



Superstition Fire & Medical District

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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 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, OCTOBER 15, 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 Lauren Daniel

C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain and Clerk Connie Van Driel, Director Jeff Cross and Director Jason Moeller. Director Shawn Kurian did not attend.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Deputy Chief Dave Pohlman, Transportation Services Director Billy Warren, and Administrative Services Director Anna Butel. Also in attendance was Lauren Daniel (filling in as Board Secretary), Ben Archer with James Vicent Group and Tomas Montoya from Attorney William Whittington's office. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

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

Motion by Director Moeller to approve the October 2025 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Seconded by Clerk Van Driel

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.

October Service Anniversaries

25 Years of Service

Engineer/Paramedic **July Ritschel**

19 Years of Service

Information Systems Manager **Lauren Daniel**

12 Years of Service

Fleet & Facilities Support Specialist **Jennifer Burke**

10 Years of Service

Transport EMT **Ron DeMarzo**

Transport Paramedic **Jim Tucci**

8 Years of Service

Firefighter **Lucas Martinez**

Transport Paramedic **Jake Millan**

Engineer **Mark Nelson**

5 Years of Service

Engineer **Ben Young**

4 Years of Service

Human Resources Manager **Alena Sampson**

3. Call to the Public.

None

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2025
- B. 2026 Dutchman Youth Rodeo Medical Staffing Agreement
- C. Purchase of Replacement Firefighter Turnout Gear
- D. Construction Administration Supervisor Agreement

Motion by Director Cross to approve all consent agenda items for November 19, 2025.

Seconded by Director Moeller

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

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

6. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution #2025-11-19-02, Canvassing Special Bond Election

Motion by Clerk Van Driel to adopt Resolution #2025-11-19-02.

Seconded by Director Cross

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

7. Discussion and possible action regarding an official release statement re: Special Election SFMD Proposition 494.

Motion by Director Cross to release an official statement from the Board regarding Special Election SFMD Proposition 494.

Seconded by Director Moeller

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

8. Approval of commitment and Purchase Order for one 2027 Pierce 100' platform ladder truck by approving a Purchase Order creation.

Motion by Clerk Van Driel to approve the creation of a Purchase Order for the 100' platform ladder truck.

Seconded by Director Moeller

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

9. Approval of an addendum to the lease purchase agreement, Board Resolution #2025-11-19-03, approval of certificate of authority, approval of consent and waiver, approval of addendum to escrow agreement from Zions Bancorporation, N.A. for a 2025 Horton 623 Ambulance with warranty, power loader and cot.

Motion by Director Moeller to approve the addendum to the lease purchase agreement, Board Resolution #2025-11-19-03, approval of certificate of authority, approval of consent and waiver, approval of addendum to escrow agreement from Zions Bancorporation, N.A. for a 2025 Horton 623 Ambulance with warranty, power loader and cot.

Seconded by Director Cross

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

10. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution #2025-11-19-04, declaring for purposes of section 1.150-2 of the federal treasury regulations official attempt to be reimbursed in connection with certain capital expenditures.

Motion by Clerk Van Driel to adopt Resolution #2025-11-19-04.

Seconded by Director Moeller

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

11. Senior Leadership Team Reports

Fire Chief Report

- Chief Executive Officer Program
- ADOBE Bond Presentation
- Firefighter Recruit Interviews
- GC Republican Club Bond Presentation
- Labor Management
- SharePoint Kickoff Meeting
- AZ WUI Summit
- Contractor Meeting
- BC Academy – Labor/Management
- BC Academy – Leadership
- Legislative Discussions
- Academy 25-2 Recruit Meeting
- Ops Budget Strategy Meeting
- GC HOA & Business Leader Summit
- Veteran's Day Tribute – VFW/AJ Chamber
- CALSC
- Budget Managers
- DFFM Meeting RE: TMMS/RTC
- Annual physical
- Operations Meeting
- Emergency Services Districts – Threats to Local Revenue webinar
- AFDA Dues/Strategic Planning
- Paramedic Interviews

Emergency Services

District

- SharePoint Project – Emergency Services
- Transportation/Suppression Hiring Practice
- DAR – Gift Presentation and Station Tour of FS263
- Prep R266 for deployment on Nov. 1
- Final AJHS Varsity Football Standby
- Unified Command for Trunk or Treat
- Ops Budget Strategy Meeting
- Budget Managers
- Flag Raising L264 at Chamber of Commerce and VFW Post 7968

Regional Partners

- Rescue Fest 2025 – Lost Dutchman State Park
- East Valley AC Meeting
- CALSC
- Future Opportunity for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Training – Chief Kemp Florence

Significant Incidents

2N1 Medical

Date: 10.17.25

Location: US 60 East of Peralta

Response: L264, E263, E265, M264, BC2161, M262, M263

Report: Two vehicle MVA with heavy damage, one vehicle with full fire involvement, and ejections. L264 on scene, performed triage and extinguished fire. Total of four patients. Three deceased and one immediate. Immediate patient treated and transported to Banner Desert.

Working Fire

Date: 10.21.25

Location: E. Panchito Dr.

Response: E265, E263, E217, L264, BC261, BC202, LT263

Report: Crews on scene reporting smoke from the garage. Assignment upgraded to working fire. Crews gained access to the garage and performed a quick attack, keeping the fire contained to the garage.

No extensions interior to the structure.

No civilian or FF injuries were reported

2N1 Medical

Date: 10.25.25

Location: N. Apache Trail

Response: E261, E262, BC261, LT263, M261, M263

Report: Two motorcyclists were found down with bystander CPR in progress. One patient was treated and transported to Four Peaks. The second patient was treated and transported to Banner Desert.

****Bystander CPR performed by off-duty SFMD Transportation EMT Cayden Serdy****

Mobile Home Fire

Date: 10.25.25

Location: S. Royal Palm

Response: E261, E262, E217, LT263, BC261, BC202, E265, L264, M264, U251, T261

Report: Crews on scene reported a large travel trailer with heavy fire and exposures to the north and south. Fire knockdown and control performed by LT263 and E261. Minimal damage to the south exposure.

No reported civilian or FF injuries.

Working Fire

Date: 11.04.25

Location: S. Camino Saguaro

Response: E262, T262, E263, LT263, E261, Bc261, BC202, L264, E265, E217, M263, U251, T261, R266, M263

Report: Detached garage fully involved. Quick attach with deck gun—additional lines pulled for continued fire attack and exposure protection. Fire contained to garage...several classic hot rods were lost.

2N1 Medical

Date: 11.10.25

Location: US 60 and Meridian Overpass

Response: LT263, M262, E261, M261, M2209, M264, BC261

Report: Two vehicles with moderate damage. Two immediate patients and three delayed. One immediate was an unrestrained female, 38 weeks pregnant. Transported code 3 to Desert Banner. Emergency delivery at Banner.

Divisional Report Training & EMS

District

- Labor Management
- SharePoint Planning Meeting Ops/Training/EMS
- Daughters of the American Revolution Presentation
- ImageTrend Preplan Demonstration
- EMS Coordination Meeting
- Admin Bond Work Appreciation Lunch
- Annual Physical
- Budget Managers Meeting
- CQI Meeting with Dr. Solem
- NERIS Central Region ImageTrend Workshop
- Operations Meeting
- ImageTrend Regional Summit

Regional Partners

- Pandemic Preparedness CEOP
- Attended the First Responder Day at ASU
- CEOP planning discussion
- Central Region Medical Directors Meeting
- East Valley Agency Meeting

Training

District

- 2nd Quarter Drill- Breathe Down
- Operations Meeting
- SharePoint Project
- Trunk or Treat- Unified Command
- Tactics Tuesday- Heavy Rescues, Gas Leaks
- Rescue Fest 2025 @ Lost Dutchman Park
- E262 Mormon Flat Dam Tour
- Image Trend Preplanning Demo
- Budget Manager Quarterly Meeting
- Candidate Development Program- Interviews/Workout
- Recruit Ride-Alongs (E261 and LT263)
- Covered BC261 for Acquired Structure Training
- Updating Credential Packets in Vector Solutions

Regional Partners

- Recruit Academy- Class A Burn, Class B Burn, Night Burn. All 5 firefighter recruits are in the top 1/3 of the class. Graduation 11/21 @ 1700
- TRT Quarter Completed- Confined Space
- Upcoming TRT Quarter- Technical Extrication/High Angle Rescue and End of Year Drills
- Acquired Structure Training (ongoing)
- First Responder Day at ASU
- EV Ladder Training (last day 11/21)
- Mid-Rise Live Burn Instructors at Gilbert Academy
- Mid-Rise Live Burns for SFMD Crews

EMS

District

- Image Trend NERIS Preparation
- Operative IQ Station Ordering
- EMS Committee Zoll Presentation
- EMS New Hire
- SharePoint Planning Meeting Ops/Training/EMS
- Image Trend Preplan Presentation
- EMS Coordination Meeting
- Annual Physical
- CQI with Dr Solem
- Operations Meeting

Regional Partners

- East Valley Agencies
- EMS Senior Living Collaborative Meeting
- East Valley Agencies
- EMS ROCC
- Image Trend Workshop

Transportation Services

- EMS ROCC Ambulance Billing Sub-Committee Meeting
- EMS ROCC
- East Valley Agencies Meeting
- Labor Management Meeting
- SharePoint Kickoff Meeting
- Digitech Annual Review Meeting
- New ambulance unit C-105 in service - M264
- AZDHS ambulance inspection of unit C-88 and C-105
- Prepared and deployed Rescue 266 – Nov. 1
- Conducted Paramedic Interviews
- New Hire EMT Training for Robert Bodie
- CARE Medical Directors Consortium Meeting
- AEMS Functional Group Meeting
- Transportation Hiring Practice Meeting
- EMT Testing Process Meeting
- Ambulance Billing Pause Update

Support Services

- Interagency Emergency Management Committee Meeting
- Budget Manager Quarterly Meeting
- Central Arizona Life Safety Council
- LEPC Regular Meeting
- Compliance Engine Meeting
- Special Event Task Force Meeting
- LDD City Meeting
- ImageTrend Visual Preplanning Demo
- City of Mesa Radio Update
- SharePoint Meeting for Support Services
- Daughters of the American Revolution - Donation at 263
- Labor Management
- AJ Library Storyteller Series
- AED/CCR Training with City Staff
- AJPD Faith in Blue Toy Drive
- My Sister's Café Fire Safety with Staff
- Station 261 Tour with Brookdale Residents
- Station 262 Tour with PS Academy

- City of AJ Mud Run
- Blossom Rock CANstruction Event
- City of AJ Trunk or Treat Event
- Gold Canyon RV & Gold Resort 5K Race
- Completed Annual Physical

Resource

- Investigator Update
 - Attending AZIAAI Arson III class
- Annex Updates
 - Continue to keep frontline and reserve apparatus repaired and mission-ready
 - New Ambo M264 in service
 - New Brush truck next
- New Station 266 Build Team Meetings
- Uniforms for Recruit Graduates
- Facility PM
 - Station repairs as needed
 - Leaky roofs and windows from storm
 - Plumbing repairs
 - Appliance repair and replacement
 - Gym equipment repair as needed

Administrative Services

- GC Republican Club Bond Presentation
- Adobe Bond Presentation
- 7710 Claims Review
- 1582 Annual Firefighter Physicals
- Transport Personnel – Fit Test & T-Spot
- TSP Personnel Hiring Meeting (positions held for FF)
- EMT Hiring Process Meeting
- Budget Manager Meeting
- SharePoint Meetings (Kick-Off, Operations, Admin Services, Support Services)
- Telestaff – Cloud Migration Go Live
- Admin Staff Field Trip – Superstition Vistas
- New Hire – Robert Bodie, Transport EMT

12. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and possible instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) re: Fire Chief John Whitney's Annual Evaluation.

Motion by Director Moeller to go into Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and possible instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) re: Fire Chief John Whitney's Annual Evaluation at 6:56 PM

Seconded by Director Cross
Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**
Executive Session Ended at 8:33 PM

13. Public Session. Discussion regarding the Fire Chief's Annual Evaluation

14. New Business / Future Agenda Items

None


15. Announcements / Document Signing

16. Adjourn

Motion by Director Moeller to adjourn the board meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

Governing Board Approval:

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Board Clerk Connie Van Driel