

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on July 11, 2011 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (13) Firefighters, (4) Explorer(s), (5) CERTs, (0) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board. Minutes from the May 2nd meeting were also approved.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$364,414.39 / Payroll account \$23,825.61 / Recreation account \$2,472.47 / Volunteer Pension account \$192,688.04

Drill Schedule: July 14th and 19th at 1800 hours. July 24th at 0800 hours.

Explorer Report: none

Call Load Report: June calls 54. Call total for 2011: 293

CERT Report: by Doug

New Business:

- Call to the Public. None.
- Storage building update. We are still working on drainage and grading issues that Pinal County requested.
- The Governing Board has advertised the proposed 2011/2012 operations budget in the Miner Newspaper. A public budget meeting will be held here on Friday, July 15th at 8 am. The proposed operations budget will remain the same as last year's budget.
- Progress report for the DOC fire prevention project. The DOC crew has returned from several wildfire assignments and will be resuming Oracle fuels treatment projects.
- Review of the Horseshoe 2 and Monument Fires. Thanks to our wildland firefighters for helping at the Horseshoe 2 and Monument Fires.
- Discussion regarding the recent brush burn. The piles were much larger than we have ever had before. In the future we will need to schedule a loader to work with us during extinguishment.
- July Drill changes: 14th and 19th at 1800 hours and July 24th at 0800 hours.
- Review of the Severity Patrol program. The program went well and several citizens commented on how nice it was to see our trucks out on July 4th.
- Discussion regarding the annual family picnic and baseball game. August 13th at 11:00 was selected for the picnic. A baseball game will take place on the previous evening.
- Michael Parra and Thomas Mathews were recognized as new firefighters and were presented with a shoulder patch.
- Duracell donated 288 batteries. The donation was accepted.
- Discussion regarding State Fire School. Enrollment can begin now. Interested firefighters need to talk to BC Southard.
- Discussion regarding time cards. Time cards need to be filled out with more details. Payroll checks will be issued on the Friday following the pay period cutoff.

Next meeting: August 1st at 1800 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1846 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / July 11, 2011