



# Superstition Fire & Medical District

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## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### December 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, DECEMBER 17, 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 retiring Transport Paramedic Jim Tucci

#### C. Roll Call

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

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 Tanya Anderson, Board Secretary, and Ben Archer with James Vicent Group. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

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

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

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

**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.**

**Retirement Recognition**

Transport Paramedic **Jim Tucci**

**December Service Anniversaries**

**13 Years of Service**

Fire Mechanic II **George Nasello**

**5 Years of Service**

Firefighter/Paramedic **Steven Schaeken**

**4 Years of Service**

Assistant Chief, Emergency Services **Brian Read**

**3. Call to the Public.**

None

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2025
- B. Executive Session Minutes from November 19, 2025
- C. Transfer of funds for the January 1, 2026, Chase Refinancing Bond debt service interest payment
- D. Transfer of funds for the January 2, 2026, Certificate of Participation (COP) US Bank Debt Interest Payment
- E. 2026 Boots & BBQ Bash Medical Staffing Agreement
- F. Renaissance Festival Contract
- G. Payment for Firefighter Recruit Academy 25-2

**Motion** by Director Kurian to approve all consent agenda items for December 17, 2025.

**Seconded** by Director Cross

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

**5. Discussion and possible approval of Policy 802 Subpoenas and Court Appearances.**

**Motion** by Director Cross to approve Policy 802 Subpoenas and Court Appearances.

**Seconded** by Director Moeller

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

6. **Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2025-12-17-05, a resolution of the elected Board of the Superstition Fire & Medical District approving 200 fund capital expenditures, with reimbursement from the 150 fund, for the acquisition of the equipment, and authorizing all other actions necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this resolution.**

**Motion** by Director Kurian to approve Resolution 2025-12-17-05, a resolution of the elected Board of the Superstition Fire & Medical District approving 200 fund capital expenditures, with reimbursement from the 150 fund, for the acquisition of the equipment, and authorizing all other actions necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

**Seconded** by Clerk Van Driel

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

## **7. Senior Leadership Team Reports**

### **Fire Chief Report**

- SharePoint x2
- Financial Strategy Discussions
- Multiple Contractor Meetings
- 25-2 Academy Graduation
- Tucci last shift
- AFCA President's Forum
- East Valley Fire Chiefs
- AFDA Board Meeting
- Bond process discussion (Stifel & GT)
- SFFC Pancake Breakfast
- All-Staff
- Labor/Management
- Avalon Elementary Christmas Carols (FS263)
- AFSI Meeting
- FS266 Kick-Off
- Strategic Planning
- Gila River Indian Community

### **Emergency Services**

#### **District**

- Met with Bill Johnson – Director, Apache Junction American Legion – opportunities to collaborate for events
- Loyalty oath for new paramedics
- Special Events Meeting
- SFMD Crew attended Radiance Winter Celebration
- SFMD Crew attended AJHS Bonfire

- Unified Command for the City of AJ Holiday festival and parade. Mooney/Read
- Labor/Management
- All Staff

### **Regional Partners**

- Class 25-2 Scottsdale Regional Academy Graduation
- Support Tempe Fire Department for FF Garza's Services – R266
- East Valley AC Meeting

### **Significant Incidents**

#### 2N1 Medical

Date: 11.28.25

Location: US 60 and Signal Butte

Response: E263, E217, BC261, L219, M262

Report: MCSO in active pursuit. During the pursuit of the individual, their car rolled. Upon arrival, auto aid crews noticed MCSO with guns drawn. Crews took cover and deployed body armor. BC261 assumed command. Three total patients were involved and transported.

The driver refused to exit the vehicle. PD deployed K9 officer.

#### Motorcycle Vs. Vehicle

Date: 11.30.25

Location: MP206 SR88

Response: E261, R266, BC261

Report: Motorcycle vs. vehicle. Single rider treated by E262 and transported for further evaluation and treatment.

#### Mobile Home Fire

Date: 12.10.25

Location: W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

Response: E263, E262, L219, BC261, BC202, R266, U208, M262

Report: E261 on the scene of a mobile with heavy fire involvement. Incident upgraded to working fire. Crews located and retrieved an unconscious dog. Crews quickly extinguished the fire. No extensions.

4 residents displaced. Red Cross assisted.

AJPD and C264 conducted a fire scene investigation.

#### Bomb Threat

Date: 12.10.25

Location: Surrounding area of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

Response: E263, BC261

Report: Individual recently released from Axiom, stated they had explosives in their car.

Explosives confirmed by AJPD, who evacuated the area, while Mesa EOD located four sticks of Gelignite (ANFO), which is a blasting agent used for mining. Explosives secured. Scene safe.

No reported FF injuries.

Trail Rescue

Date: 12.12.25

Location: Silly Mountain Trails

Response: L264, BC261, E262

Report: Hiker in distress. Patient located halfway up Brittle Brush Trail. The patient exhibited signs and symptoms of a CVA. UTV262 deployed for treatment and extraction. Patient transported by M264.

No reported FF injuries.

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

#### **District**

- Fire Academy Graduation
- All Staff Meeting
- Can Act BC and Captain's Tactical Testing
- NERIS Build, Testing & Training

#### **Training**

##### **District**

- SLT
- Candidate Development Program (Interviews and Skills)
- All Staff Communication
- Return to Duty Re-Integration Process Development and Facilitation
- New Firefighter Hosting
- Pancake Breakfast
- 2nd Quarter Training - Breathdown/Survey
- 3rd Quarter Prep - Driver Operator/Hydraulics
- Can-Act-As-Captain/Can-Act-As-BC Final Tacticals
- Upcoming Firefighter Hiring Process

#### **Regional Partners**

- TRT End of Year Drills (Technical Extrication/High Angle and Silo)
- TRT Class 25-3: FF Nick Pyles Attending
- Mid-Rise Live Fire Training:
  - Attendance - BC261 (all), LT263 (all), L264 (all), E261A, E263B, E263C, Training Division
  - Instructors - Captain Halver, Captain Endres, Captain Nelson, Captain M. Leon
- Acquired Structure Training Complete
- Lithium-Ion Battery/BESS Symposium
- EV Command Training: BESS

### **EMS**

#### **District**

- New Hire Training
- Implementation of Station EMS Ordering
- CQI review of Electronic Patient Care Reports

## **Regional Partners**

- East Valley Agencies
- NERIS Regional Summit
- NERIS Chart Building
- Mid-Rise Training
- Lithium-Ion Battery Symposium
- Presented at Cardiac Arrest Summit

## **Transportation Services**

- AZDHS ambulance inspection of unit C-90
- EMT Hiring Process Meeting
- New Hire Paramedic Training for Aubrey Anderson and Alexis Salgado
- All Staff Meeting
- EMS ROCC
- Labor Management
- Deferred Comp Work Session
- SharePoint Meeting with Clif
- Visit to Gila River Indian Community
- 2026 Medicare Ambulance Inflation Factor 2%
- ARCR Review Meeting with JVG
- Submitted the Annual ARCR, 12-month Response Time Analysis, and HB2609 Reports to AZDHS
  - New and innovative tools increased ambulance revenue

## **Support Services**

- Special Events Meeting
- City of AJ 9/11 Event Meeting for 2026
- Data Center Training (Phoenix Fire)
- Fire Marshal's Meeting
- City Meeting with Building & Safety Division
- Pancake Breakfast
- TRWC Monthly Update Meeting
- All Staff Meeting

## **Resource**

- Investigator Update
  - Working with Detective Rivera at AJPD on fire investigations
- Annex Updates
  - Continue to keep the frontline and reserve apparatus repaired and mission-ready
  - Pump test Engines and Ladders
  - Facility PM
  - Station repairs as needed
  - Garage doors
  - Leaky windows
  - Plumbing repairs
  - Appliance repair and replacement
  - Gym equipment repair as needed

- Apparatus/Wildland
  - New brush truck being outfitted with gear
- Uniforms
  - Test item survey
  - Start getting ready for 26-1 Academy
  - New Station 266 Build Team Meetings

### **Administrative Services**

- EMT Hiring Meeting
- Onboarding New Paramedics
- All Staff
- Labor Management
- Deferred Compensation Work Session
- One Big Beautiful Bill – OT Work Session
- Budget Planning Tools Work Session
- Kick-Off FS 266 Construction Meeting
- SharePoint Meetings – All Department Meetings Complete
- Go live is slated for January 2026
- Meeting with Stifel
- Fire Chief Evaluation Complete
- Gila River Thank You

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

None

### **9. Announcements / Document Signing**

### **10. Adjourn**

**Motion** by Director Moeller to adjourn the board meeting at 6:44 p.m.

**Seconded** by Director Kurian

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

**Governing Board Approval:**

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Board Clerk Connie Van Driel