

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on April 7, 2011 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (11) Firefighters, (6) Explorer(s), (6) CERTs, (1) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$368,264.83 / Payroll account \$41,057.31 / Recreation account \$1,878.28
Volunteer Pension account \$193,871.22

Drill Schedule: April 6th and 13th at 1800 hours. April 10th at 0800 hours.

Explorer Report: by Brent

Call Load Report: March calls 46. Call load total for 2011 - 146.

CERT Report: by Doug

New Business:

- Call to the Public. None.
- A metal storage building that was ordered from Empire Steel is scheduled to arrive on April 7th. The site grading has been completed and a survey is being done before we can apply for a building permit. The new building will be installed on the lot next door. BIA will be relocating a power pole that is in the way, and Qwest has been contacted to relocate a telephone junction box. The concrete slab and footings work should begin soon. On duty firefighters will provide the labor to assemble the building.
- The new CERT trailer has had the decals installed and is now being stocked with equipment and supplies. The trailer will be used at the upcoming Multi-Agency Mass Causality Drill, and for the Oaks Festival/Firewise Days event. The Oracle Firewise Board funded the cost of the trailer including some of the equipment.
- An EMS First Responder class began on March 5th. The class was attended by OFD Explorers including San Manuel and Mammoth Firefighters. Thirteen students have completed the class. OFD Fire Explorers were presented with their certificates.
- Discussion regarding the April 10th multi-agency drill. Harley gave an update.
- Volunteers for the Oaks Festival were requested.
- A second HIPAA class will be held here on April 6th. This class is mandatory for all paid and support personnel.
- Seven EMT's have been approved by OFD to attend an IV Class on May 26th. Final acceptance into the class is subject to approval by St Joseph's Hospital. Lieutenant Ortiz is in charge of EMS operations and he will make all of the necessary arrangements. SJH has offered to provide the start-up equipment at no charge.
- Matt Dadow was acknowledged as a new volunteer firefighter and he was presented with an OFD shoulder patch.
- Kate gave a web site update.
- The fuels thinning grant has been given the go ahead by the AZ Dept of Forestry. Letters were sent out to property owners in the affected areas. We have received a good response and the DOC crews will be starting the projects soon.
- A Resolution to provide a deferred comp savings plan was signed by the Governing Board. This is an optional plan for most salaried, full time, and reserve employees. This is a payroll deduction savings plan, and only those who have consistent payroll hours, will be allowed to participate. If interested, contact Tina in HR for details.
- A request has been made to Southwest Ambulance to restructure the wording in their CAD system to display the most important part of the dispatch first, and to show the least important information later.
- State Engine 362 will be staged again this year in Oracle during the peak of the fire season. The shift schedule will be posted when it becomes available. Wildland Certified firefighters, who are currently red-carded, are encouraged to sign up with the Arizona Department of Forestry to provide staffing for this engine.

Next meeting: May 2nd at 1800 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1852 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / April 8, 2011