



# Superstition Fire & Medical District

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## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### SEPTEMBER 17, 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 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Assistant Chief Richard Mooney

#### C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain, Director Jason Moeller, Director Shawn Kurian, and Director Jeff Cross. Clerk Connie Van Driel attended via Teams.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Assistant Chief Brian Read, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Deputy Chief Dave Pohlmann, Battalion Chief Ryan Ledbetter, Transportation Services Director Billy Warren, and Administrative Services Director Anna Butel. Also in attendance were Ben Archer with James Vincent Group and Tanya Anderson, Administrative Specialist / Board Secretary. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

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

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

**Seconded** by Director Kurian

**Vote 5 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.**

**August Service Anniversaries**

**27 Years Of Service**

Assistant Chief **Richard Mooney**

Engineer **Jose Sepulveda**

Firefighter Paramedic **Nat Erickson**

**25 Years of Service**

Engineer **John Taylor**

**23 Years of Service**

Engineer **Jim Crowley**

Captain **Craig Halver**

Engineer **Aaron McDonald**

**20 Years of Service**

Battalion Chief **Tanner Fox**

Engineer **Rob McMinn**

**19 Years of Service**

Firefighter Paramedic **Eric Ellsworth**

Firefighter Paramedic **Ken Simkins**

**8 Years of Service**

Captain **Zach Leon**

Transport EMT **Jack Hafer**

**7 Years of Service**

Captain **Travis Yates**

**4 Years of Service**

Firefighter Paramedic **Layni Rodriguez**

**3 Years of Service**

Transport Paramedic **Belle Worden**

**1 Year of Service**

Administrative Specialist, Payroll **Valerie Blodgett**

**3. Call to the Public.**

None

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2025
- B. Life Scan Wellness Scheduling and Testing Agreement
- C. Thunder Mountain Middle School Sublease Agreement with AJUSD

**Motion** by Director Cross to approve consent agenda items A & B for September 17, 2025.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED**

Consent agenda item C was pulled for discussion and ultimately approved

**Motion** by Director Cross to approve consent agenda item C for September 17, 2025.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED**

**5. Discussion, presentation, and possible approval of the 2024/2025 Annual Report and possible adoption of Resolution #2025-09-17-01**

**Motion** by Director Moeller to approve the 2024/2025 Annual Report and adoption of Resolution #2025-09-17-01

**Seconded** by Director Cross

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED**

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

**7. Senior Leadership Team Reports**

**Fire Chief Report**

- Captain Promotional Interviews

- Labor/Management
- AFCA New Chiefs Seminar
  - AFCA Overview
  - Principles of Labor/Management
  - Regulatory Responsibilities of Fire Departments
- CALSC Strategic Planning Committee
- CALSC
- AFDA Board
- PFFA/AFDA/AFCA Legislative Discussion
- Patriot's Day – Avalon Elementary School
- AFSI
- TMMS Discussion
- Operations
- Bond Open House – FS261
- Contractor Meeting

### **Emergency Services**

#### **District**

- Promotional Presentations of Shield/Helmets
- Operations Meeting
- AJHS Varsity Football Game Standby
- Patriot's Day Event at Avalon Elementary School
- Recruitment & Retention Team – AJHS, ASU, SRFD 9/11 Event

#### **Regional Partners**

- East Valley A/C
- Meet with Chief Steeves from SFD

#### **Significant Incidents**

Date: 08.26.25

Location: Tomahawk & Southern

Response: E263, E262, M262, BC261

Report: Single patient ran over and pinned beneath a pickup truck. Crew extracted the patient. Patient treated and transported to Valley Wise.

2N1 Medical

Date: 08.27.25

Location: Meridian & Radiance

Response: LT263, E217, E414, BC411, BC261, M221

Report: Single vehicle MVA. Vehicle on its roof in a dry canal. Patient self-extricated. Pt evaluated and transported to Banner Desert.

Residential Fire

Date: 09.09.25

Location: E. 39th Ave

Response: E263, LT263, E261, E262, BC261, BC202

Report: Working garage fire. Interior crew obtained a quick primary search. Crews opened the garage and performed a fast attack—quick knockdown and extinguishment of the fire. Fire contained to the garage, no extensions. One patient was evaluated and transported to Mountain Vista. No FF injuries.

#### Technical Response

Date: 09.14.25

Location: SR88/MP213

Response: E262, E278, L219, E261, M261, E263, L264, BC261, BC203, CRV203, U208, RH202

Report: Crews called out for post-incident heavy rescue body recovery. Crews from SFMD and Mesa performed a steep-angle body recovery approximately 70 feet down from the roadway. Recovery was successful.

No FF injuries.

#### Mountain Rescue

Date: 09.15.25

Location: Peralta Trail

Response: E262, L264, SQ219, E265, M261, M263, M2217, BC261, BC202

Report: Reported three patients approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the trail head. Crews made contact with patients. Two patients were extracted from the trail using stokes baskets and big wheels. Third was assisted off the trail. Two patients were treated and transported to MVMC, the third refused treatment. No FF injuries.

### **Divisional Report Training & EMS**

#### **District**

- AJPD Advance CPR Training
- Observed Quarterly Training Evolution
- Promotional Presentations of Shield/Helmets
- Phoenix Children's Pediatric Drowning Evolution
- Sons of the Revolution Heroism Award for Nolan Willoughby
- AJPD Meeting
- Operations Meeting
- SFMD Bond Open House
- EleGARD User Group Meeting

#### **Regional Partners**

- Mesa Fire ImageTrend Meeting with Chief Fox & Mesa EMS
- ImageTrend Workshop with Chief Fox
- Attended Strategic Planning Committee Meeting with CALSC
- Attended Western Fire Chiefs' FORCE Conference group exercise meeting
- CALSC with Chief Whitney
- NERIS Build Seminar
- East Valley Agency Meeting

## **Training**

### **District**

- August MCSs Completed – Ladders
- Labor/Management
- Evaluations+ Start-Up and Build Out
- Captain's Promotion Process Complete
- TRT Selection Process
- TRT Quarterly – Heavy Lifting/Confined Space
- A & B Shift 1st Quarter Training – Initial Fire Ops
- Probationary Firefighter 1st Rotation Packet
- Firefighting Hiring Process Prep

### **Regional Partners**

- Recruit Update
- AZ State Fire School
- 5 Attended, 1 Instructed
- EVOC Train the Trainer
- 2 Attended, 2 Instructed
- EVIT Live Burn Planning Meeting

## **EMS**

### **District**

- Phoenix Children's Drowning Training
- New Hire Training
- CPR training with AJPD

### **Regional Partners**

- Regional Image Trend Workshop
- Image Trend assist meeting with Mesa Fire
- CAREMDC Meeting (meeting with all central medical directors)

## **Transportation Services**

- New Hire Paramedic Training – Eduard Zhurov, Tim Jenkins, Shane Painter
- EMS ROCC
- Meeting with AHCCCS regarding upcoming revalidation
- AZDHS Ambulance Inspection of unit C-86
- East Valley Agencies Meeting
- AEMS Educational Committee Meeting and Functional Group Meeting

## **Support Services**

- Special Events Meeting
- Labor Management
- Valley Fire Marshal's Meeting
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Ladder Build Committee Meeting
- Patriots Day Event at Avalon School

- LEPC Meeting
- Facilities Committee Meeting

**Resource**

- Investigator Update
- Continue Annual Turnout Cleaning & Repairs
- Annex Updates
  - Continue to keep frontline and reserve apparatus repaired and mission-ready
- Facility PM
  - Station repairs as needed
- Apparatus/Ladder Sub-Committee
  - Spec Future Ladder Truck
- Safety Committee Report
  - Turnout Replacement Choose Vendor
  - Hydration Packets
- Uniform Committee Report
  - Ordering test items
- Monitor Priority Bills and Purchases
  - Uniforms
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Administrative Services**

- Wildland Reimbursement Draw Fire \$47,886.25 Received
- One Thing Meeting: Procurement
- One Thing Meeting: RFQ Architectural Services
- One Thing Meeting: CLM/DocuSign
- Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting
- Open House 261
- Telestaff Migration (Moving to Google Cloud)
- Computer Replacement Completed

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

- East Valley Fire Department Fundraiser

**9. Announcements / Document Signing**

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion** by Director Cross to adjourn the board meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED**

**Governing Board Approval:**

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*Connie Van Driel*  
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Board Clerk Connie Van Driel