

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on
July 2, 2012 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (10) Firefighters, (1) Explorer(s), (4) CERTs, (3) Public /
Minutes of the past meeting were read and approved.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$430,335.03 / Payroll account \$18,504.27 /
Recreation account \$1,083.70 / Volunteer Pension account \$199,086.79
Drill Schedule: July 5th and 10th at 1800 hours. July 2nd at 0800 hours
Explorer Report: Brent
Last Month Call Load Report: 59. Total calls YTD (2012): 305
CERT Report: by Doug

New Business:

- Call to the public: None.
- Chief Ortiz was absent. No official business was conducted.
- Progress update regarding the Pinal County Firewise Grant. Fuels thinning on West American Avenue is in progress and will continue until September 30th. The DOC crew has been out on state wildland fires for the past three weeks and they will resume the American Avenue/Linda Vista project when they return.
- Progress update of the 2012/2013 Operations Budget. A Public Hearing regarding the budget was held at the fire station on June 22nd at 8:00 AM. A motion was made to accept the budget as prepared and the motion carried by a vote of two Ayes.
- Progress update on the new SCBA Fill Station. The new unit has been installed and started. A mechanical problem was discovered so it is not yet in service. The old Fill Station has been temporarily installed in the west truck bay. A factory tech will be here on the week of July 16th to make repairs.
- Progress update regarding the Pinal County site plan review required to obtain a building permit for the storage shed. Our drawing and reports have been accepted and are being reviewed by various Pinal County agencies.
- A meeting was held with Brenda Tranchina to talk about hiring her to review and modify OFD Policies and Procedures. Brenda is a specialist in this field and we want to make sure that our employee policies stay current and up to date. Her quote of \$6,500 was accepted.
- Two full time Firefighter/EMT positions are being considered. Applications will be accepted from current OFD Reserves ONLY. Applications are due at 0800 hours on July 11th. No late applications will be accepted.
- The employee uniform allowance has been modified for this fiscal year. Wording for our Policies manual will be drafted and reviewed at an upcoming Officers Meeting.
- The annual Firefighter Family Picnic will be held on July 28th at the Oracle Park at 11:00 AM. A baseball game will be held on the previous evening at Mountain Vista School at 7:00 PM.
- Dispatching by texting is still presenting a major problem. Southwest Ambulance Dispatch has been contacted. All off-duty personnel are encouraged to carry their two way radios as often as possible.
- Engine 692 and Tender 691 have recently been on several extended wildfire assignments. When they return and after the extreme fire season is over, they will be scheduled for full service and maintenance at International and Freightliner.
- We are working on putting together another Firefighter I&II class. The instructor requires a minimum of ten students and right now we have 7 who have expressed an interest. We are hoping to be able to hold this class in fall of 2012.
- Three new Trainee Firefighters were welcomed into the department. They were Brandon Small, Beau Houston and Mario Brogdon.

Next meeting: August 6th at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1836 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / July 3, 2012