

NEW BUNKROOMS AT FIRE STATION

Two new bunkrooms were recently completed at Tubac Fire Station No. 1. The station was built in the 1970s before there were full-time, around-the-clock employees.

The work, done by employees, cost \$7,130. There are two private, insulated rooms with single beds. They each have a clothing locker and a desk, a phone, a speaker to hear emergency calls from the dispatcher, along with air conditioning and heating.

The rooms replace outdoor travel-type trailers that employees used to sleep in.

There are several benefits for the fire district, Assistant Chief Genaro Rivera said. They'll spend less on propane gas heating in the winter, the employees won't have to go from outside to inside to use the bathroom, and they'll be closer to the ambulance and fire trucks when calls come in.

The other three fire stations in the district all have bunk rooms, he said.

The bunk room space came from one of the three indoor equipment bays in the station. Rivera said it hasn't caused a problem to have lost the use of the bay. An old ambulance that's out of service was in that spot. The vehicle will now be offered for auction.

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