

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on November 1, 2010 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (16) Firefighters, (1) Explorer(s), (7) CERTs, (0) Public
Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$433,598.89 Payroll account \$32,810.86 Recreation account \$3,205.97,
Volunteer Pension account \$193,632.43

Drill schedule: November 4th and 9th at 1800 hours and November 21st at 0800 hours. .

Explorer report: None

Call load report: October calls 25. Year to date calls 436

New Business:

- A Letter of Declaration from the Pinal County Treasures Office was signed.
- We discussed the progress of our 2009/2010 annual financial review that is being done by Accountant Lisa Hill.
- Grant documents for a fuels thinning project with the Arizona Department of Forestry were signed by Fire Chief Albert Ortiz. The grant is a 90/10% cost sharing, for private land owners located within ¼ mile of Coronado National Forest boundaries. Letters to notify the affected land owners will be sent out soon.
- The annual Thanksgiving Dinner event will also include an Open House with fire station tours. All firefighters were asked to wear their Class A uniforms.
- Chief Ortiz asked if anyone had any suggestions regarding what to do for a storage area for the vehicles and equipment that were moved out of the old fire station. Previous suggestions included: Tough Shed(s), Conex units, and a metal building. No new suggestions were provided.
- The public restroom renovation has been completed. New fixtures, cabinets, lighting and flooring have replaced the original 1976 items. Most of the labor was done by firefighters during their shifts.
- We announced that we will be having occasional unscheduled exercises and we would like off-duty firefighters and CERT's to respond, just as if it were a real emergency.
- We discussed doing "Patient Refusals" for EMS calls. EMT's were told not to do a refusal strictly on the basis that it would save the local ambulance system some costs. The Arizona Department of Health Services Ground Ambulance Rate Schedule lists the local ambulance (stationed in San Manuel) as having the highest base rate in Arizona.
- We have received two volunteer firefighter applications. A Review Board will be set up to interview both applicants.
- Jason showed us the new online scheduling calendar. The calendar has a public event page that can be viewed by clicking a side bar on the OFD Home Page. OFD personnel have a calendar in their "log-in" section that has all events including classes and drills.
- Call to the Public: None

Next meeting: December 6th at 1800 hours. / Meeting adjourned at 1846 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard November 1, 2010

CALL LOAD FOR OCTOBER 2010:

Structure Fires: 0, Brush Fires: 0, Vehicle Fires: 0, Other Fires: 0, Wildland Assignments: 0, Smoke in Area: 0,
Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2, Hazmat: 0; Rescue: 0, Emergency Medical Service: 19, Public Assist: 0, Lockouts: 1,
Desert Pest Removal: 2, Fire Prevention: 0, Welfare Checks: 0, False Alarms: 1, Smell Gas: 0
TOTAL CALLS: 25