

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on Jan 11th 2010 at 1800 hours.

Roll call: (17) Firefighters (4) 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 \$367,956.75, Payroll account \$26,453.04 Recreation account \$1,610.89,  
Volunteer Pension account \$194,506.53

Drill schedule: Jan 7th and 12th at 1800 hours and Jan 17th at 0800 hours.

Explorer report: None

Call load report: December calls 33. Year to date calls 527.

**New Business:**

A training schedule from our Base Hospital, Saint Josephs Hospital of Tucson, was presented and four EMT's volunteered to attend a CQI meeting on January 13th.

The GSA, through the Arizona State Foresters Office, has included us in a pilot program to purchase fire suppression supplies directly through GSA. We placed our first order last month by ordering supplies provided on the 2009 RFA grant.

We discussed how the recent ISO inspection went. Our goal is to improve Oracle's fire protection classification rating from a 7 to a 5. ISO will mail us our new classification within six months.

A Mutual Aid agreement with the State of Arizona was presented. The Governing Board voted by a vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays to accept and sign the agreement.

Jason presented our new fire hydrant and addressing maps. The new maps use hundred numbers rather than grid lines to locate streets and parcels. The next drill will include training on the using the new mapping system.

The 2008/2009 annual budget review was completed in December and sent to the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.

Beth and Harley gave a report on the Fire Academy.

We talked about an upcoming project to inform people of the importance in having posted address markers. Karen talked about an addressing project in the community of Catalina through Golder Ranch FD.

The Oracle Firewise program was recognized for its 5th year as a National Firewise Community.

We are exploring changes to the YPAT testing program. The topic will be tabled for another time. In the meantime Tina will put together a YPAT training signup sheet for those interested in practicing.

Jason Weiss was announced as the Oracle Firefighter of the Year. A ceremony will be held at the Elks Lodge in San Manuel. We will notify everyone when we have a date.

Doug Johnson and Rachel Opinsky were recognized as the Oracle CERT team of the year. They were presented with certificates.

American Messaging has agreed to provide the necessary antenna equipment to mount on our radio tower to make our pagers work better.

Karen talked about several safety program opportunities that are available.

Charlene provided an update on the rabid animals captured last week near Oracle. Kate also commented about her previous experience with a rabid skunk.

Next meeting: February 1st at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1846 hours

Minutes approved by:

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**CALL LOAD FOR DECEMBER 2009:**

Structure Fires 0, Brush Fires 0, Vehicle Fires 1, Other Fires 1, Motor Vehicle Accidents 0, Hazmat 0, Rescue 0, Emergency Medical Service 20, Public Assist 3, Lock outs 5, Desert Pest Removal 1, Fire Prevention 1, Welfare Checks 0, False Alarms 1, Total calls 33 / Year to Date calls: 527