

## **Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on September 13, 2010 at 1800 hours.**

Roll call: (14) Firefighters, (2) Explorer(s), (3) CERTs, (0) Public

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

### **Operations Reports:**

Treasurer's report: General account \$232,175.35 Payroll account \$37,145.95 Recreation account \$1,563.21, Volunteer Pension account \$191,217.57

Drill schedule: Sept. 16th and 21st at 1800 hours and Sept. 26th at 0800 hours. .

Explorer report: None

Call load report: August calls 37. Year to date calls 347

### **New Business:**

- Coronado National Forest has loaned us an Air Destructor Curtain (trench burner) to assist with brush burning at the brush dump site. Some site preparation such as fencing, grading and digging will need to be done in advance of using the machine.
- The Arizona Department of Forestry has been awarded a grant for fuel thinning. Three different communities including Oracle will share the grant. The grant has a 50/50 cost sharing requirement. Additional details should be available soon.
- We were awarded a \$3000 grant to purchase four wildland style radios. A motion was made and seconded to accept the grant and the motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays. This grant is through the Department of Forestry and has a 10% cost sharing requirement.
- We discussed purchasing four fire trucks that were loaned to the department in 2000 and 2002 by Larry and Terrie Southard. The trucks were modified for fire department use and have been used continually at no cost to the department. Secretary Southard requested to be removed from the decision making process and from establishing a value of the trucks. It was agreed that Chief Ortiz and Chief Ramsay would handle the purchase.
- The current shift schedule will be restructured beginning on October 1st. Firefighter Wilson will move from a day shift to the "C" shift, and Reserves will help fill the back half shifts. This change is a result of our recent ISO audit.
- We have decided to try a 60 day free trial version of FFRS. Jason was appointed to do the data entry and the technical work required to set up the system. FFRS will help the first due crews know who else is responding to a major incident, including CERT's.
- We will be making some improvements to the exercise room and the public restrooms.
- A second treadmill will be purchased for the exercise room.
- The brush dump has re-opened on Sunday's.
- Call to the public: None

Next meeting: October 4th at 1800 hours. / Meeting adjourned at 1840 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz/ Secretary Larry Southard September 13, 2010

### **CALL LOAD FOR AUGUST 2010:**

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

TOTAL CALLS: 37