

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on
January 9, 2012 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (10) Firefighters, (0) Explorer(s), (2) CERTs, (0) Public /
Minutes of the past meeting were read and approved.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$387,885.06 / Payroll account \$16,411.86 / Recreation account \$1,586.66
/ Volunteer Pension account \$198,367.45

Drill Schedule: Jan 12th and 17th at 1800 hours. Jan 22nd at 0800 hours

Explorer Report: none

Call Load Report: Calls during last month: 43. Total calls YTD: 592

CERT Report: none

New Business:

- Call to the public: None
- We discussed two bids that we had received for an SCBA Fill Station. Both products were very similar in features and were priced competitively. A motion was made and seconded to accept the lower priced bid from FDC products at \$39,118.20. A vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays carried the motion.
- We discussed the need to create another advancement step for firefighters who had obtained their FF I&II certifications –or- their EMT National Registry. A certified FF I&II employee would also need the equivalent of an EMS 1st Responder certification. It was agreed that having taken an EMT class would suffice as being a 1st Responder. A motion was made and seconded to make these changes. A vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays carried the motion. A revised Flow Chart will be sent to Kate so it can be added to the SOGs and posted on the website.
- We discussed the recent Christmas Dinner and Santa events. Thanks were given to everyone that attended and helped.
- The Arizona Dept of Forestry awarded OFD with two fuel thinning grants. The grants were discussed and a progress report was given. To date, 30 of 65 private properties have had work done by the Florence DOC crews, using funds from the WFHF 2010 grant.
- Various upcoming wildland firefighter classes were discussed. Dan Wilson is the point of contact for all wildland classes and training. Dan talked about having us participate in an upcoming multi-agency training exercise during March.
- Dura-Cell has donated a box of batteries. The donation was accepted and the batteries will be put into service as needed.
- We discussed some station security issues. A camera system will be installed in the front office and possibly in the employee parking area.
- We discussed responding to emergency calls requested by Pinal Rural Fire Rescue. It was agreed that we could respond to offer assistance, but only on a case-by-case basis. Before responding, the on-duty crew would need the approval of an officer and provisions for station coverage would have to be made. Our services would be treated as any other out-of-district emergency call and those services would be followed by an invoice. The Governing Board agreed it was not in the best interest of the fire district to pursue or to enter into a mutual agreement.
- The annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner will be held in San Manuel at the Elks Lodge on January 28th. Harley Van Coillie has been selected as the Oracle Firefighter of the Year. All Firefighters, CERTs, Firewise Board and spouses are encouraged to attend.
- The status of a large donation to the community of Oracle is still pending. Secretary Southard has advised against running the funds through the OFD bank account as it would create accounting problems during our next financial review / audit. Chief Ortiz is working with Chase Bank, the Pinal County Attorney's Office and a citizen committee to decide on how to best handle the donation.

Next meeting: February 6th at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1858 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / January 9, 2012