

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on October 3, 2011 at 1800 hours.

Roll call: (9) Firefighters, (1) Explorer(s), (3) CERTs, (0) Public /
Minutes of the past meeting were read and approved.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$229,634.86 / Payroll account \$10,905.34 / Recreation account \$2,388.42 / Volunteer Pension account \$191,092.18

Drill Schedule: Oct. 6th and 11th at 1800 hours. Oct. 16th at 0800 hours.

Explorer Report: By Jeff

Call Load Report: Calls during September: 49. Total calls YTD: 451

CERT Report: By Doug

New Business:

- Call to the public: Charlotte Poole talked about an upcoming OCC event and she handed out brochures.
- Storage building update: We are still working on drainage and grading issues that Pinal County has requested. Kent (civil engineer) is nearly complete. The rear setback will have to be moved forward a total of 50 feet due to erosion concerns by Pinal County. This will affect the placement of future buildings.
- Progress update on the 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. The main Scope of Work has been completed and the grant objectives will have been achieved once the cut firewood has been removed. Tina was given special thanks for coordinating the project.
- Discussion about shift scheduling: Tabled until next month.
- We discussed hiring Brenda Trachina to review and upgrade our recently written SOG's/ Policies and Procedures documents. A motion was made to obtain more information. The motion was seconded and a vote of 2 ayes carried the motion. We will begin with an initial get acquainted meeting to find out more about the process including the associated costs.
- We discussed our newly written SOG's/Policies and Procedures document. It was decided that it would be better to put them into place now, knowing that we can always add to or change them later. A motion was made to adopt the new documents. The motion was seconded and a vote of 2 ayes carried the motion.
- The full time crews have been given the responsibility of maintaining the fire hydrants. It was mentioned that the grass around all of the hydrants had been recently cut and that weed spraying would become a part of the maintenance.
- It was agreed that a wrist watch of up to a \$30.00 cost could be added to the full time employee uniform allowance and that wildland clothing was eligible to be included in the uniform allowance as long as the blue station wear clothing was in good shape.
- San Pedro Behavioral Health has expressed interest in purchasing the old fire station located at 1010 East Mount Lemmon Hwy. An initial meet and greet meeting will take place this week at the fire station. It was agreed that Secretary/Treasurer Southard would attend the first meeting and would bring information to the Nov. General Meeting, or arrange a Special Public Meeting if necessary. Secretary Southard stated the existing tenants lease does not expire for another year and they have a First Right of Purchase agreement with OFD.
- Our current Health Insurance policy with Starmark is up for renewal. We are in the process of obtaining quotes from several providers including Starmark. The policy with the best value will be considered.
- Pinal County Air Quality Control has begun issuing backyard burning permits for properties located within OFD boundaries.
- It was agreed that we would start the process of cancelling American Messaging Company since our text message dispatches now come from Southwest Ambulance as a part of our dispatching services. Cancelling will save the department about \$400.00 per month.

Next meeting: November 7th at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1902 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / Oct. 3, 2011

Call Load for September 2011: Structure Fires: 0 / Brush Fires: 0 / Vehicle Fires: 1 / Other Fires: 0 / Wildland Assignments: 0 / Smoke in Area: 2 / Motor Vehicle Accidents: 1 / Hazmat: 0 / Rescue: 0 / Emergency Medical Service: 31 / Public Assist: 1 / Lockouts: 2 / Desert Pest Removal: 8 / Hazardous Condition: 1 / Welfare Checks: 0 / False Alarms: 2 / Smell Gas: 0 TOTAL CALLS FOR SEPTEMBER: 49