

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on August 2, 2010 at 1800 hours.

Roll call: (17) Firefighters, (2) Explorer(s), (5) CERTs, (3) Public

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

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$323,370.87, Payroll account \$54,392.73 Recreation account \$2,071.94, Volunteer Pension account \$191,139.28

Drill schedule: Aug. 5 and 10 at 1800 hours and Aug. 22 at 0800 hours.

Explorer report: none

Call load report: July calls: 46, Year-to-date calls: 308

New Business:

- The ladder diagram for "shift qualifications" has been modified. The new diagram includes Full Time, Reserve and Support categories. Salaried employees, volunteers and CERT's are not shown on the diagram. All non-full time, firefighters who want to sign up for paid shifts, will need to meet Reserve or Support qualifications. Reserve and Support staffing (although paid) are NOT hired positions. Those who want to remain on the "active roster" will still be required to live within district boundaries just as our volunteers have been required. Reserve and Support staffing will still be required to fill out Shift Availability Forms prior to being considered for a paid shift. The diagram will be posted on the employee bulletin board.
- Reserve Officer Shift Pay has been changed from the current rate to "Step One" hourly rate. This change will be retroactive to the last pay period.
- Lieutenant Robert Jennings has been promoted to a Captain position. Robert started as a Junior Firefighter and has worked his way up through the ranks.
- A pump operations class has been completed. Certificates were presented to all who attended the class.
- Jason has made parcel maps for Mammoth and will soon make the same for San Manual. These maps have been placed in the engines and brush trucks.
- Discussion regarding selling or leasing the old station located at 1010 East Mount Lemmon Highway: A request was made by Kent and Vicki Toothman asking if we would consider leasing the old fire station to them. It was decided to provide them with a tour of the building to see if it would fit their needs. For many years the old station has just been used for storage and it is substantially empty. Our long term plan includes selling the building to consolidate all of our operations to Station One. Leasing the building would provide a positive income while we are waiting for the real estate market to rebound. We will wait for Mr. and Mrs. Toothman to make an offer and discuss it at a future public meeting.
- Five firefighters have been selected to attend State Fire School next month. Classes will include Extrication and Ladder Operations.
- A request has been made by a group of local citizens to have OFD work with several agencies to try to re-open Water Tank Road for emergency ingress/egress. It was suggested to work with Pinal County.
- Discussion regarding the Annual Firefighter/CERT/Firewise picnic: The times were announced and several assignments were delegated.
- Chief Ortiz talked about our ISO rating.
- Rachel talked about the upcoming Safety House painting project. Several details will need to be worked out before the project can begin.

Next meeting: September 13th at 1800 hours. / Meeting adjourned at 1833 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz/ Secretary Larry Southard August 2, 2010

CALL LOAD FOR JULY 2010:

Structure Fires: 0, Brush Fires: 0, Vehicle Fires: 1, Other Fires: 1, Wildland Assignments: 1, Smoke in Area: 2, Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2, Fuel Spill: 1; Rescue: 0, Emergency Medical Service: 33, Public Assist: 0, Lockouts: 2, Desert Pest Removal: 2, Fire Prevention: 0, Welfare Checks: 0, False Alarms: 1. TOTAL CALLS: 46