

**Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting
held on December 6, 2010 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (14) Firefighters, (1) Explorer(s), (5) CERTs, (2) Public

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

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$463,173.86 Payroll account \$30,351.15 Recreation account \$2,040.50, Volunteer Pension account \$194,099.75

Drill schedule: Dec. 9th and 14th at 1800 hours. / Explorer report: by Brent Frost / Call load report:

November calls 38. Year to date calls 474 / CERT report: by Doug and Kevin

New Business:

- The OFD/CERT/Firewise annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held here on November 23rd. Local volunteers solicited donations from a variety of local and regional stores. Oracle CERT's and other volunteers did an outstanding job in preparing and serving the dinner. Approximately 370 people were able to enjoy the early Thanksgiving Dinner.
- An unscheduled drill was held on December 1st. Nine firefighters and seven CERT's participated. The drill went very well and Kate has posted pictures of it on the OFD website. We will be holding several unscheduled drills each year.
- We have received several quotes for a storage building to store the vehicles and equipment that used to be stored in the old fire station. The bids are a little higher than we had expected, so we are looking at other options. The Governing Board will soon make a day trip to Tempe to look at a different type of building.
- Salary and hourly employees will be offered a "payroll deduction, deferred compensation retirement plan". At this point the fire district is not able to provide a matching contribution. The plan will be optional for employees to participate in.
- The Oracle CERT's have purchased an enclosed storage trailer, which will be used to transport equipment and supplies to large emergency incidents. The Oracle Firewise Board has generously donated the money to purchase it. The Governing Board made a motion and to license, title, and insure the trailer. The motion carried by a vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays.
- The 2011 drill schedule is being reviewed by the officers. Some changes may occur. Any changes will be discussed at the January meeting.
- The scheduling calendar is now an on-line system on the OFD website. Availability and shift schedules will no longer be available in paper form. Other events including special events, meetings, classes and drills are also available on-line. Jason will set up a log in account for anybody who still needs one.
- We are waiting for the State Forester's Office to finalize the 2010 fuels grant documents. Once the documents are received we can begin the project. In the meantime all affected property owners will be notified by mail.
- A New Recruit class was held on December 6th. Six volunteer applications were selected by an officers review board. Recruit classes will be held on Mondays until completed. Final acceptance to the fire department will be conditional upon satisfactory completion of the classes and background checks.
- 2010 has been a very busy year for training and classes. About half of the current roster has participated in some type of class or training event that was held outside of the fire department. These classes have included: pump operations, vehicle extrication, emergency vehicle driving, ladder company operations, rope rescue, EMT, arson cause and determination, and an officers academy. Unfortunately the department has a small training budget and cannot pay for all outside classes. We appreciate those who take their personal time and sometimes their personal money to continue their fire service training.
- The annual Christmas potluck dinner will be held on Friday, December 17th at 6pm. On Saturday, December 18th Santa will arrive at the fire station at 3pm and stay until 5pm.
- Call to the Public: None

Next meeting: January 10th at 1800 hours. / Meeting adjourned at 1848 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz/ Secretary Larry Southard December 7, 2010

CALL LOAD FOR NOVEMBER 2010: Structure Fires: 0, Brush Fires: 0, Vehicle Fires: 0, Other Fires: 0, Wildland Assignments: 0, Smoke in Area: 1, Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2, Hazmat: 0; Rescue: 0, Emergency Medical Service: 20, Public Assist: 3, Lockouts: 5, Desert Pest Removal: 3, Fire Prevention: 0, Welfare Checks: 0, False Alarms: 4, Smell Gas: 0 TOTAL CALLS: 38