

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on September 10, 2012 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (8) Firefighters (1) Explorer(s) (2) CERTs (2) Public(2)

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Southard was not in attendance and consequently there was not any official business conducted.

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

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$243,153.63 Payroll account \$38,058.88 Recreation account \$1,445.72, Volunteer Pension account \$200,944.19

Drill schedule: Sep. 13th and 18th at 1800 hours and Sep. 23rd at 0800 hours.

Explorer report: FF Frost reported he is working on gaining access to a live burn for the group, and also that most of the Explorers are now First Responder certified. Explorer drills continue every other Saturday at 3pm.

Cert Report: Doug Johnson presented the new Home Alone Units, through Pinal County, which are currently being phased in. He stated that the group has been fairly inactive lately but will have a booth at the O.W.N. event Sat. Sep. 22nd. They initially were going to do a corn roast fund-raiser, but may simply provide hand-outs/information.

FireWise Report: Doug announced that the group will not apply for renewal of the ADOT highway sign as the workload fell on the same people each time and has become too much.

Call load report: August calls 57. Year to date calls 356

Call to Public: Charlotte Poole put out a call for Thanksgiving Meal volunteers (public as well as OFD). The meal will take place Tue. Nov. 20th.

New Business:

The FY12/13 Budget has been posted on the OFD website; under Public Info.

We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for Medical/Dental Insurance (renewal Oct. 1st). The competitive package with the best value to the Fire District will be selected.

An initial draft of the Human Resources Policies and Procedures has been delivered to OFD management and is being read and edited for further work.

Management is working on revising policies regarding Full-Time employees co-pay for Medical/Dental Insurance, which will not affect cost to the district.

As a requirement to finalize the site plan for our new storage building, we have hired Arroyo Engineering and Genier Engineering to prepare a Grading & Drainage Report to be submitted to Pinal County.

Captain Jennings and three Full-Time firefighters attended this year's State Fire School in Mesa. FF Farrell and Frost reported on their classes and what they will be able to bring back to the department in form of education and drills.

We are currently working with Action Communications and the FCC for the mandatory switch from Wide Band to Narrow Band radio frequencies. Most of our radios are narrow band capable and will simply need re-programming before the end of the year.

Engine 691 is still at United Fire for major pump repairs. We have had to turn down some Wildland assignments due to our reduced fleet.

Open Discussion:

The National Fire Fighter 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb recently took place throughout the country. Two of our fire fighters: Michael Baber and Thomas Mathews represented Oracle Fire Department in Tucson. Michael described the difficulty of climbing the stairs, in full turn-out gear, while carrying the name(s) of firefighters lost in the Twin Towers tragedy. Thank you Mike and Bubba. We are proud of you!

Engine 692's airbrakes are leaking and need repair.

A discussion of staffing "GLOW" took place and will be continued at the Officer's meeting.

FF Frost motioned to adjourn, FF Parra seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1835 hours.

Not discussed: Next meeting Monday October 1st at 1800 hours

Minutes approved by:

Chief Albert Ortiz _____ Date _____

Secretary Larry Southard _____ Date _____