

ORACLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2013 / APPROVED 10/07/2013

Meeting was officially called to order at 6:05pm, Monday, September 9, 2013 at 1475 W. American Ave., Oracle, AZ.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairman Bristow, Clerk McMurry, OFDBMs Duran and Navarro.

Members Absent: OFDBM Brown Staff Present: Fire Chief Southard, Admin. Chief Acosta

Public Present: 2

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Minutes were not included in packets sent out to Board members, and will be included in next packet sent out.

3. CALL TO PUBLIC.

No response from public.

4. CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Also attached: August Call Load Report

Not noted in Chief's Report, but discussed: There will be a new CERT class held at OFD the first four Saturdays of November, 2013.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PAID AND/OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH & DISABILITY COVERAGE.

Chairman Bristow requested Chief Southard to provide a report on benefits provided to part-time firefighters (in Arizona) who die in the line of duty (as those in the Yarnell Fire). Chief Southard included copies of this information in the Board members packet, prior to this meeting. It is a summary of the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act (PSOB Law 42 USC 3796), which became law in 1976, providing a \$50,000 death benefit for firefighters (paid and volunteer) and law enforcement officers that died in the line of duty (emergency or non-emergency) from a traumatic injury . In 2012, the benefit increased to \$328,612.73.

Document attached.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FC-691 FROM CHIEF SOUTHARD.

Chief Southard had written a letter detailing the possible purchase and the history of the vehicle and sent it to the Board members several months ago. The vehicle is still in Larry Southard's name. OFDBM Navarro stated that it is only fair that OFD purchase the vehicle from Chief Southard, however this needs to be

budgeted for. Chief Southard mentioned that CPA Jennifer Phillips suggested that the purchase price be traced back to the original purchase in 2002 and include all mileage, maintenance, and fuel (not covered by OFD for the first five years after purchase. The vehicle was used solely as a Fire Department vehicle).

The vehicle is a 2002 Ford Explorer, purchased new, currently with only 65,000 miles.

Chairman Bristow stated he was uncomfortable with paying for something that pre dates the current Fire Board, and suggested the Board take responsibility for the vehicle as of December 1, 2012, the date they were sworn in. He asked Chief Southard to present to them a high end Blue Book value, as it has such low mileage.

OFDBM Doran stated that at the next meeting, he would like to discuss giving the Chief more time to use up his accrued PTO hours , as he is afraid the Chief will not have enough time to use up the excess hours and he will lose them. Chief Southard stated that due to his excess hours (over 360), he is not currently accruing PTO hours. OFDBM Doran requested this item to be placed on the October agenda.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**

OFDBM Doran made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. This was seconded by Clerk McMurry. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:37pm. **Next regular board meeting: Monday October 7, 2013 at 6pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Tina Acosta - Administrative Chief