

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on April 5, 2010 at 1800 hours.

Roll call: (14) Firefighters (1) Explorer(s) (6) CERTs (1) Public

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

**Operations Reports:**

Treasurer's report: General account \$317,414.82, Payroll account \$15,353.66 Recreation account \$1,648.96,

Volunteer Pension account \$193,797.02

Drill schedule: April 8 and 13 at 1800 hours and April 18 at 0800 hours.

Explorer report: Provided by Albert Jr.

Call load report: March calls: 36, Year-to-date calls: 112

**New Business:**

St. Joseph's Hospital will be holding an orientation class here on Saturday, April 17th from 0800 to 1300 hours. All EMT's will need to attend this class. EMS First Responders are encouraged to attend if possible.

Tina Acosta was appointed as our Human Resources Director. Tina will oversee all new hiring and will maintain all employee records and documents. It is the intention of the Governing Board to be removed from the hiring process.

Article Five, Section One of the OFD By-Laws has been rewritten. The Governing Board has read the revisions and a motion was made and seconded to adopt those revisions. The motion carried by a vote of (2) ayes and (0) nays. The amended By-Laws pertain to employment and hiring practices and are available for viewing upon request.

Our General Liability insurance agent has been changed to Cindy Elbert Insurance. This change took effect on March 15th, 2010 when our old policy with VFIS expired.

We have decided to remain with HealthNet Insurance on a month by month basis. Other, less expensive options for full time employee health insurance are being explored.

The Volunteer Pension Board had a vacancy that needed to be filled. Firefighter Paul Arias was nominated to fill the remainder of Robert Millers Board seat. A motion was made and seconded and the motion was carried by a vote of all ayes and 0 nays.

We discussed the new FIT-5 fire suppression device(s). Earlier in the day an e-mail was sent out with information on how to take the on-line training and certification exam.

Chief Ortiz discussed the recent fires at Republic Plastics and Sierra Oaks Schools. Thanks was given to the firefighters and CERT's who responded to those calls. An After Action Review (AAR) will be scheduled soon.

EMS responders were encouraged to attend a class on April 15th regarding the new Standing Orders for Spinal Immobilization. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the classroom.

A request was made to look into replacing/repairing the bay doors in the old section of the building. Over the years the doors have been getting more difficult to close and the automatic openers don't always work correctly.

Chief Ortiz requested that "backup spotters" including a 360 degree walk-around inspection be performed by all vehicle drivers.

Next meeting: May 3, 2010 at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1835 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz/ Secretary Larry Southard

**CALL LOAD FOR MARCH 2010:**

Structure Fires 0, Brush Fires 1, Vehicle Fires 0, Other Fires 1 (mutal aid, San Manuel), Smoke in Area - 1, Motor Vehicle Accidents 2, Hazmat 0, Rescue 0, Emergency Medical Service 17, Public Assist 3, Lock outs 8, Desert Pest Removal 0, Fire Prevention 0, Welfare Checks 0, False Alarms 2, Total calls 36 / Year to Date calls: 112