



Superstition Fire & Medical District

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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

JULY 24, 2024

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

[THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 5:30 PM.](#)

A. Call to Order

Clerk Van Driel called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Dustin Farber

C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Clerk Connie Van Driel and Director Jason Moeller. Board Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain and Director Jeff Cross attended via conference phone. Director Shawn Kurian was not in attendance. Clerk Van Driel ran the meeting on behalf of Chairman Chamberlain.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Assistant Chief Brian Read, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Administrative Services Director Anna Butel, Ben Archer with James Vincent Group, Chief Dave Pohlmann and President Colt Weddell. Also in attendance was Sherry Mueller, Human Resources Generalist / Board Secretary. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

1. Review and approval of the June 2024 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Motion by Director Moeller to approve the June 2024 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Seconded by Director Cross

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED.**

Administration Office
565 North Idaho Road
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Regional Training Center
3700 East 16th Avenue
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Fleet Services
1455 East 18th Avenue
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

2. Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.

July Anniversaries

28 Years of Service:

Captain **Brian Logsdon**

24 Years of Service:

Captain/Paramedic **Jeff Ehrlich**

Captain **Joe Garcia**

23 Years of Service:

Captain/Paramedic **Mark Castaneda**

6 Years of Service:

EMT **Kelsey Christensen**

3 Years of Service:

Firefighter/Paramedic **David Spidle**

Firefighter/Paramedic **Zachary Rodenburg**

1 Year of Service:

Firefighter **Jaren Johnson**

Firefighter **Christian Gomez**

Firefighter **Matt Hansen**

Promotions

David Pohlmann – Deputy Chief, Training & EMS

Daniel Elliott – Battalion Chief – Training

Tanner Fox – Battalion Chief – EMS

Colt Weddell – Captain

Luke Mays – Engineer

Lauren Daniel – Information Systems Manager

Vaughn Croshaw – Fleet Superintendent

Special Recognition

Lauren Daniel

Arizona Fire Chiefs Association 2024 Emerging Leader Award Recipient

3. Call to the Public.

None

4. Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items listed below:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2024
- B. Stryker Service Agreement for C-100

Motion by Director Moeller to approve all consent agenda items for July 24, 2024.

Seconded by Director Cross
Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED

5. Discussion and possible approval of Policies: 1046 Corrective Action & Discipline, 1056 Investigations, 1057 Disciplinary Appeal and 1058 Work Trades.

Motion by Director Moeller to approve Policies 1046 Corrective Action & Discipline, 1056 Investigations, 1057 Disciplinary Appeal and 1058 Work Trades

Seconded by Director Cross
Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED

6. Discussion and possible approval of a commitment to purchase through a capital lease agreement one 2025 Pierce Velocity Pumper.

Under current delayed build times for all fire apparatus (2+ years), staff recommends purchasing a new 2025 Pierce Velocity Pumper for station 266. Pierce's next scheduled price increase is set for July 26, 2024, and is expected to be 1.75%. The first lease payment for the pumper will be due July/August 2025. The lease agreement will be seven years in duration.

The most recent pumper purchased in July of 2022 has an expected delivery date of December 2024.

An additional \$20,000 was added to avoid exceeding the price because of potential changes, needs, or increases that may occur during the building process.

Motion by Director Moeller to approve a commitment to purchase, through a capital lease agreement, one 2025 Pierce Velocity Pumper”

Seconded by Director Cross
Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED

7. Senior Leadership Team Reports

Fire Chief Report

- Policies, Policies, Policies
- Staffing Analysis
- AFCA Conference
 - NextGen Labor Management Presentation
- Fire Chief Forum
- AJ Communications Manager Meeting
- CALSC
- Labor Management
- Badge Pinning FS264

Emergency Services

- Staffing and Deployment – review policy and staffing algorithm
- Fire Chief Forum
- Battalion Chief Elliott had unified command with AJPD for AJ's 4th of July celebration
- Attended Real Colors Workshop
- Attended Interagency Emergency Committee Meeting with Chief Mooney
- Promotions FS264 – Badge Pinning, Helmet presentation, shield presentation

Significant Incidents

6/20/2024: TRT response Horseshoe Dam – Worker trapped in an elevator – worker safely extricated with no injuries

6/20/2024: Vehicle over the edge at MP208 – BC261 came up on a vehicle over the edge of MP208 returning from the Horseshoe Dam incident. Patient deceased. Scene turned over to DPS.

6/21/2024: N Mammoth Mine Road – Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) assignment – Brush fire reported on both the east and west sides of SR 88 pushing towards the North. Crews from multiple agencies kept the fire to 88+ Acres with no structures lost.

6/24/2024: 2N1 Medical Tonto and US60 Rollover with 2 vehicles – 3 patients – 1 patient self-extricated – Patients evaluated and treated.

6/28/2024: E. Venture Up Way 5th Wheel fire – Fully involved 5th wheel trailer that extended into the surrounding brush – 5th wheel was extinguished, and the brush fire was contained to 1 acre. No Firefighter or civilian injuries.

6/30/2024: Trail rescue – Silly Mountain – report of a hiker complaining of difficulty breathing. The crew utilized UTV to gain access, then hiked the remainder to the patient. The patient was evaluated and signed a refusal.

6/30/2024: 2nd alarm fire mutual aid request – N. 96th Way – fire to several RV's, which extended into several buildings – defensive operations – no Firefighter or civilian injuries reports.

- 7/5/2024: S. Ironwood and W. Baseline Avenue – 2N1 Medical – Two vehicles were involved, one on its side, the other sheared in half (the driver was still seat-belted in, and the motor was Still running). 4 patients, 1 immediate and 3 delayed.
- 7/7/2024: Vehicle over the edge MP208 – Single vehicle over the edge – single patient – chief complaint femur fracture – 262 crews performed hoist operation with DPS – DPS was low on fuel, so AirEVAC 4 transported the patient to the Level 1 trauma center.
- 7/11/2024: 9800 block of E. University – Mutual Aid request 1st alarm fire – structure fire involving 2 homes – Dynamic fire scene with multiple challenges – SFMD crews assisted Mesa crews – scene eventually turned over to Rural Metro Fire.
- 7/16/2024: Working residential fire – S. Cactus Road – heavy fire involvement in the patio area – Crews had an excellent knockdown and stop. A fire watch was established – no reported Firefighter or civilian injuries – Red Cross and Board-up contacted for occupant services.
- 7/18/2024: E. Moro Avenue – working residential fire – SFMD Auto-Aid response with Mesa Fire – E261 assigned sector 2 – 261 performed an aggressive fire attack and confirmed a stop on the 2nd floor – No reported Firefighter or civilian injuries.
- 7/19/2024: 2nd alarm commercial fire at Meridian and Apache Trail – Crews assisted Mesa Fire and Rural Metro – No reported Firefighter or civilian injuries.

Training

- Two-year Calendar Review
- Released Can-Act-As Engineer Packets
- Attended NERIS webinar
- Attended Command Software presentation in Gilbert
- Audit of Administrative Training Records
- Attended AFCA Leadership Conference
- Completed AJPD Training – Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Deployed Monthly Training Guide
- Monthly and FYTD Training Hours

EMS

- Deployed the Monthly Training Guide
- EMS Committee Meeting
- CQI Meeting
- Completed the AJPD Hazard Scene Awareness and EMS Training
- Met with Horizon Mental Health to discuss programs and resources
- Began Elegard Crew Training
- Began EMS Supply direct order trial
- Attended the CALSC Meeting
- Met with ASU Nursing to discuss ride-alongs for EMS field experience
- Attended the AFCA Leadership Conference

Transportation Services

- New Hire Training for EMT Brody Klenner
- Contexture HIE Annual Meeting
- Real Colors Workshop
- AEMS Education, AEMS Board of Governors Meeting
- East Valley Agency Meeting
- EMS ROCC
- SFMD EMS Committee Meeting
- AFCA
- Monthly Transportation Volume
- CON Compliance through June 2024

Support Services

Fire Prevention

Plan Reviews – 15

Inspections – 49

Citizen Requests or Assistance – 1

Environmental Requests, Permits, Concerns and Knox Box Assistance – 15

Community Risk Reduction

Community Events – 4

Fire Safety Presentations – 0

Car Seat Placements – 1

School Pub Ed Presentations – 0

AED/CCR Presentations – 2

- Events
 - Parks & Rec Summer Camp
 - City of AJ July 4th Event
 - AJPD Youth Academy
 - StandUp AJ Back to School Event
 - AFCA Conference
- Special Events Meeting
- LEPC Tabletop Exercise
- Facility Committee Meeting
- Badge Pinning Ceremony
- HOA Meeting Wildland Discussion
- Labor Management
- Real Colors Workshop

Administrative Services

- July 2024 UKG Implementation Complete
- AFCA/AFDA – AFSAP Conference
- PEHP – Plan design categories being reviewed by plan sponsor Nationwide
- Real Colors Workshop (Office Staff & Labor)
- PIO – Letters of interest (3 candidates)
- Actively Recruiting for TSP Paramedic and Administrative Specialist
- Board Room Updates – a work in progress
- New TV and Computer
- Sound Bar with Camera
- Pendent Microphones
- TAP – converts the room to a TEAMS room
- Grommet inserts for power (phone/laptop)
- Name Plates
- Thanks to: Miki Klemesrud, Jesse Stapleton, Billy Warren, Vaughn Croshaw and Lauren Daniel
- New EMT Brody Klenner

8. New Business / Future Agenda Items

None

9. Announcements / Document Signing

Chief Whitney stated that Alena Sampson presented at the AFSAP Conference (Arizona Fire Service Administrative Professionals) and did a great job.

Chief Whitney wanted to commend Lauren, Cliff and EMS for their hard work relating to the recent Crowd Strike outage. The team went to work and got the system back up and running very quickly. There was no loss to essential services.

Chief Whitney stated that James Vincent Group will present the financials on August 21, 2024.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Director Moeller to adjourn the board meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Seconded by Director Cross

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED

Governing Board Approval:

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Connie Van Driel

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Board Clerk Connie Van Driel