary expenses incurred in handling and disposal of hazardous materials on owner's premises)

***** NOTICE *****

In the State of Arizona, property insurance does not provide coverage to properties for fire department response services. Insurance companies are restricted from paying for the activation and annual fees for fire accounts as well as reimbursements for any charges incurred due to services provided by the fire department during an incident on the property. Property owners are responsible for all fire account fees and or service charges.

To activate fire accounts please contact:

Rural / Metro Fire Department

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1 (800) 645-9413

(480) 627-6200

Or visit us on the web at

www.membership.ruralmetrofire.com