

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on September 12, 2011 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (10) Firefighters, (0) Explorer(s), (5) CERTs, (0) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read, but were not approved by the Governing Board as Chief Ortiz was on vacation.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$208,761.49 / Payroll account \$42,226.96 /

Recreation account \$1,906.42 / Volunteer Pension account \$191,618.82

Drill Schedule: Sept 15th and 20th at 1800 hours. Sept 25th at 0800 hours.

Explorer Report: By Chief Ramsay

Call Load Report: Calls during August: 55. Total calls YTD: 402

CERT Report: By Doug

Firewise Report by Kevin

New Business:

- **Call to the Public.** Christopher Lucic brought in a Sept 911 painting earlier in the day. He was not able to make the meeting, but we told him that we would display the painting at the General Meeting that evening.
- We held a "moment of silence" out of respect for those who died in the **Sept 11, 2001** attacks.
- **Storage building update.** We are still working on drainage and grading issues that Pinal County has requested. Kent (civil engineer) is making progress. The rear setback will have to be moved forward another 25 feet due to erosion issues with the wash. This will affect the placement of any future buildings.
- We were recently awarded with a grant called Blazing Star **Grant**. The project area is located on Oracle State Park property and is being managed by the AZ Dept of Forestry using DOC crews. Several other fuels thinning grants are in various stages.
- We had a discussion about the 9 steps of a **grant process**. Battalion Chief Southard said that during the past year he had been training Tina to manage grants and that he would work with her over the next few years on how to write them.
- Discussion regarding **State Fire School**. We sent five of our personnel to fire school in Mesa. We took turns talking about some of the various classes that were taken.
- Discussion regarding SWA's new **CAD** system. We talked about how the new system has recently improved, but that it still has issues that need to be worked out.
- Discussion about **shift scheduling**. Over the past several months, Reserve and Trainee shift schedules started moving outside of the parameters that OFD had established in May of 2010. Low staffing levels, especially during extended fire assignments, allowed Trainees to get many more hours than what our original intentions were. The September 2011 shift schedule was drafted using those pre-existing guidelines. These guidelines will be reviewed and discussed at upcoming Officer Meetings (staff meetings) to see if there is room for changes.
- Chief Ramsay gave an extension to those who have not completed their **Training Task Books**. The new deadline is September 28th. Those with incomplete task books will not be placed on the shift schedule in October.

Next meeting: October 3rd at 1800 hours (due to Labor Day).

Meeting adjourned at 1855 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / Aug 1, 2011

Call Load for August 2011: Structure Fires: 0 / Brush Fires: 0 / Vehicle Fires: 0 / Other Fires: 1 (propane tank) / Wildland Assignments: 0 / Smoke in Area: 3 / Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2 / Hazmat: 0 / Rescue: 0 / Emergency Medical Service: 32 / Public Assist: 2 / Lockouts: 4 / Desert Pest Removal: 6 / Fire Prevention: 0 / Welfare Checks: 0 / False Alarms: 5 / Smell Gas: 0 TOTAL CALLS FOR AUGUST 55