



# Superstition Fire & Medical District

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## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### JULY 22, 2025

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 TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025. 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

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Wes Fimbrez.

#### C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain, Director Jeff Cross, and Director Jason Moeller. Clerk Connie Van Driel attended via conference phone. Director Shawn Kurian was not in attendance.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Deputy Chief Dave Pohlmann, Transportation Services Director Billy Warren, Battalion Chief Tanner Fox, Administrative Services Director Anna Butel, Captain Ryan Ledbetter, and Sarah Simonton with James Vincent Group. Also in attendance was Tanya Anderson, Administrative Specialist / Board Secretary. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

#### 1. Review and approval of the June 2025 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

**Motion** by Director Cross to approve the June 2025 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

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

**Administration Office**  
565 North Idaho Road  
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

**Regional Training Center**  
3700 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

**Fleet Services**  
1455 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

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

**July Anniversaries**

**29 Years of Service**

Captain Brian Logsdon

**25 Years of Service**

Captain Joe Garcia

**24 Years of Service**

Captain Mark Castaneda

**4 Years of Service**

Firefighter David Spidle

Firefighter Zach Rodenberg

**2 Years of Service**

Firefighter Christian Gomez

Firefighter Matt Hansen

Firefighter Jaren Johnson

**Promotions**

Michael Gallagher – Engineer

Joe Potter – Engineer

Wes Fimbrez – Captain

Brian Garten – Captain

Matt Leon - Captain

**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, 2025
- B. 2026 Gold Canyon Arts Festival: Medical Staffing Agreement
- C. Purchase of a Rebel Striker Type 6 Brush Truck

**Motion** by Director Moeller to approve all consent agenda items for July 22, 2025.

**Seconded** by Director Cross

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

**5. Discussion, review and status update on Bond Proposition 494.**

- Ballot Language
- Voter Information Pamphlet
- For/Against Arguments
- HighGround Contract

**Upcoming Events:**

- Superstition Mountain Rotary Club
- VFW Town Hall – August 6, 2025, at 6 PM
- Open Houses:
  - FS 261 – September 16 (Tentative)
  - FS 263 – September 23 (Tentative)
  - FS 264 – September 30 (Tentative)

**6. Senior Leadership Team Reports**

**Fire Chief Report**

- Bond Meetings
  - AJ City Council
- Legislative Discussions
- Labor/Management
- Personnel
- Fire Chief Forum
- Helmet(s) & Shield(s) Presentations
- Professional Development Series
  - Discrimination & Harassment
  - Ethics
- SRP Community Engagement
- AFDA/AFCA Conference
- AFDA Executive Board Meeting
- AFDA Area 4 Meeting
- Fire & Frost Event at Blossom Rock

**Emergency Services**

**District**

- Labor Management
- Unified Command City of Apache Junction July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Helmet Presentations
- Shield Presentations
- Coordinating with AJHS for varsity football EMS Standby (home games)
- Instructor for Leadership Classes – Communication and Conflict Resolution

**Regional Partners**

- Attended ROCC
- Researching Pre-Emergency Plan Program with MRDC

**Significant Incidents:**

Working Fire:

Date: 06.18.25

Location: E. Decatur St.

Response: E261, E217, E213, LT263, E263, E262, L209, U208, BC261, BC202

Report: Neighbors reporting obvious fire at address. Crews on scene reporting smoke from both ends of the roof. Quick fire attack and knockdown. Main body of fire in master bedroom with some extension into the attic.

No civilian or FF injuries.

Working Fire:

Date: 06.21.25

Location: S. Saguaro Dr.

Response: E261, E263, LT263, E262, BC261, BC202, M261, E213, E212, L264, U208, M263

Report: Structure fire with report of resident trapped. Crews on scene discovered patient trapped in back bedroom. Crews gained access extricated patient and extinguished fire. Fire isolated to bedroom.

Patient transported for burns and cardiac arrest.

No FF injuries reported. 1 civilian fatality.

2n1 Medical:

Date: 06.25.25

Location: Hackamore & N. Apache Trl.

Response: LT263, E262, E261, M261, Bc261, M262

Report: Single vehicle loss of control, rolled several times. 2 passengers, one ejected and one trapped.

One patient deceased, and one was transported to Banner Desert. Both under 18.

2n1 Medical:

Date: 07.17.25

Location: US-60

Response: L264, E261, M263, M262

Report: Single vehicle into a power pole, lines down on top of both vehicles. No injuries.

Passengers were kept in the vehicle until SRP secured power.

No civilian or FF injuries.

High Stress Incident:

Date: 07.17.25

Location: S. Phelps

Response: BC261, E263, LT263, M262

Report: Drowning. 1-year-old was found at the bottom of the pool. Crews treated and transported to Banner Children's. The patient was breathing prior to transport.

2n1 Medical:

Date: 07.19.25

Location: Buena Vista & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave

Response: E263, M262, E261, BC261, M263

Date: 07.19.25

Location: Buena Vista & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave

Response: E263, M262, E261, BC261, M263

Report: Single vehicle into a wall. 2 immediate trauma patients, with driver needing mechanical extrication. 1 patient transported to Four Peaks and on to Banner Goldfield.

2n1 Medical:

Date: 07.18.25

Location: US-60/Westbound Goldfield Overpass

Response: L264, E263, E261, M263, M262

Report: Reports of a wrong-way driver, a head-on collision with heavy damage. Two patients, both requiring mechanical extrication.

Both patients were transported immediately to Banner Desert.

## **Training**

### **District**

- July 4 Incident Command
- Labor Management
- Bond Meetings
- Personnel Work

### **Regional Partners**

- LG Plant Tour
- C-Suite Meeting with Banner
- AFDA/AFCA Conference
- Public Land Managers Meeting

## **EMS**

### **District**

- Tactics Tuesday- Commercial Strip Malls
- Professional Development Series
  - Leadership, Conflict Resolution, HR, and Assumptions and Bias
  - Captain's Tactics
- Fire Chief Forum
- Tactical Sets and Reps Day (Salt River Fire CTC)
- Training Committee Meeting – Goals, General Training Discussion
- 25-2 Regional Training Academy Prep

### **Regional Partners**

- EV Command – Managing Tactical Objectives
- Mid-Rise Training (Gilbert Fire & Rescue)
- TRT Quarterly – Swiftwater
- EVLT – Water/Canal Rescue
- AFCA/AFDA Conference

## **Training**

- East Valley Ladder Training
- Ventilator Trials
- Infection Control Officer Training Class

- New Hire Training

### **Transportation Services**

- EMS ROCC
- AEMS
  - Board of Governors Meeting
  - Education Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Gilbert Fire and Chandler Regional on HL7
- Labor Management Meeting
- New Hire EMT Training (Jared Anderson & Jorge Salazar)
- Meeting with Banner Baywood CEO and CNO
- Meeting with Contexture
- Final Inspection of New Ambulance (Ambo #2)

### **Support Services**

- Annual City Stormwater Training
- Monthly Special Events Meeting
- Site Fire Assess Review – Mosaic at Apache Trails
- City of Apache Junction July 4th Event
- Labor Management
- AFCA/AFDA Conference
- Central Arizona Life Safety Council

### **Resource**

- Investigator “Shadow” DC Cranmer attending AzIAAI Annual Arson Training Conference
  - July 22-25 Prescott, AZ
  - Representing SFMD
- Training on Fire Investigations and Documentation
- Annex updates
  - Continue to keep the frontline and reserve apparatus repaired and mission-ready
  - Facility PM
  - PM and repair station dispatch communication G2 and Comms Room Equipment as needed.
- Recent AC and Plumbing work at facilities. Good to go!
- Safety Committee
  - Turnout Replacements getting quotes from United Fire and SeaWestern
  - ASU Hydration Study
- Uniform Committee Report
  - Turned on annual allowance
  - Looking at future vendors and supplies
  - Meeting with Skaggs about purchasing and invoicing
- Starting this budget year’s priority Bills and Purchases
  - Uniforms
  - Promotions
  - Personal Protective Equipment PPE
- Attended Labor/ Management
  - Captain Rivera Co-Chair presented Uniform Committee update

- Attended 2025 AFCA/AFDA Fire & EMS Leadership Conference and Expo

**Administrative Services**

- Bond Update - Ballot Language Sign Off & Postings For and Against Arguments
- PSPRS Transition Completed – Working on EDI Feed
- AFCA/AFDA Conference
- Labor Management
- Fire Chief Forum

**7. New Business / Future Agenda Items**

None

**8. Announcements / Document Signing**


**9. Adjourn**

**Motion** by Director Cross to adjourn the board meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

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

**Governing Board Approval:**

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Board Clerk Connie Van Driel