

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting  
held on August 1, 2011 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (13) Firefighters, (4) Explorer(s), (6) CERTs, (1) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board. Minutes from the May 2nd meeting were also approved.

**Operations Reports:**

Treasurer's report: General account \$274,996.00 / Payroll account \$29,283.54 / Recreation account \$3,636.47 / Volunteer Pension account \$192,501.71

Drill Schedule: August 4th and 9th at 1800 hours. August 21st at 0800 hours.

Explorer Report: by Brent

Call Load Report: Calls during July: 54 Total calls YTD: 347

CERT Report: by Doug

**New Business:**

- Call to the Public. Ruben Perez thanked the EMS responders who helped his family.
- Storage building update. We are still working on drainage and grading issues that Pinal County requested.
- The DOC crews are making progress with fuels thinning projects on private properties that are being funded by the 2010 WFHF Grant. The 2011 WFHF grant has been submitted and we are waiting to hear if we will be considered. The acting Tucson District State Forester has scheduled to come to Oracle on August 2nd to look at several possible grant funded projects. The most likely project will be the Oracle Community Fuel Break as it crosses through Oracle State Park. A one mile long section needs to be maintained and widened an additional 100 feet.
- Battalion Chief Southard requested that OFD purchase the last of five vehicles loaned to the fire department. The vehicle is a 2002 Ford Explorer that has been used as a command vehicle since 2005. It was agreed that Chief Ortiz and Chief Ramsay will make the purchasing decision and will establish a value.
- Discussion regarding the annual family picnic and baseball game. Saturday, August 13th at 11:00 was selected for the picnic. A baseball game will take place on the previous evening at 1900 hours.
- Discussion regarding State Fire School. Six firefighters were selected from a list of 13. It was decided at the Officers Meeting that prerequisites such as FF I&II including two years of service with the department will be factors when selecting recipients.
- A group photo of all the firefighters was presented. Kate Horton was in charge of the project and did a great job.
- Staffing levels will be increased on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 0800 hours to 2000 hours. This is due to higher call volumes and having fewer Admin/FF/EMT personnel on-duty during those days.

Next meeting: September 12th at 1800 hours (due to Labor Day).

Meeting adjourned at 1824 hours.

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard / Aug 1, 2011

**Call Load for July 2011:** Structure Fires: 0 / Brush Fires: 0 / Vehicle Fires: 0 / Other Fires: 0 / Wildland Assignments: 0 / Smoke in Area: 1 / Motor Vehicle Accidents: 1 / Hazmat: 0 / Rescue: 0 / Emergency Medical Service: 32 / Public Assist: 2 / Lockouts: 4 / Desert Pest Removal: 6 / Fire Prevention: 0 / Welfare Checks: 0 / False Alarms: 8 / Smell Gas: 0 TOTAL CALLS FOR JULY 54