



# Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center

## 2022 Annual Report



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## Mission Statement

Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center (ADC) strives to provide safe, efficient, and cost-effective mobilization and demobilization of emergency resources. Operational goals include:

- To promote efficient operations through interagency cooperation and standardized procedures.
- To be equally responsive to all the agencies that we serve.
- WE WILL:
  - Identify incident priorities according to Zone priority criteria regardless of agency.
  - Define the "closest" resource regardless of boundary or ownership and utilize as appropriate through cooperative agreements.
  - Recognize agency specific requirements, i.e. pre-suppression orders, special equipment requests, skills requests, etc.
  - Recognize sensitive, political, or special issues and follow through to minimize their impact on current operations.
  - Provide timely communications on information and decisions which affect the interagency community.
  - Give all agencies and dispatch centers equal consideration in filling resource requests.

## Summary

This report summarizes the 2022 fire season within the Pecos Zone (PEZ) and Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center (ADC) Initial Attack area.

ADC's initial attack area consists of federal, state, and private lands protected by the Lincoln National Forest, Pecos District BLM, Las Cruces District BLM, Mescalero Agency BIA, New Mexico State Forestry Capitan District, Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, San Andreas National Wildlife Refuge, White Sands National Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park and Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

The 2022 fire season ended with a total of 210 fires consuming 38,998.47 acres. Alamogordo Dispatch continued to be very busy assisting with a total of 531 WildCAD incidents. (These numbers reflect the incidents Alamogordo Dispatch were involved with and does not include all the incidents that NM State Forestry and county resources responded to.)

## Alamogordo Dispatch Center

The dispatch center started off in January supporting initial attack and prescribed fire operations as well as the Type 1 McBride Fire and the Nogal fire being reported within 30 minutes of each other in early April.

The center remained busy through the summer and hosted multiple resources including two Lincoln National Forest apprentices and a local BLM firefighter. Support resources were difficult to obtain but the center was able to receive two IADP (initial attack dispatcher) trainees and one ACDP (aircraft dispatcher) when additional support was needed.

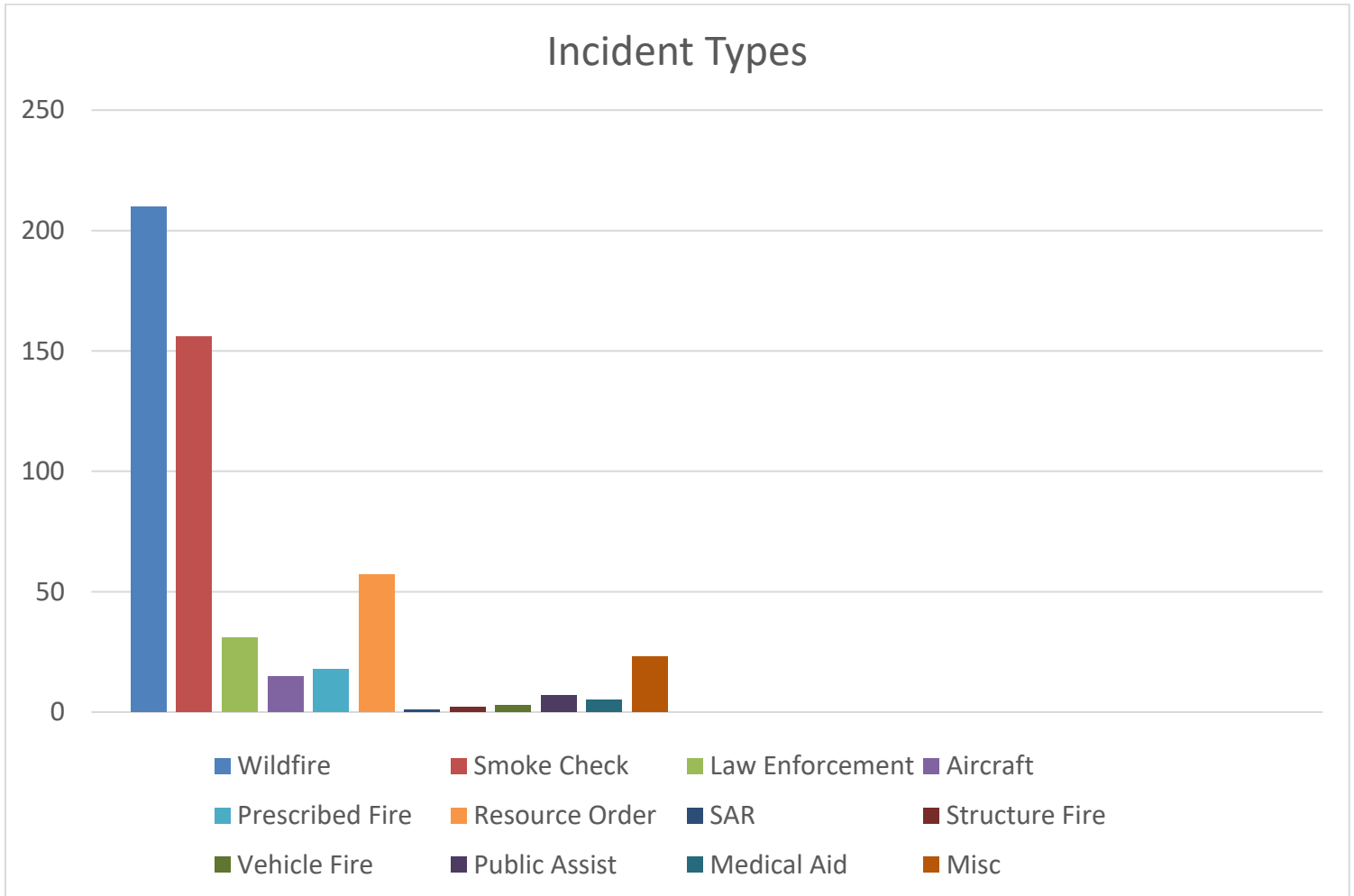
Multiple training assignments were accomplished between the primary staff and visiting resources with two EDRC (expanded dispatch recorder), three IADP and two ACDP position taskbooks getting signed off.

The staff took five out of area fire assignments to support other dispatch centers and coordination centers in Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming and Utah.

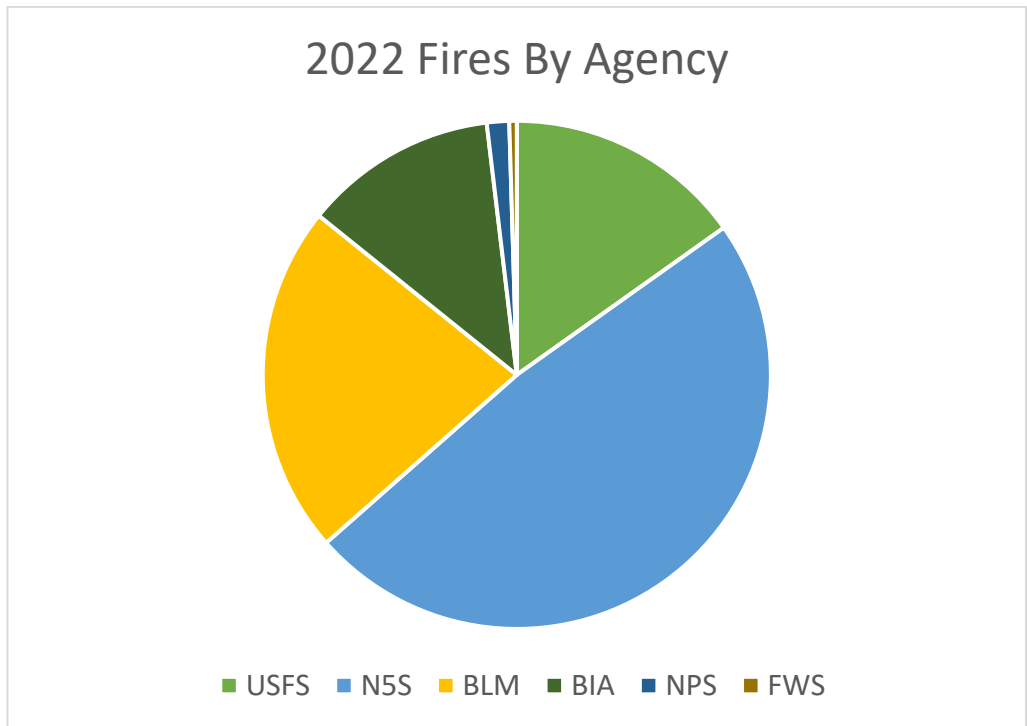
The Dispatch center supported resources on local incidents and staffed the center during 8 night-shift operations throughout the summer.

## Pecos Zone WildCAD Incidents

In 2022, ADC supported 531 local incidents with 210 of those being Wildfires (1/1 thru 12/31). Aside from Wildfires, the second highest number of incidents were Smoke Checks.



2022	FIRES	ACRES
USFS –LNF Lightning	17	26.95
USFS – LNF Human	15	13.42
N5S Lightning	7	97.46
N5S Human	95	31,983.88
BLM Lightning	4	1,539.50
BLM Human	43	5,265.90
NPS Lightning	2	0.20
NPS Human	1	0.10
FWS Lightning	0	0.00
FWS Human	1	0.10
BIA Lightning	11	42.30
BIA Human	15	28.76



❖ The incident totals for N5S only include the incidents that NM-ADC dispatched and do not include all the incidents that NM State Forestry or local/county resources responded to.

## 10-Year Fire Summary

The tables below summarize the total number of fires and acres for the last 10 years for each land-based agency within the Pecos Zone.

USFS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	19	132
2014	28	109
2015	24	121
2016	35	802
2017	23	690.14
2018	57	12,942.67
2019	100	29,134.40
2020	152	3,154.97
2021	33	5,936.58
<b>2022</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40.37</b>

NSS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	64	721
2014	81	7,214
2015	125	2,457
2016	197	47,668
2017	120	9,283.87
2018	122	91,614.323
2019	128	6,717.35
2020	66	2,199.88
2021	29	674.84
<b>2022</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>32,081.24</b>

BLM	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	20	81
2014	44	211
2015	58	2,341
2016	46	1,501
2017	29	478.625
2018	43	2,268.45
2019	37	39.25
2020	38	3,117.76
2021	15	205.50
<b>2022</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6,805.40</b>

NPS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	4	27
2014	3	8
2015	8	92
2016	14	15,465
2017	10	1,236.86
2018	8	1,363.80
2019	8	1,132.50
2020	12	678.25
2021	8	3,306.40
<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.20</b>

BIA	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	23	5
2014	30	56
2015	14	209
2016	33	909
2017	22	24.47
2018	32	1,316.25
2019	20	10.68
2020	27	52.08
2021	40	44.15
<b>2022</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>71.06</b>

FWS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2013	0	0
2014	3	24
2015	1	1
2016	3	13
2017	1	0.2
2018	2	19
2019	2	1.36
2020	1	0.25
2021	1	0.25
<b>2022</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.01</b>

## Prescribed Fire Accomplishments

The Lincoln National Forest treated 1,162.5 acres with management-ignited burns during 2022.

Pecos District BLM completed 5,007 acres of prescribed fire.

Las Cruces BLM completed 3,200 acres.

Bitter Lakes FWS completed 85 acres.

White Sands Missile Range in conjunction with Socorro BLM burned 3,427 acres.



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– Pecos District





## Crews

### Regular Agency Type 1 Crew Assignments

#### Smokey Bear IHC

The crew reported for duty on March 13<sup>th</sup> and went available nationally on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The crew spent 112 days assigned to incidents, in travel status or staging.

Once available, Smokey Bear IHC performed on fire suppression assignments in Virginia, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Idaho and California completing four 14-day assignments and eight partial assignments. Smokey Bear IHC ended their season on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



#### Sacramento IHC

The crew reported for duty on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The crew spent 102 days assigned to incidents, in travel status or staging.

Once available, Sacramento IHC performed on fire suppression assignments in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and Oregon completing six 14-day assignments. Sacramento IHC ended their season on September 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Regular Agency Type 2IA/Type 2 and Camp Crew Assignments

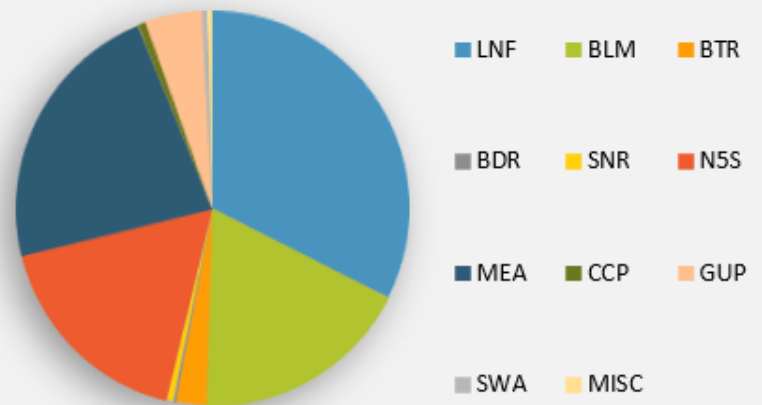
Mescalero BIA Type 2 and Type 2 IA crew did not have any assignments in 2022. The Mescalero Camp crew supported incidents within the Pecos Zone as well as supported the Coconino and Santa Fe National Forest.

	Camp Crew
AGENCY	BIA – Mescalero
DATE OF FIRST ASSIGNMENT	4/14
NUMBER OF FIRE ASSIGNMENTS*	4
OFF UNIT ASSIGNMENTS*	3
DAYS COMMITTED	31

## Logistical Activity

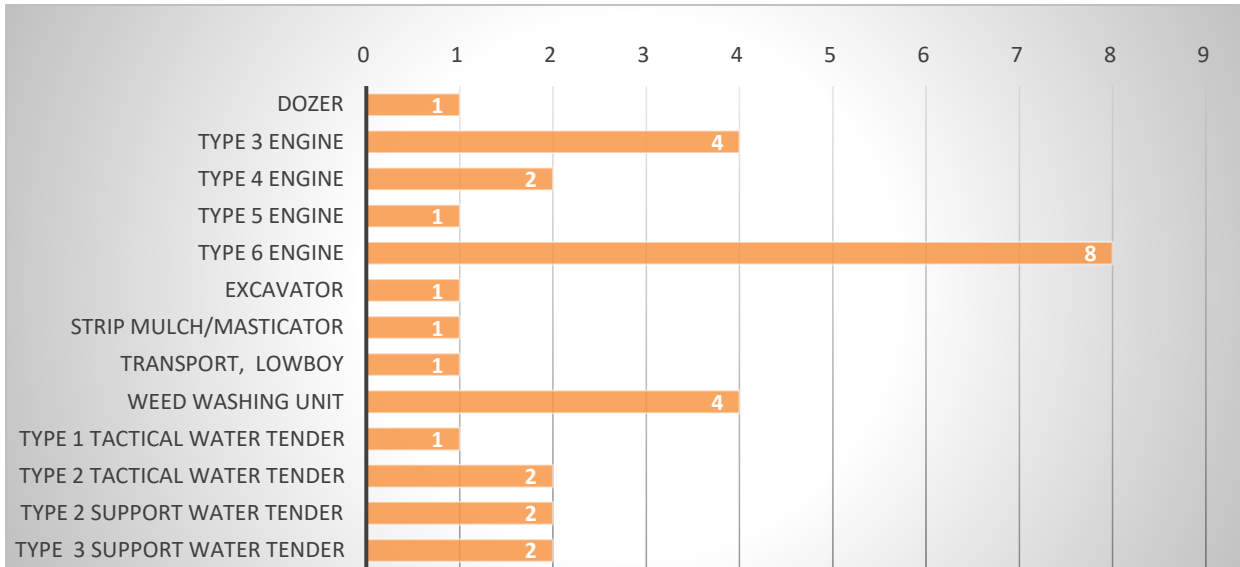
Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center hosts 517 overhead personnel representing the following agencies:

AGENCY	TOTAL # OF PERSONNEL
LNF	168
BLM	93
BTR	13
BDR	1
SNR	3
N5S	90
MEA	117
CCP	4
GUP	24
SWA	2
MISC	2



AGENCY	LNF	CAD	ROD	BTR	BDR	SNR	N5S	MEA	CCP	GUP	SWA	MISC
TOTAL # OF PERSONNEL	168	46	47	13	1	3	90	117	4	24	2	2

ADC hosted a total of 30 Contract Resources in 2022. The chart below provides a breakdown of resources by type.



## Resource Orders

A large portion of Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center’s workload was processing Resource orders for in Zone and out of Area incidents. In 2022 the center processed 2,504 resource orders including Pecos Zone incident requests and out of area requests placed to ADC as well as Overhead Team subordinate requests.

	# of Requests
AIRCRAFT	257
CREW	344
EQUIPMENT	514
OVERHEAD	518
SUPPLY	871
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2504</b>

## Training

### Southwest Area Priority Trainee Program

The SWA Priority Trainee Program supports individuals with obtaining quality training assignments for position task book completion of predetermined NWCG positions. In 2022, the Pecos Zone submitted 3 nominations to be part of the SWA Priority Trainee Program. The positions included Human Resource Specialist, Operations Section Chief 1 and Task Force Leader. Each individual who participated in the program went on 1 fire assignment each to work on their specific qualification with all individuals becoming qualified by the end of the season.

## Aircraft

### Alamogordo Air Tanker Base

The Alamogordo Air Tanker Base (ALM-ATB) opened on March 1<sup>st</sup> and sent out 139 loads of retardant for a total of 403,381 gallons in 2022. They ordered 13 personnel to support their operations with some of those individuals staying for 30-day assignments. The tanker base hosted many types of aircraft, at different times throughout the season to include: 2-SEATs, 3- MD87's, 1- C-130 , 1- 737, 3- BAE-146 and 3- RJ-85 airtankers. Alamogordo Tanker Base closed for the season on October 25<sup>th</sup>.



### Roswell Air Tanker Base

The Roswell Air Tanker Base opened on March 27<sup>th</sup>. They sent out 119 loads of retardant totaling 762,716 gallons for the year. The tanker base supported multiple aircraft types to include DC-10's , RJ-85's, BAE-146's, MD-87's, 1- C-130 and 2- SEATS. The tanker base ordered numerous resources to support their operations as well as utilized local resources. The tanker base closed on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Safety

### SAFECOMs

SAFECOMs are used to report any condition, observation, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance with personnel or the aircraft that has the potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. SAFECOMs are a tool used to identify, document, track, and correct safety related issues.

Four SAFECOMs were filed within the Pecos Zone in 2022:

SAFECOM # 22-0364 – Ramp – Aircraft Damage (Lincoln National Forest – ROW ATB)

SAFECOM# 22-0239 – Laser Pointed at Aircraft (Lincoln National Forest – ALM ATB)

SAFECOM# 22-0215 – Communications – Lost Radio Comms with Aircraft due to Console failure (Lincoln National Forest – ADC)

SAFECOM# 22-0200 – TFR – Released in the middle of operational period (Lincoln National Forest – McBride Fire)

### SAFENETS

The SAFENET system is a way for front line firefighters and support staff to report unsafe or unhealthy situations and near-misses. It is also a way for fire managers to hear about and correct hazardous conditions, collect and track important safety data and identify trends that could be developing.

There were no SAFENETs filed within the Pecos Zone in 2022.

## Conclusion

ADC was successful in upholding our mission to support the Pecos Zone during wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations. Through multiple changes within the dispatch center organization, we were able to maintain our high level of service and continue to build and develop our staff. As we enter a new year, we are eager to welcome additional staff members and to continue to support our resources while maintaining our standard of dispatching throughout our daily center operations and through each incident that develops.